



June 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

Here we are at the close of another school year. They seem to go by in a flash but when you take time to reflect on all that has happened and all of the positives of the past year, you realize that it was a busy year and also very successful! I know we can say that at Eisenhower we enjoyed the school year and we thank you for entrusting us with the education of your child this year!

This time of year is a time for farewells, to our 5th grade class, to other students who will be transferring to a different school next year, and to staff who will be leaving us. This has been a great 5th grade group and we know they will experience much success in middle school and beyond! Regarding the movement of staff members, Mrs. Cluff is moving to Carver Elementary and Mrs. Dodds, our ELL teacher, moves to the middle schools. We wish all of our students and staff who are leaving us all the best in the future!

As we say good-bye to some, we want to welcome new staff to Eisenhower for the 2017-18 school year. Joining us as a 1st grade teacher is Michele Roth. Michele has experience as a Title I reading teacher and most recently comes to us from Hoover Elementary where she was teaching 1st grade. We also extend greetings to Lindsey Backhaus as a 5th grade teacher. Our 5th grade is going back to 4 sections and we are excited to welcome Ms. Backhaus to the 5th grade team. She comes to us from Jefferson Middle School where she has taught 6th grade math and social studies. These new staff members will be excellent additions to our school! Enjoy getting to know them!

Speaking of new additions, we received some good news this week that we will have funding from the DRA so that we can move forward with our playground enhancements. You'll recall that our PTO has already committed a substantial amount of money to make this happen thanks to their fundraising efforts and your generosity. With the addition of the dollars from DRA, we are ready to get this project going. Watch for updates on that as the summer moves along!

As you read this, know that we have completed our annual Fly Up event on this last day of school. If your child is returning to Eisenhower next year in grades 1-5, he/she has met their new teacher for 2017-18 and participated in a short 45 minute activity to get acquainted with new classmates for next year. In an attempt to communicate clearly to you who the new teacher will be, your child should have brought home a postcard with the next year teacher name printed on it. Hopefully this eliminates some of your questions as you try and figure out who your child has for a teacher next year. If you are planning on moving on to another school, please inform the office so we can get records sent to the correct receiving school.

As we look to next year, there are a few reminders to share. We will again have eRegistration where you can do all of the school registration work from the comfort of your home computer. To log in to PowerSchool for eRegistration, go to the Eisenhower home page under the parent button (<http://www.eisenhower.dbqschools.org>) and follow the PowerSchool link to be able to sign on. If you need a refresher on how to eRegister, there is a brief tutorial that explains what to do. That is also under the parent button and click on "Registration". We expect the site to open for eRegistration on or around August 1. You will receive a call from the school office sometime in late-July letting you know of the specific date that you may begin with eRegistration. If you have forgotten your sign-on information, you may call the school office at 552-3500. We will also provide assistance to anyone needing it on August 22 during the first day orientation conferences.

Speaking of Orientation Conferences, on August 22, 2017 we will again have individual student/family/teacher conferences. This set-up will be a 15 minute meeting with your child's teacher where you can get to know each other and you can share any important information with the teacher in the privacy of an individual conference. Individual 15 minute conferences will be from 7:30-10:30 a.m. and 11:30-2:15 and your child should attend this with you on August 22. Online conference scheduling will be available on or around August 7. Again, you will get a phone call from the office alerting you of the exact date and reminding you to register for a conference timeslot online. Information for that will also be found on our Eisenhower website (<http://www.eisenhower.dbqschools.org>).

As I wrap up this final Eisenhower Express for the school year, I have to again say thank you to our PTO for their incredible volunteerism and continuous support of Eisenhower! The staff and students appreciate all that you do from funding field trips to purchasing items for our classrooms to planning special events (Back to School Night, Book Fair, Spirit Days, Book Swap, Spring Fling, etc.). We thank you for everything you do!

Thanks for a great school year! I hope that you can enjoy the summer and relax and enjoy time with family and friends. To those students and families moving on, thanks for your time at Eisenhower. We've enjoyed partnering with you and you should know we have done our best to provide your child with an excellent school experience. Thank you for being part of the Eisenhower family!

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see many of you next school year!

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us this year. They have been gently cared for, taught, reassured, supported, and enjoyed. They have also learned ways to best live their lives at school and at home. You may want to ask them about the following: (If they don't seem to recall the answer, please feel free to review and practice role-playing with them.)

Friendship Skills: Making friends--show me how we can introduce ourselves to someone new, and ask "what does it mean to be a 'friend?'"

Character Development: Living life with honesty, respect, fairness, good citizenship, cooperation, perseverance, empathy and responsibility--what do these words mean? Name times when we can practice these.

Listening to Parents and Helping Out at Home: What do we do when our parents ask us to do something? How do we show our parents that we will follow their directions when it is time to help out around the house? When parents say "no" or correct us, how do we show them that we respect and honor their answer or correction?

Have a wonderful summer building each other up with nurturing, warmth, and guidance!!!



Hello Eisenhower families! I hope that you and your family have had a wonderful school year! It was great to see so many of you at Spring Fling and Field Day. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers that helped make these events a fun success! The end of year field trips have been a blast! The PTO is able to cover the cost of field trips through your generous donations. Thanks for making so many neat experiences possible for our students.

Please join us on **Saturday June 10th from 11:00 am -1:00 pm** for a summer kickoff celebration at **Steve's Ace Hardware**. They are our new school partner! Hot dogs, chips, and water will be available for purchase. There will be a rotation of activities:

*Choir will sing

*Yoga in the garden

*Green screen photos and more:)

PTO elections for the 2017-2018 school year were held at our last meeting.

New 2017-2018 PTO Cabinet

President- Bridget Ott

Vice President- Becky Kemp

Treasurer- Kate Stierman

Secretary- Heather Kluesner

A big thanks to these ladies and to everyone who has taken on committee positions for next year!

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 to all the Eisenhower staff, wonderful parent volunteers, and dear friends that have been so helpful! Thank you Eisenhower families for all of your support and for everything you do to help make Eisenhower Awesome!

I hope you have a safe and wonderful summer!

Rebecca Jones