



March 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!

It's so nice that March is finally here. Even though the winter hasn't been too terribly long or snowy, it always seems like a mental hurdle to reach the month of March when we know spring is right around the corner. I hope this letter finds you all doing well.

It was nice to see so many of you recently when we completed our spring conferences. We are very pleased that we had 99% attendance. Thank you for attending and learning about all of the great things your kids are doing, as well as the goal areas for the upcoming 3rd trimester.

On a more somber note, the topic of school safety has been at the forefront of our thoughts in light of the recent incident in Florida and the cancellation of classes here in Dubuque last Friday. Please know that we take school safety very seriously and the staff at Eisenhower are committed to taking every precaution and follow all safety protocols that we have in place. On this past Monday, each classroom had a brief "class meeting" to discuss school safety. Based on the age/grade level, each teacher ensured that the discussion was developmentally appropriate and focused on what we do at Eisenhower to make sure it is a safe school. We discussed how we practice emergency drills, keep our doors locked, have security cameras, and register visitors into the building. Teachers and staff will continue to discuss emergency protocols and plans at our upcoming Friday morning professional development sessions. This is an uneasy time for everyone and as much as teachers just want to teach and focus on student learning, we know our job is bigger than that. Thank you for entrusting us with your children and know that their safety is our biggest priority.

Speaking of student learning, I know you heard about many great things that your child is doing here at school when you attended conferences. However, we have just finished the 2nd Trimester and progress reports will soon be updated and finalized. You will be able to see the updated version starting on March 5. Teachers have taken a lot of time and consideration to complete these so we appreciate you looking at them and discussing them with your child. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

My public service announcement for this month: We are seeing an uptick in student cell phone usage and "chatter". Know that I do allow students to bring cell phones to school with parent permission as long as they stay off and put away during the school day. If they are a distraction, we will ask that they do not come to school. It's come to my attention that, especially in our upper grades, students are very connected via social media, Snapchat, group texting, and similar social media outlets. I ask that you be very aware of your child's online and social media behaviors. None of the issues that I've come across are happening at school, but I'm giving this friendly reminder to be vigilant with electronics in your home as students continue to learn about appropriate online behaviors as they grow and mature.

As I say every year at this time, even though we are only in March, we will soon start to look at next year and make plans for staffing and homeroom assignments. My protocol for specific teacher requests is that I will receive them but I make no promises other than considering each one carefully and attempting to honor each reasonable request. I feel strongly that we have a school of excellent teachers and your child(ren) will have a successful experience no matter which homeroom they are assigned. Putting together class lists is like a giant puzzle so I can't promise that all requests will be honored but I will carefully consider each suggestion. Please email me any requests and I will hold them until we finalize our class lists later in the spring. Any requests are due via email (aferguson@dbqschools.org) and should be received no later than April 1st.

Thanks again for all you do to work with us on behalf of your children. We appreciate your support!
Have a great month of March!

Sincerely,
Andy Ferguson
Principal

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

This is a very special time of year for us at Eisenhower. Transitions are everywhere as our students are nearing the coming of springtime. Not only do we see the physical/academic/emotional/social effects of these year-to-year changes, but we are also lending our support and comfort to students and parents alike as needs arise.

It is also a time of excitement and uncertainty as our fifth grade students are getting ready to transition to middle school. During these new and adventurous times, please continue to stay connected to your son/daughter by providing warmth, love, and attachment even when our growing children pull back away from us and want to do what they believe everyone else is doing. They will always need you and your parenting wisdom.

Wishing you the very best during these changing times heading into March,

--Mrs. Klein

School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Ernzen

An unwanted visitor returned to school this winter--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.

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

Here at Eisenhower, we have seen an increase in number of influenza cases over the past 2 weeks. A **headache is the first symptom** that we have seen in the health office. Often there is no temp with the headache at first, but when the temp is rechecked in an hour or two, the temperature has gone up. The child may also start complaining of feeling more achy in different areas.

Please review the symptoms of "Influenza vs Cold" listed below and CHECK YOUR CHILD'S TEMPERATURE IF THEY COMPLAIN OF A HEADACHE and then CHECK IT AGAIN!! And don't forget to use Good Handwashing!!

As always, feel free to call the health office if you have any questions or concerns.



Hello Eisenhower Families!

Our next PTO meeting is coming up soon 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 we always look forward to new faces! We are busy planning for many events this Spring and love having new ideas! Please join us!

Thank you to all of those who donated snacks and drinks for the teachers during Spring Conferences, they greatly appreciated it!

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)

March 5th- **NEW!!** Culver's Night

March 20th- Wendy's Night

We hope everyone will join us for our new fundraising opportunity with Culver's on March 5th from 5-8! You will see many familiar, friendly faces around Culver's helping serve you around the dining room! 5% of all the proceeds will go directly to Eisenhower! Let's show Culver's some Eisenhower Spirit!!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 5	CULVER'S NIGHT 5-8 PM
MARCH 6	BASKETBALL GAME EISENHOWER 2 VS TABLE MOUND 2 AT TABLE MOUND @4:00 PM
MARCH 12	PTO MEETING IN THE LIBRARY 6:30 PM
MARCH 19	BAND CONCERT AT HEMPSTEAD 6:30 PM
MARCH 20	ORCHESTRA CONCERT AT HEMPSTEAD 6:30 PM WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM
MARCH 22	K-BLOCK, PREK, K/1 PLP AND AUTISM FIELD TRIP TO LORAS COLLEGE
MARCH 26-30	NO SCHOOL (SPRING BREAK)
APRIL 2	CLASSES RESUME