



May 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

Greetings Eisenhower Families,

I don't know about you but I can't help but wonder where the time has gone! It seems like it wasn't that long ago that we were doing our first day of school conferences back in August and Back To School Night in September. Now here we are at the beginning of May and the end of the school year is right around the corner. As I reflect on the school year, we have so many reasons to celebrate. As a school with over 540 students, we aren't without our bumps along the way, but overall we had many things to be proud of and enjoy. We are most proud of the growth and success that each child has experienced in the past school year. Thanks for sharing your child with us and supporting us as we encourage them to work to reach their full potential.

As we look at the month ahead, we have a full calendar of end-of-year activities that provide some closure to the year and celebrate all of the learning that has taken place. In addition to the field trips and special events, we also look forward to our Eisenhower PTO events, Spring Fling the evening of May 18 and our annual Field Day and school picnic is taking place during the day of May 30. Speaking of our PTO, the staff of Eisenhower wish to thank all of you for coordinating our staff appreciation activities this past week. We appreciate the kind gestures and special notes that demonstrate your appreciation for a job well done.

We are wrapping up our last units of study and students are completing the spring assessments of MAP (grades 2-5) and DIBELS/FAST (all grades). It is nice to see the significant growth that students have made and we also make instructional plans for the upcoming year based on the results. You will receive assessment results on the last day of school along with the final progress report. Those will come home in an envelope with students on the last day of school on June 1.

Speaking of the last day of school, we will again have our "Fly Up" activity the morning of the last day of school. Your child(ren) will go to their new teacher for a short 45 minute activity to meet their 2017-18 teacher and get acquainted with new classmates for next year. In an attempt to communicate clearly to you who the new teacher will be, your child will bring home a postcard on the last day with the next year teacher name printed on it.

One brief "public service" announcement I have is in regards to the latest fad of "fidget" toys. We've seen their popularity grow in the past couple weeks. As an educator, I know that fidgets have a place and purpose and can be very useful for students to help with focus issues. However, the spinners that are so popular right now are being used more as toys and have been very distracting in the classrooms so I've asked that they stay at home. If you feel your child has legitimate focus issues and you'd like to explore potential solutions such as an appropriate fidget materials, please contact me or the school nurse here at Eisenhower and we can discuss ways to assist.

Thanks for understanding and supporting our policy of toys staying at home.

As we move forward in the month of May and finally experience some spring weather, I know that evening activities, sports, and events become more prevalent. Please try to keep the importance of school a focal point and help your child finish the year on a strong note. I wish you all a peaceful end of the school year!

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

May is here already and the theme of this month's guidance is "Ambassadors/Fly-Up." As the school year progresses to our final weeks and days, we are going through many changes. Student ambassadors from first grade visit kindergarten; students from second grade visit first; and so on, giving previews of the next school year and providing valuable information to younger students on "doing your best." Transitioning fifth grade students have been attending their respective middle school open houses as they get to know their upcoming school buildings and the staff members who will be providing for them throughout their next level of education. At this time, we can look forward to the completion of this school year and make plans for the many activities that will be taking place during the summertime.

As teachers and parents/guardians together, we provide a very special partnership in the care and education of our Eisenhower children throughout these developmental years. Your devotion and commitment on behalf of all of them makes all the difference in their present lives and in their future selves.

School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Ernzen

May 14-20 is Food Allergy Awareness Week. If someone you know has a severe food allergy then you understand how serious this can be. If not, take a moment to look at these facts to improve your understanding of this potentially life-threatening medical condition. By increasing awareness, we all can encourage respect, promote safety, and improve the quality of life of all those affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis.

FOOD ALLERGY FACTS:

- Food allergies can be life-threatening.
- They affect up to 15 million Americans--6 million are children – that's roughly two in every classroom.
- Nearly 40 percent of these children have already experienced a severe or life-threatening reaction.
- The number of children with food allergies in the U.S. increased 50 percent between 1997 and 2011, but there is no clear answer as to why.
- A reaction to food can range from a mild response (such as an itchy mouth) to anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially deadly reaction. Every three minutes, a food allergy reaction sends someone to the emergency room in the U.S.
- About a third of kids with food allergies report that they have been bullied specifically because of their allergies.

