



January 2018 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

Dear Eisenhower Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that 2018 has gotten off to a great start for you! I also hope that the holiday break was enjoyable and not too hectic. I know that I'm glad to finally be back into a regular routine and I think the students are too.

In case you didn't hear about our December Family Group activities, we had a wonderful event on Friday, December 22 when our Family Groups practiced the skills of cooperation, teamwork, and fun while participating in our winter games. Family Group time is held monthly and is a highlight for students and staff. We usually focus on one of our character words and do activities associated with each word or topic. Coming up this month in Family Groups will be a focus and activity on perseverance.

Since we are finally experiencing winter weather, I know that the student drop area has gotten busier and more congested. I annually take the opportunity in this edition of the Express to review our morning drop-off routines for the upper parking lot off Spring Valley. (Recall our lower parking lot is for bus and daycare van drop off and pick up only.) I know that more students are driven to school during the winter months and I'm very aware of the long lines of cars waiting to get into and out of our parking lot each morning between 8:15-8:30. If we ALL follow the expectations, it can make the process go better for everyone involved. While we certainly want things to go smoothly for everyone and allow families to get through the drop off line as quickly as possible, student safety is our main concern so please **DRIVE SLOWLY** at all times on school property and on the streets immediately around Eisenhower. Our crossing guards and parking lot supervisors are trying to help things run as smoothly as possible and keep everyone safe so please follow their directions at all times. Here are a few helpful tips about our morning procedures that will help **EVERYONE** if we can ALL please follow them:

- When you enter the parking lot, pull up as far as possible to the car in front of you. Follow the directions of the parking lot supervisors and **DO NOT HAVE YOUR CHILD EXIT** the vehicle until you are at least up past the "drop off" sign.
- It may be necessary to sometimes do a "double line" in order to get left turning traffic off the street and to allow a better flow of traffic away from school on Spring Valley. If this is necessary, please only do so at the direction of the crossing guards and then kindly merge into one lane as you drive up to the drop off area. The second lane should not be used as an express lane or "through lane".
- Students should have their winter gear on and their book bags ready so they can quickly exit the vehicle on the right side of the vehicle onto the sidewalk and not out into potential traffic.
- When preparing to exit, students should have everything ready to go so they can exit the vehicle quickly and safely. Please practice this with your child(ren) so they can do this quickly and independently without the parent needing to also get out of the vehicle (with possible exception for some of our preschool and kindergarten students). This is also not the time for extended hugs, kisses, and long "good-byes". ☺
- As soon as your child has safely exited your vehicle, please be ready to move along and exit our parking lot via the lower driveway area onto Spring Valley.
- If you need to walk your child into school or take longer with morning drop off, please pull around and utilize one of the parking spaces in our lot.
- By having everyone follow these expectations, we hope to make your drop-off time as efficient and safe as possible for everyone. Thank you for showing patience and courtesy to other drivers, patrol helpers, and parking lot supervisors and being a good role model for our students.

The month of January gives us a full calendar of activities. Our PTO is busy doing a number of activities that support our school and we enter our winter testing window with MAP and DIBELS (reading) assessments given this month. Everything is **AWESOME** at Eisenhower and we look forward to a healthy and productive 2018! Wishing you all the best!

Andy Ferguson

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

During the month of January, we will be discussing Protective Behaviors--keeping ourselves (and others) safe from harm. The intention of our lessons is to be proactive with preventative knowledge and skills that include stopping and avoiding situations that place them at risk. In our guidance lessons, students will learn about green flag words/touches--compliments, acts of kindness, helpful actions, etc. and about red flag words/touches--hurtful, unsafe words, threats and harmful behavior. We will discuss how to deal with a "red flag" situation so that children can feel empowered to stop any actions of possible aggression directed toward them.

Students will learn that they can make a report to parents and/or to others who are in their safety network such as extended family members, medical, school, and law enforcement personnel. If there are any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact Eisenhower.

Wishing you and your children a safe and enjoyable new year,

-Mrs. Klein

FOOD AND NUTRITION NEWS!

