



April 2017 Eisenhower Express

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acting responsibly, treating others fairly, showing respect,
and being a good citizen.
And remember Eisenhower, **YOU ARE AWESOME!**



School Principal News!

Mr. Ferguson

Spring is finally here! Other than dealing with the occasional April showers, I think we are finally going to see some warmer temperatures and sunshine! I think we are all ready for that!

We have less than two months left of school and it is hard to believe everything that will happen during a very busy upcoming spring. We look forward to being in a routine and having full weeks of school so that teachers and students can close the year on a strong note and solidify all of the new learning that has taken place this school year. One brief reminder about attendance... We thank you for adhering to our policy on illness and keeping your child home when he/she is sick. However, on the other side of the issue, it is very important that you continue to make school a priority and ensure your student is here every possible day on time and ready to learn. When your child is late or absent, it does affect their learning. Thanks for keeping us informed when special circumstances come up.

Upcoming we have the spring language arts assessments (DIBELS and FAST) for Kindergarten-5th grade taking place April 24-May 12 and spring MAP testing for grades 2-5 during that same window. Please encourage your child to work hard and take these spring assessments seriously, as we use this data to make important educational decisions and it allows us to see the great academic growth they have made this year.

Our Kindergarten Orientation events will take place coming up on April 25th and 27th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Those with last names starting with A-L should attend on the 25th and M-Z should come on the 27th. If you know of anyone who has not already received our mailed invitation who is living in the Eisenhower district and has a child turning 5 years old on or before September 15, 2017, please encourage him or her to contact our main office at 563-552-3500. We look forward to welcoming a new incoming kindergarten class!

The last couple of months of school will be busy so keep an eye on our calendar for upcoming events. We try to keep you informed of all of our school events either via our Express or on our school website. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call our main office.

Have a great month of April!

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

It is hard to believe that it is April already and the theme of this month's guidance is "Transitions/Teacher Appreciation." At this time, we are going through a period of many changes. Our middle school counselors are meeting with students. We are all looking forward to an up-swing of warmth and sunshine once again. With these changes, we are also striving to find our balance and contentment as we deal with the many unknown challenges that are coming our way. It all seems to work out although many times we need and have been provided the support of those who have helped us in the schooling of our sons and daughters – our teachers. How thankful we are for their tremendous devotion and their unsurpassed dedication. As teachers teach, parents/guardians provide a special partnership in the care of their children as the merits of an education become possible. A special thank-you for all the compassion and commitment that you provide for our children and our future generations.

NEW PROCEDURES FOR PICKING STUDENTS UP WHEN ILL

Over the past few months, we have initiated a new procedure for picking up your student from the health office when they are ill and need to go home. You may now pick them up directly from the health office by coming into the lower parking lot off JFK (where the bus turn-around is). There is a sign by the dumpster that says: FOR PICK UP AND DROP OFF ONLY. You may park in that spot and come into the doors under the canopy area to sign your child out. There will be a buzzer by the door to notify the health office staff that you are here so they can open the door for you. The health office is located just inside the doors across from the staircase. Of course, you may always come to the main office as before to pick your child off when ill, however by using the new procedure, you will be able to speak with the nurse or health para directly with any questions or concerns.



Happy Spring Eisenhower families! I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather. The PTO has many fun events this month. Please join us when you are able!

We are currently collecting nominations for the Five-Star Awards that are presented in May. The Five Star Awards are a special honor to recognize the teachers and support staff that are making a significant difference in the lives of children at Eisenhower. Five Star nominations can be placed in a collection box near the main office or emailed to 5star.eisenhower@gmail.com. Thank you for everything you do to help support Eisenhower!

Thursday April 6th- Skate night 6-8 p.m.

Monday April 10th- PTO meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday April 13th- Chick-fil-A night 5-8 p.m.

Monday April 17th- Wendy's night 5-7 p.m.

Thursday April 20th- Eisenhower Student Book Swap

Friday April 28th- Five-Star nomination deadline

Saturday April 29th- Dubuque Days of Caring

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

APRIL 6

**ROOSEVELT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 7-8:30 PM
SKATE NIGHT 6-8 PM**

APRIL 10

PTO MEETING 6:30 PM

APRIL 11

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 7-8:30 PM

APRIL 13

CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT 5-8 PM

APRIL 14

NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK

APRIL 17

WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM

APRIL 20

PTO BOOK SWAP

APRIL 25

A-L KINDERGARTEN WELCOME EVENT 5:30-7PM

APRIL 26

ADOPT-A-MUSICIAN VISITS EISENHOWER

APRIL 27

M-Z KINDERGARTEN WELCOME EVENT 5:30-7PM

APRIL 28

EISENHOWER BATTLE OF THE BOOKS