



# December 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!



## School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

Greetings! I hope you all enjoyed the recent Thanksgiving holiday and that you are looking forward to the upcoming winter season. In an attempt to be more "green" and reduce paper and printing consumption, we are shifting our monthly Eisenhower Express newsletter to strictly an electronic version sent via email and also posted to our school website. We hope you find this way of sending out information more convenient to your family.

There are a few grade level special events this month and a particular one of note is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade music program at Roosevelt Middle School on December 8 at 6:30 (students should arrive at 6:00 p.m.). Ms. McCormick and Ms. Scholtes, our music teachers, have been working hard with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and they are getting ready to put on a great concert!

As the weather turns to winter, please make sure your child has the appropriate winter clothing to wear to school. Kids need their fresh air and time to run around during the day so we have recess every day, even when it's cold. We only have indoor morning line-up or stay inside for recess when the temperature and/or wind chill is 0 or below. Thanks for making sure the students have appropriate hats, gloves, coats, snow pants, etc.

Speaking of winter weather, I wanted to make a clarification in case we have a situation of a weather delay, especially on a Friday. All 2-hour delays will result in students beginning school at 10:25 (2 hours later than our normal time of 8:25). IF the district ever calls a 2-hour delay on a Friday, the 2 hour delay is figured from our normal starting time of 8:25 so students would begin at 10:25. **Basic rule of thumb is: When there is a 2-hour delay, students will enter the building at 10:25, even if it's on a Friday.**

With the holidays quickly approaching, it seems technology items are often at the top of many wish lists. In light of that, the school district has prepared the following statement as a resource for parents who wish to read up on some guidance from "Common Sense Media" regarding appropriate technology equipment and usage for children:

Are you at a loss for keeping up with your child's use of technology? Let [common sense media](#) be your guide. Common sense media offers a wide range of resources not only for schools and teachers, but also for parents. There's an entire section dedicated to [Parent Concerns](#). Topics include screen time, privacy and internet safety, Facebook, Instagram, and Social, Cell Phone Parenting, and let's not forget, [Learning with Technology!](#)

"Learn how to spot the good stuff, find the right product for your kids' needs, and foster a love of learning." Topics are broken into Preschoolers (2-4), Little Kids (5-7), Big Kids (8-9), and Tweens (10-12). Check out the [Top Common Core Games and Apps](#) to "find grade-specific tools, tips, and ideas to boost kids' grasp of Common Core standards outside the classroom."

Are you considering getting your child a cell phone? Be sure to read the article under [Cell Phone Parenting](#) section, entitled, "[What's the right age to get my kid a cell phone?](#)" And learn what can you do as a parent if [your kid texts constantly](#). Finally, learn about your child's digital footprint by evaluating whether or not it is safe to [post pictures of your kid online](#).

Check out common sense media to help you guide your child to make good digital decisions!

This month seems to go so quickly so I want to take the time now to wish you all a happy holiday season. Whatever your beliefs or traditions, I hope that you get to spend quality time with everyone who is most meaningful to you!

## School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

As we close out the 2016 year, we can look forward to another bountiful year in the lives of our children. This month's guidance will focus on "Communication Skills" and developing the needed concepts of listening, understanding, validating, and sharing with others. Speaking in appropriate voice tones as well as maintaining composure, calmness, and respect help to convey the positive character traits that can improve our everyday interactions. Students will role-play various situations as they learn important skills of getting along with others. Together, we can make the world a better place. Wishing you the very best in all that you do for your beloved children!



**EISENHOWER PTO**

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Hello Eisenhower Families! I hope you are doing well! A big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's food drive. Eisenhower families, staff, and students made a huge community impact with the food we were able to collect and donate. We collected a grand total of **2,208** items! Thank you for helping to teach our students the importance of sharing with those in need! I hope you all have a safe and happy break!

*\*Please join us at our next PTO meeting, on **January 9, from 6:30-7:30** in the library. We will be thinking warm thoughts and planning ahead for spring! Every parent and Eisenhower employee is automatically a member of the PTO, and has voting rights. 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!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

<b>DECEMBER 5</b>	<b>WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM</b>
<b>DECEMBER 6</b>	<b>EISENHOWER SKATE PARTY 6-8 PM</b>
<b>DECEMBER 8</b>	<b>GRADES 2-3 MUSIC CONCERT @ ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>
<b>DECEMBER 10</b>	<b>EISENHOWER LEGO LEAGUE COMPETES AT ROOSEVELT</b>
<b>DECEMBER 16</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN MAKES GINGERBREAD HOUSES @ 1:45 PM</b>
<b>DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 2</b>	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>
<b>JANUARY 3</b>	<b>CLASSES RESUME</b>
<b>JANUARY 12</b>	<b>GRADES K-1 MUSIC CONCERT @ ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>