The food and nutrition department would like your help! We are in need of some food service subs as well as food service employees. I have available openings listed on Dubuque Community Schools careers page. You can also easily access the careers link by clicking on this picture below that is located on our online menus.



Hours typically run from any time between 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM, longer hours are available as well. Please let your parents know, we would be happy to have more help.



2018-2019 STATE-WIDE VOLUNTARY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

For Dubuque Community School District Preschool Classrooms

All 13 Dubuque Community School District elementary schools offer preschool.

- **What are the requirements?**
 1. family has to reside in the state of Iowa
 2. child has to be four years old by **September 15, 2018**
 3. There are **no** financial guidelines to meet, SWVPP is **free for all fours**.
- **When? Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. at all elementary schools**
Slots do fill fast! Mark your calendars! Come early!
- **What do I need to bring?**
Bring proof-of-age (birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate)
Registration **will not be taken** without proof-of-age
Children **DO NOT** need to be present for registration.
This is the paperwork process.

School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Erzen

An unwanted visitor returned to school after the Christmas break--The FLU and various other illnesses. Frequently, people refer to the "flu" as a stomach virus causing vomiting and diarrhea, however the "flu" we are talking about in this instance is more of a respiratory "flu" called INFLUENZA. Influenza is divided into different strains and the one we are seeing at this time has been Influenza A.

Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. The district does have the "24 hour" policy in effect that says children should be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school. Also, they should not have had diarrhea or vomiting for a 24 hour period as well before coming back to school.

If you suspect your child may have Influenza, please consult your doctor. There is an antiviral medication that can be given in the early stages of the illness that can reduce the intensity and shorten the duration of the symptoms.

Fight off your chances of getting the flu by using GOOD HANDWASHING and keeping yourself healthy by getting plenty of rest and eating right.

Please review of the symptoms of the flu verses a cold. If in doubt on which your child has, feel free to call the health office at 552-3484 and we can help you decide.

Thanks for keeping Eisenhower a health place for your children to be!

SYMPTOMS	INFLUENZA	COLD
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Usual; lasts 3-4 days	Rare
Aches	Usual; often severe	Slight
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon
Fatigue, weakness	Usual	Sometimes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Common; can be severe	Mild to moderate; hacking cough
Headache	Common	Rare



Happy New Year Eisenhower Families!

Please consider joining us for our next PTO meeting on **January 8th**, at 6:30 in the library. Free childcare will be provided. Every parent/guardian and Eisenhower employee is automatically a part of the PTO and we would love to have you join us. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions to help improve our school! Please note that there will not be a meeting in February.

Thank you to everyone who ordered Eisenhower apparel, we can't wait to see everyone dressed up in their new gear! Our next Box Tops and Spirit Day will be **Friday, January 12th**! Please have your children turn in your Box Tops before the 12th, and on Friday the 12th everyone is encouraged to wear their Eisenhower gear or colors and the whole school gets to enjoy a delicious popcorn treat courtesy of the PTO.

Thank you to everyone who donated items or their time for the Eisenhower Staff Holiday breakfast. The staff was so appreciative!

We have a few events coming up this month that helps support our school. We hope to see you there and thank you for your continuing support!
(Watch for further details in your child's mailbag)

January 16th- Wendy's Night

January 22nd- Skate Party

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bridget_ott@hotmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 12

**FIGHTING SAINTS HOCKEY GAME-EISENHOWER
CHOIR SINGS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM 7:00 PM
BOX TOPS AND SPIRIT DAY @ EISENHOWER**

JANUARY 14

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE STATE COMPETITION

JANUARY 15

NO SCHOOL-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

JANUARY 16

WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM

JANUARY 19

5TH GRADE EAGLE WATCH @ GRAND RIVER CENTER

JANUARY 22

SKATE PARTY 6-8 PM

JANUARY 25

CORPORAL BECK VISITS EISENHOWER

JANUARY 29

MAP TESTING ALL WEEK