



October 2018 Eisenhower Express

And Remember Eisenhower...
Be Kids of Good Character and...
YOU ARE AWESOME!



School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

Dear Eisenhower Families,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year, which also happens to be the 50th anniversary for Eisenhower School. We look forward to celebrating our “50 Years of Awesome” this year. For me it is great to be back to school and into a “school routine” and I hope you agree. Hopefully you had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to a successful school year at Eisenhower! Students are starting to get into the routines of school and teachers are starting to finalize daily schedules and implementing the full academic curriculum.

Thank you for your patience as we transition to a new student information system, Infinite Campus. I know there were a few bugs for some of you as you completed Online Registration but I think we are all starting to grasp the way the new system works and can more easily navigate the site. Thank you also for understanding about our need to have group orientation conferences on August 22 instead of our customary individual conferences. If you have feedback as to the pros and cons of each that you’d like to share with me, please send me an email with your thoughts. At the moment we are considering which format to use next August.

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.
- 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 sidewalk to 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!

Starting today, we have our fall FAST reading assessment for all grades K-5 followed by MAP testing taking place sometime from September 24-October 12. Results will be shared with you at conferences which take place on October 16, 17, and 18.

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.

Sincerely,
Andy Ferguson, Principal

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

Welcome Back!!!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for all the care, compassion, and hard work that you provide in the raising of your children. Their thoughtfulness, good manners and caring spirits are evident as they greet us at school each day.

It is obvious that our children *are* growing up right before our eyes. We see their physical and mental changes as well their yearning for more power and independence. Taking time to have heart-to-heart talks regarding such values as honesty, kindness, respect, dignity, integrity, responsibility, courage, acceptance of others, etc. provide the essential guidance that our children need to function and thrive in a busy world.

Show them by example and explain to them the value of living their lives with a sense of inner peace, humility and gratitude.

Amazingly, *happiness* follows when we have just the right recipe.

Have a spectacular September!!!

Mrs. Klein

FOOD PACKS

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Eisenhower School is participating in a district-wide "Food Packet Program." This program provides a small bag of food to take home, and would be discreetly given to your child/children every Friday to use over the weekend. This food pack would be an extra supply to add to your own food items.

This is a FREE program.

If you are interested, please contact the Eisenhower School Office (563-552-3500) and the necessary forms will be sent home to you.

All your efforts on behalf of your child(ren) are greatly appreciated.

Thank you.



We have a busy year ahead, full of many activities and events to plan and we are looking for your help! **If you would like to join our amazing team, please join us for our next PTO meeting on Monday, September 10th, at 6:30 pm in the library.** Free childcare is provided. Every parent/guardian and Eisenhower employee is automatically a part of the PTO. 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 off to a great start planning for our Back-to-School Night and Scholastic Book Fair on **September 20th**, and our annual Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser on **October 5th**. We will be sending out more information regarding these events in the coming weeks.

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)

-September 6th- Skate Party 6-8 pm
-September 18th- Wendy's Night 5-7 pm

Thank you to everyone who purchased our pre-packaged school supply packs in the spring. We had a great turnout for our first year and will be offering them again in the future!

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

Thank you,
Bridget Ott
PTO President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 6	BAND & ORCHESTRA INFORMATIONAL MEETING @ WASHINGTON MS
SEPTEMBER 11	BAND AND ORCHESTRA INFORMATIONAL MEETING @ JEFFERSON MS
SEPTEMBER 18	WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM
SEPTEMBER 20	5:30-7:00 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 3:30-7:30 BOOK FAIR
SEPTEMBER 21	NO SCHOOL-PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY
SEPTEMBER 24	PTO WALK-A-THON KICK OFF ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 5	WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISER
OCTOBER 8	PTO MEETING 6:30 PM
OCTOBER 11-12	PICTURE DAY
OCTOBER 16-18	FALL PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES
OCTOBER 25	4 TH AND 5 TH GRADE MUSIC CONCERT 6:30 PM @ ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL



PAYING IT FORWARD

Be the Hero! Be the Builder!
Be the light in a child's life!

Mentor Volunteer Fair
September 16, 2018
2:00-4:00 pm
St. Mark Youth Enrichment
(1201 Locust St, Dubuque, IA 52001)

Door Prizes



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for more info contact Michael at mjelinski@stmarkyouthenrichment.org



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