



# October 2016 Eisenhower Express

Eisenhower, make the world a better place by...  
acting responsibly, treating others fairly, showing respect,  
and being a good citizen.  
And remember Eisenhower, **YOU ARE AWESOME!**



Greetings! It was great to see so many of you at our PTO Back to School Night! Thanks for making the event a success and for enthusiastically supporting the Book Fair. Students have been busy at school in their various academic classes as well as learning what it means to be a good citizen utilizing our Two by Two program. We have recently completed our MAP and DIBELS fall testing and have had a very successful start to the school year here at Eisenhower!

On our late-arrival Friday mornings, teachers have collaborated in teams working in the areas of math, language arts, character education, and technology. We have also been learning more about the concept of the "Growth Mindset". With this concept, we look at mistakes as something we can learn from and an opportunity for growth using specific feedback from the teacher. It involves the thinking that just because you don't know something now doesn't mean you won't eventually get it through good instruction, hard work, and perseverance. We are working very hard to help students learn to not give up when things get hard and to see all of the great things they can do with the right mindset and strong effort. At home, please continue to help reinforce this idea of working hard and persevering when things get challenging. This is a great lifelong skill that will benefit all of our students.

The two big events for October include the PTO Walk-a-thon and our fall Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences.

The PTO Walk-a-thon is **THE** main fundraiser for our PTO and is a fun activity that helps promote wellness for students and staff AND allows us to raise money without having to sell any goods and deliver them to family and friends. We appreciate your generosity to the PTO where **ALL** of the money raised stays right here at school to benefit our school and your child. Students can be collecting money donations from family and friends and have already begun to turn in their envelopes this week. The Walk-a-thon will take place tomorrow on the afternoon of October 7. Families are invited to come and walk with us if your schedule permits. PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be 12:50-1:50 and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will complete the walk from 2:00-3:00.

Regarding conferences, we will continue to offer two night options, which are traditionally the most sought after slots, as well as morning options on the third day. In order to help accommodate the demand for night conference slots while still offering some morning slots and times over the lunch hour, we are offering the following dates/times for fall conferences:

<b>Tuesday, October 18, 2016</b>	<b>Conferences held 4:10-7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 19, 2016</b>	<b>Conferences held 4:10-7:50 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, October 20, 2016</b>	<b>Conferences held 7:50 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</b>

We hope that these dates and times will provide more evening timeslots and flexibility for families as you make every attempt to attend this very important home/school connection.

The site for Online Registration for conferences is currently "live" and the link can be accessed from our Eisenhower School website. This program will allow families to schedule their conferences at the time that fits best into their schedule. Be reminded that scheduling is done on a first come, first served basis on the website and the site will remain open until October 13. Thank you to those who have already scheduled your fall conference.

**Mr. Ferguson**

## School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Ernzen

How important is what your child sees?... or doesn't see?  
Did you know that:

1. Uncorrected vision affects as many as 20,000 children in Iowa--that is like 1 in 4 children?
2. Correctable vision issue may be misdiagnosed as learning disabilities, attention disorders or dyslexia?
3. Some vision disorders can lead to permanent vision loss if not detected early?

and most importantly for our schools

4. 80% of learning occurs visually--Poor vision may contribute to all kinds of difficulties in academics!

Because of these facts, our elementary schools have begun using a computerized vision screening program called *EyeSpy 20/20*. We will use the program to screen all K through 5th grade students. And in addition to this, the DCSD has partnered with *The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque* and Theisen's to provide follow-up eye exams for students who do not pass this screening. A mobile clinic, called *Vision to Learn*, will make its way through the Dubuque area to provide free eye exams and glasses for any student who has been referred through the school screening.

So if your child comes home and says the school nurse had them playing a video game while wearing different glasses or an eye patch, know that they were being screened through this new program. Our goal is to have the screening completed and referrals made by early November so that any student identified can take advantage of the *Vision to Learn* follow-up exam. If you have any questions about this ex-SIGHT-ing program, feel free to contact me at school at 552-3484.

## School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

October is here already and we are finding a continuous momentum of growing, learning, and developing the skills needed to last our students throughout their lifetimes. Our emphasis is on the "Growth Mindset" and that through all of our daily experiences, we are always "becoming." Sometimes, we just don't know it or are just not able to do it "yet." We can accept that as we move forward, we can also move backward as we work to accomplish new things. We also know that mistakes and failure are the building blocks of uncovering new knowledge and skills. These "challenges" help our minds to grow and develop. Rather than quitting and giving up, it is better to keep pushing ourselves to keep working and practicing—accept the new challenges and think about it until we are able "to figure it out." Thankfully, the Growth Mindset helps us all to become better at everything we are trying to learn. "Hard work done well over time pays off and makes a positive difference."



Hello Eisenhower families! It has been a fun filled spirit week! It was great to see so many families at our Wendy's and Skate nights. **I hope many of you can join us for our Walk-A-Thon tomorrow!** Everyone is encouraged to participate in this Awesome event! This is our **BIG fundraiser** for the year. The Walk-A-Thon will raise money for the Parent Teacher Organization(PTO). Every cent raised at the Walk-A-Thon is spent on programs at Eisenhower that the PTO has the pleasure to fund, such as field trips and supplementary classroom materials. The PTO will also help fund two large Eisenhower projects planned for the near future-new playground equipment and a shade pavilion. Please keep sending in those pledges! Thank you for your support!

**Items to note:**

- \* Walk-A-Thon is tomorrow, October 7, 2016 (Rain or Shine).  
Grades Pre K-2nd: 12:50 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.  
Grades 3rd-5th: 2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.
- \* Walk-A-Thon Prize Assembly is Friday, October 14, at 2:15 p.m. on the Eisenhower playground.
- \* We are collecting Box Tops in every classroom to send in for the fall count! **We will have an all school spirit day on Tuesday, October 18 where the children will celebrate their box top collecting by wearing their Eisenhower gear and enjoying popcorn!** Please keep clipping and sending in your Box Tops!
- \* Every parent and Eisenhower employee is automatically a member of the PTO, and has voting rights. **Our next PTO meeting is on October 10, from 6:30-7:30 in the library.** There is free childcare available. New perspectives and ideas are always welcome, please join us!

Please contact Rebecca Jones, PTO President, with any questions or ideas at [wolff.rebecca@gmail.com](mailto:wolff.rebecca@gmail.com) We are always looking for volunteers! Please let me know if you would like to help in any way!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 6	PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 7	PICTURE DAY-AM ONLY PTO WALK-A-THON (12:50-1:50 FOR PreK-2nd and 2-3 PM FOR 3 <sup>RD</sup> -5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADES)
OCTOBER 8	DUBUQUE COUNTY KIDS EXPO 10 AM-2 PM @ GRAND RIVER CENTER
OCTOBER 14	WALK-A-THON ASSEMBLY 2:15 PM
OCTOBER 18	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:10-7:50 PM
OCTOBER 19	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:10-8:10 PM
OCTOBER 20	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 7:50-12:50 PM NO SCHOOL
OCTOBER 21	NO SCHOOL