



March 2017 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

It feels like spring is about to happen at any moment. However, the weather keeps playing tricks on us with one day being in the 60's and the next day in the 30's or 40's. We continue to encourage students to be aware of the weather forecast so they can be dressed appropriately at morning line-up, recess, and dismissal. Thanks for your help and support with that at home.

We recently completed our spring conferences and we are happy that we had over 98% attendance. That is a testament to all of you for putting a priority on your child's education and being willing to collaborate and communicate with all of us here at Eisenhower. Thank you for attending and learning about all of the great things your kids are doing, as well as the goal areas for the upcoming 3rd trimester.

At this time last year, we were anxiously attempting to fully understand the current Iowa legislation and everything that was involved in what is known as "Chapter 62" legislation. A year later we continue to provide intensive academic support for students who are struggling with reading and/or math. The district will again conduct a summer reading academy by invitation for students ending 1st or 2nd grade and based on winter assessment scores. We still are not operating under any plans for 3rd grade retention and we wait for future guidance from the state level on that aspect of the law. This is a good time to encourage all of you to be informed of the various legislative actions relating to education that are being considered at the state level and to contact your representatives and senators with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Some exciting news is that we continue to focus on our monthly character words as we further our partnership with Two by Two. Last month we learned more about respect and then met in our Family Groups to complete an activity. This month the word is empathy and we will continue to make that a focus both in our classrooms and common areas as well as in our discussions in Family Groups.

This last part of the school looks to be a busy time at Eisenhower. If you are looking for additional ways to be involved at Eisenhower, our committed PTO is always looking for Eisenhower parents to assist with their activities throughout the year. There are a number of events this spring such as Spring Fling and Field Day where extra hands are always appreciated. Many hands make light work. The next PTO meeting is April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in our school library and free childcare is offered! Stop in and see what it's all about! Or check out their Facebook page for additional info.

Thanks again for all you do to work with us on behalf of your children. We appreciate your support!
Have a great month of March!

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

It is hard to believe that it is March already and the theme of this month's guidance is "Wellness/Careers." At this time, we are going through a period of many changes. Our middle school counselors will be meeting with students. Students will be attending their respective open houses, and our teachers are busy with instruction and moving through the last trimester of this year's curriculum. Students will be learning about staying well and understanding the connection of school to work. We will be investigating various career paths and the preparation necessary for our goals and achievement. It is an exciting time as we are all looking forward to spring and an up-swing of warmth and sunshine once again.

KIDZ R US CREDIT UNION

DuTrac Community Credit Union Kidz R Us Credit Union invites students to travel the United States with an uncirculated quarter coin set.

Any new or current member of DuTrac's Kidz R Us Credit Union making a deposit of \$3.00 or more on Tuesday's during March will have the choice of their own uncirculated quarter coin set from any of the 50 states...plus a few from the National Parks. One coin set is received for each deposit.

Remember, anytime a deposit or new account is made through the Kidz R Us Credit Union at Eisenhower, DuTrac will donate funds to the school.

So start your child on a journey that will take them far beyond the limits of a traditional savings account. For additional information, please contact Karen at DuTrac at 563.585.8584.

School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Ernzen

Facts about the Date on Your Food Package

The dates provided on food products can be confusing. This confusion often leads to unnecessary food waste. Manufacturers provide dating to help consumers and retailers decide when food is of the best quality. To determine quality dates, manufacturers consider the length of time the food has been held during distribution and the holding temperature, the characteristics of the food, and the type of packaging used.

For example, fresh beef packaged in a reduced oxygen packaging system will stay fresh longer than meat not packaged this way. The quality may deteriorate after these dates, but the product is still safe to eat if handled properly. Open dating is used on most food, such as meat, poultry, eggs, and dairy. Closed or coded dating is a series of letters and/or numbers that typically appears on shelf-stable products like cans or boxes of food. Common phrases used are the following.

- **‘Best if used by/before’** indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.
- **‘Sell by’** tells the store how long to display the product for inventory management. It is not a safety date. You should buy the product before the sell-by date, but you can still store it at home beyond that date as long as you follow safe storage procedures.
- **‘Use by’** is the last date recommended for use of the product at peak quality. It is not a safety date.

For more information, check out this website: stilltasty.com.



Hello Eisenhower families! I hope you and your children are enjoying the days of spring weather that keep finding their way into these last weeks of winter. We will not have a PTO meeting this month because of spring break. We have another Wendy's night coming up on March 20. This is great way to support the school while getting to know other Eisenhower families. There are many fun events ahead in April. We will have another Skate night, a grounds project with Dubuque Days of Caring, and our annual Earth Day Book Swap! Thank you for everything you do to help support Eisenhower!

Every parent and Eisenhower employee is automatically a member of the PTO, and has voting rights. Our next PTO meeting is on April 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. 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 We are always looking for volunteers! Please let me know if you would like to help in any way!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 6

STRING FEST 6:30 PM @ HEMPSTEAD

MARCH 9

CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT 5-8 PM

MARCH 13-17

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

MARCH 20

CLASSES RESUME

WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM

MARCH 21

CHORAL FESTIVAL 6:30 PM @ HEMPSTEAD

FUTURE DATES

APRIL 3

WASHINGTON SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 7-8 PM

APRIL 4

JEFFERSON SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 6-7:30 PM

APRIL 6

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 7-8:30 PM

APRIL 11

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 7-8:30 PM