



September 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

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! Now that we are in the third week of school, it feels like summer is a distant memory and the routine of work and school has returned. I enjoy being on a schedule and in a routine and I hope you agree that it is great to be back to school and into a "school routine". I also hope that your child(ren) are off to a great school year! It's been one of the smoothest and best beginnings of school that I can remember!

As we move forward with the school year, here are a couple reminders as it pertains to student safety: We have staff supervision on the playground area and safety patrol in the morning starting at 8:15 a.m. Students should NOT be at school before 8:15 unless they are going to Y-care or the breakfast program (which starts at 8:00). When students arrive before 8:15, there is no supervision and with that a greater chance for problems to occur. If you need an earlier arrival, please contact Y-Care to line up childcare arrangements. Thanks for your cooperation. Our entry bell isn't until 8:25 and our tardy bell at 8:35 so students have plenty of time to get to class when dropped off no sooner than 8:15. Thanks for your help on this!

Arrival and dismissal time: To help keep this running smoothly, please adhere to our parking lot arrival and dismissal procedures. In the morning, please pull into the lot and pull around as far as you can and let your child(ren) exit your vehicle on the sidewalk side of your car only. Do not stop and let children out in the driveway area. They will then be able to follow the sidewalk around to their lineup area. Please do not use the driveway or pull up area to park your vehicle. If you need to park, utilize a parking spot or park on the street and take advantage of our crosswalk patrol workers. After school, pull into the pickup zones and wait for your child in your vehicle unless you are using a parking spot. Staff will work to ensure your child is escorted to your vehicle safely. Drivers, be VERY mindful of our little ones by watching carefully and driving SLOWLY whenever you are in our parking lots.

If you are dropping your child off in the neighborhood, please be sure to utilize our safety patrol staff at the corner of Spring Valley and Olde Country Lane as well as at the crosswalk light on JFK. Never let your child out in the middle of the street, especially on JFK, and please don't cross in the middle of the street. Pull over to park so your child can exit your vehicle on the sidewalk side of your car and then walk down to a crosswalk area. If you are dropping off on JFK, please pull into one of the church parking lots and then utilize the crosswalk where there is a controlled light and a safety patrol staff member. Our students are observing adults and when they see adults do something unsafe like cross in the middle of the street, they think it's ok for them to do it too which creates dangerous situations. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping our students safe!

Near the end of the month, we have our fall reading assessment (week of September 18) for all grades K-5 followed by MAP testing taking place sometime from September 25-October 13. Results will be shared with you at conferences.

If you have any questions for me, feel free to give a call to school or stop by and see me in the main office. Thanks for a great start to the school year. We are glad to have your children at Eisenhower where we are AWESOME!

School Counselor News!

Mrs. Klein

It is hard to believe that we are into our month of September, and thank you for all that you do to take care of, nurture, and support your children throughout the school year as well as throughout the summer months.

We are now returning to our daily school routines. Our children are learning and growing in the academic, social and emotional skills that they will need to take them throughout their lives. We all work to get along with self-regulation, kindness, cooperation, mediation, and resiliency.

As we think about parenting, we know that it can take the most out of each of us and stretches us many times to our limits. It is indeed an endurance test in strength, compassion, perseverance, aptitude, commitment and strategy. Helping our children grow and develop is not an easy road. Our focus and our goals coincide as this generation jumpstarts the next. The commitment to our children continues to unfold. . . .

How fortunate we are to have you with us and thank you for being at Eisenhower.

We wish all of our students, parents, and guardians a very enjoyable and productive school year!!!



Hello Eisenhower families! I am Bridget Ott, your newly elected PTO president for the next 2 years! I am so excited to be a part of such a great group and we can't wait to get started on another AWESOME year at Eisenhower.

Our next PTO meeting is **Monday September 11th** at 6:30 PM in the library. Free childcare is provided. Everyone is invited and we hope you will join us! We are always looking for fresh and new ideas to help improve our children's educational experience. If you have any questions about what it is the PTO does and how you can help, please feel free to e-mail me at bridget_ott@hotmail.com or stop by the meeting to see first-hand!

We are already busy planning upcoming events for this year, including Back to School Night and Book Fair on **September 14th** and our annual Walk-A-Thon fundraiser on **October 6th**. Please watch your child's Thursday Mail Bag for more information regarding these events coming soon!

Please be sure to "Like" our Facebook page to keep up to date on announcements, events and reminders. Eisenhower Elementary PTO-Dubuque, IA

Bridget Ott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	PTO MEETING IN LIBRARY @ 6:30 PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 5:30-7 PM BOOK FAIR IN LARGE GYM 3:30-7:30 PM
MONDAY, SEPT. 18-THURSDAY, SEPT 21	FAST TESTING @ EISENHOWER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	NO SCHOOL - DISTRICT PD DAY
MONDAY, SEPT. 25-FRIDAY, OCT. 13	FALL MAP TESTING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25	WALK-A-THON KICKOFF ASSEMBLY @ 2:15
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	SKATE PARTY 6-8 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5	CHIC-FIL-A NIGHT
THURSDAY, OCT. 5	PICTURE DAY
FRIDAY, OCT. 6	PICTURE DAY WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISER