



February 2018 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

Hello Eisenhower Families,

Greetings to you all you on this 1st day of February. I'm not sure if it's the cold weather, the smaller amount of daylight, or just the feeling we get after the holidays, but January seems to drag on longer than other months. I don't know if you'd agree, but I'm happy to see us flip the calendar to February and all of the excitement and activities that accompany this month.

During the long cold month of January, we kept busy at Eisenhower. Our teachers took part in professional development on our Friday late starts and covered topics relating to math and also technology, including Green Screen usage. All students K-5 completed the FAST assessment, a short 10 minute test that gives us information about their progress in reading achievement. We cut back on MAP testing this winter in an attempt not to "over test" our students. We only had students in grades 2-5 test that we felt it was absolutely crucial to get these results in order to make upcoming instructional decisions. Hopefully testing fewer of our students in the winter will help them not feel "test fatigue" later in the year.

Coming home today in Thursday mailbags will be results of the Iowa Testing Program (formally ITBS) for 3rd-5th graders who took that assessment back in November. Please read the cover letter and if you have any questions, feel free to contact us at school. We will share results of the winter FAST reading assessment at conferences at later in February.

Speaking of conferences, they are right around the corner. This spring we will offer conferences on Tuesday, February 13 (4:10-7:50 p.m.), Wednesday, February 14 (4:10-8:10 p.m.), and Thursday, February 15 (7:50 a.m.-12:50 p.m.). The online conference scheduling website opened at 7:00 a.m. on January 29 and closes on February 7th at 7:00 p.m. You can call the office if you have any questions. But we have the sign up link and information and directions on our Eisenhower website, www.eisenhower.dbqschools.org.

In addition to conferences, this is also the month with Valentine's Day, typically a highlight for elementary students. We are happy that our Eisenhower students like to celebrate friendship with their classmates. Please remember that Valentine's Day is not an opportunity to have a popularity contest or to see who can bring in the best cards or treats. We do have a district wellness policy to adhere to but in the spirit of the holiday, I am granting special permission if your child wishes to include a SMALL treat with their Valentines. If you choose to do this, do so in moderation and know that the treats will be sent home with the cards to be enjoyed at home. Remember that we also have a number of students with food allergies so please be mindful of that and adhere to any special directions you receive from your child's classroom teacher. For everyone, please refrain from sending any cupcakes, cookies, or cakes.

Later this month we have our Kindergarten and 1st grade music concert taking place on Tuesday, February 20 at Roosevelt Middle School. Students arrive at 6:00 with parents and the concert begins at 6:30 in the auditorium. See all of you K/1 students and families there!

One last reminder regarding drop off and pick up times. Students should not arrive to school until 8:15 a.m. We do not have supervision on our playground nor cross walk workers until that time. Thank you for slowing down and driving carefully as you pull through our parking lot. We try very hard to ensure a safe environment and appreciate your cooperation as we welcome your children each morning. Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Sincerely,
Andy Ferguson
Principal

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

We will be covering the guidance theme of, "Life Changes/Loss," during the month of February. Classroom discussions will include the grief cycle as our natural response to the loss of a loved one. *Sadness, anger, bargaining, despair or depression*, and *acceptance* are stages of grief that our children may feel during the aftermath of a significant loss. Students will also learn that their *happy memories* may help them find comfort over time. Each child's grief experience may be different, and it is important to note that the effects of grief may also require attention from a counselor, therapist, psychologist, or medical doctor within the community. If you are unsure and concerned about your son/daughter, counseling and support services are available at Eisenhower by calling (563) 552-3556.

With much appreciation for all that you do on behalf of your children,
--Mrs. Klein

School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Ernzen

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 be 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



We do NOT have a PTO meeting this month due to conferences. Make sure to mark your calendars for our next PTO meeting on **March 12th**, 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 always look forward to new faces! We are busy planning for many events this Spring and we would love your input!

Thank you to everyone who turned in Box Tops, every little bit adds up and makes a difference. We will plan to have another collection in the Spring before school is out for the summer, so keep saving them!

With conferences quickly approaching, the PTO is once again providing a meal and snacks for the teachers and looking for some donations. If you would like to sign up for a donation, please visit – <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4da9a829a6fd0-eisenhower2>

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)

February 20th- Wendy's Night

February 22nd - Splash Bash (This is the LAST one this year!)

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

Thank you,
Bridget Ott
PTO President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 5-9

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

FEBRUARY 5

**7:00 AM PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS @
EISENHOWER AND DCSD**

FEBRUARY 7

ONLINE CONFERENCE SCHEDULING ENDS

FEBRUARY 8

9-10 AM KCRG WEATHER ACADEMY VISIT-KAJ O'MARA

**FEBRUARY 13,14,15
FEBRUARY 15 AND 16**

**SPRING CONFERENCES
NO SCHOOL**

FEBRUARY 20

**6:30 PM K-1 CHOIR CONCERT AT ROOSEVELT
WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 P.M.**

FEBRUARY 21

ADOPT A MUSICIAN VISITS EISENHOWER

MARCH 26-30

NO SCHOOL (SPRING BREAK)