Make a difference in the lives of those living with food allergies by learning about food allergies and anaphylaxis by going to this website: www.foodallergy.org. And next time someone tells you they have a food allergy, be sure to take this seriously—this could be a MATTER OF LIFE OR **DEATH** for that person, and **YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE! SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY TAKING TIME TO KNOW AND WEAR TEAL DURING THE WEEK**



Greetings Eisenhower families! We are in the home stretch. I hope that your family has had an amazing school year. This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. A big thanks to Cassie McDonald and Becky Kemp for organizing another great week of Staff Appreciation. Thanks to all who helped out this week or sent in donations. **The week ends with our Five Star Award Assembly this Friday.**

Days of Caring at Eisenhower was a great success last Saturday. The garden area was revitalized, a picnic bench area was added to playground, and landscaping was touched up around the building. It looks beautiful!

Thank you to the following:

Our garden committee volunteers, Dawn Danielson, Heather Kluesner, Becky Kemp, Dawn Hirsch, and the Rockstar Eisenhower kids who helped out. Sara at Steve's Ace Home and Garden for garden consultation and plants, Chris Becker from Becker & Becker for the limestone path, Dubuque Mulch for 3 yards of mulch; and Todd Troy and Building and Grounds for removing the shrubs and leveling off garden area prior to the event.

We are currently working with a playground representative from Miracle to find new additions and enhancements for our playground.

Eisenhower Spring Fling is on Thursday, May 18, from 5:30-7:30. Please join us to celebrate another year of Awesome student learning!

Our final PTO meeting of the year is next Monday, May 8, at 6:30 pm in the library. Free Childcare will be provided. Please join us as we finish end of the year planning, and began to look at future plans for this summer and next fall. As this is our final meeting of the year PTO elections for the next school year are on the agenda. I encourage all of you to please come if you are interested and able to help out in any way in the coming school year. Your contributions to the PTO help our school become a more fun and successful learning community for your child.

I have loved having the opportunity to serve as your PTO president the past two years. It has been wonderful meeting and having a chance to work with so many of you, and your children. Thank you for all of your support and for everything you do to help make Eisenhower Awesome!

I also need to add a more personal note. I would like to say good-bye as there is a very high possibility that my family will be moving to the Quad Cities this summer. We have loved being a part of the Eisenhower community the past six years and will miss you all greatly!

I hope you have a safe and wonderful summer!

Rebecca Jones

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 2	PTO SKATE PARTY 6 PM
MAY 3	4TH AND 5TH GRADE CONCERT HEMPSTEAD @ 6:30 PM
MAY 4	ELEMENTARY TRACK MEET AT DALZELL FIELD
MAY 5	GO THE DISTANCE DAY FOR 4TH GRADE FIVE STAR AWARDS ASSEMBLY @ 2:00 PM
MAY 8	PTO MEETING 6:30 PM
MAY 11	KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP TO FIRE STATION, CHERRY LANES, ALLISON HENDERSON PARK 2ND GRADE TO CHALLENGE TO CHANGE NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PRESENTATIONS CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT 5-8 PM
MAY 12	MOTHER'S DAY TEA - KINDERGARTEN @ 10 AM
MAY 16	PRE-K FIELD TRIP FIRE STATION/ALLISON HENDERSON PARK WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM
MAY 18	SPRING FLING 5:30-7:30 PM
MAY 22	2ND GRADE FIELD TRIP TO SWISS VALLEY
MAY 23	5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO FOUR MOUNDS 3RD GRADE DUBUQUE TROLLEY TOUR
MAY 24	DUTRAC KIDZ R US STAFF PIZZA PARTY
MAY 25	3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP EB LYONS NATURE CENTER
MAY 26	KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION @ 2:00 PM
MAY 29	NO SCHOOL
MAY 30	FIELD DAY - GRADES 3-5 AM - GRADES PREK-2 PM
MAY 31	4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO SWISS VALLEY
JUNE 1	FLY UP @ 8:50 AM AWARDS ASSEMBLY @ 10:00 AM LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



We can make your home healthy and safe!

LEAD & HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAM



The City of Dubuque's Lead and Healthy Homes Program provides financial assistance for efforts to improve homes and housing units built before 1978. Owner-occupied, single-family, and rental properties are eligible.

A variety of repairs and renovations can be made, at only a small cost to property owners, to make your home healthier. The program supports efforts to address:

- Lead Paint Hazards (chipping, peeling paint)
 - Windows
 - Doors
 - Trim
 - Siding
- Mold & Moisture
- Pest Infestations
- Radon
- Allergens
- Contaminants
- Carbon Monoxide
- Smoke Detectors
- Unsafe steps and concrete

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1

Meet the income guidelines.

2

Have children under the age of 6 who reside or visit.

3

Be located within the Dubuque city limits.

Example of a completed project in Dubuque:



Call Now!

(563) 589-1724

We will provide information, answer questions, and help you through every step of the program. Call us today!

For more information, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/healthyhomes