



May 2019 Eisenhower Express

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



School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

Greetings Eisenhower Families,

With about a month left of school, our calendar is jam-packed with events. We recently held our Kindergarten Welcome Events and had a chance to meet many of our 80+ eager incoming kindergarten students for next school year. And on the other end of the spectrum, our current 5th grade class is working hard to finish the year strong as they prepare for the transition to middle school. And with everyone, we are trying to stay in routine and work hard to the end of the school year.

In addition to the field trips and special events, we also look forward to our Eisenhower PTO events, Spring Fling the evening of May 23 and our annual Field Day and school picnic taking place during the day of June 5. And in relation to the PTO, the staff of Eisenhower wish to thank all of you for coordinating our staff appreciation activities this week. We appreciate the kind gestures, treats, and special notes that demonstrate your appreciation for a job well done. Thank you!

We are wrapping up our last units of study and students recently completed the ISASP state assessment for grades 3-5, the spring reading assessment of FAST (all grades), and spring MAP for grades 2-5 for reading and math. It is nice to see the significant growth that students have made! We also make instructional plans for the upcoming year based on the results. You will receive assessment results on the last day of school, June 7, along with an email link to the student progress report.

Speaking of the last day of school, we will again have our “Fly Up” activity on the last day of school. Your child(ren) will go to their new teacher for a short 45-minute activity to meet their 2019-20 teacher and get acquainted with new classmates for next year. In an attempt to communicate clearly to you who the new teacher will be, your child will bring home a postcard on the last day with the next year teacher name printed on it.

Looking at our staffing for next year, we have made a few changes due to retirements and changes in sections for certain grade levels. Mr. Houselog will move from 5th grade to the 4th grade teaching team. And we wish a happy retirement to Mrs. Klein, our school counselor, and Mrs. Ernzen, our school nurse. We extend a warm welcome to our incoming staff, Ms. Molly Summer as our next school counselor, and Ms. Alyx Rogan as our next school nurse. We will certainly miss Mrs. Klein and Mrs. Ernzen but wish them all the best in retirement!

One final request... with the spring weather, more students and families are walking to school and playing outside around Eisenhower. As you know, the area around Eisenhower gets very congested with vehicle traffic during drop off and pick up. At all times and in all areas around Eisenhower, PLEASE slow down when driving, watch out for our students, and show patience and courtesy with our fellow Eisenhower families. We have asked that all students watch carefully when they are around the parking lots and streets and to always cross streets at the cross walks with our crossing guards. Thanks for reminding students of our safety protocols.

Have an enjoyable month of May and I send wishes for a calm end of the school year!

Sincerely,

Andy Ferguson
Principal

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

With the coming of May, the guidance theme of Ambassadors/Fly-Up is being covered. Students will have the opportunity to meet with students from the grade level ahead of them to share their favorite memories and activities, special projects, and learning experiences as well as the classroom procedures/expectations that are the same or different from the previous grade level. At this time, we will also give credit and appreciation to our teachers who have worked so diligently and expertly in the planning and instruction of our students' providing them with their on-going achievement in school.

We would also like to share our gratitude for you as parents and for all the perseverance, devotion, commitment and hard work that you provide for your children. Your solid efforts are greatly needed and appreciated throughout these early developmental years. Your children's lives and Eisenhower School are better because of you!

Wishing you the very best for this month of May as we continue to move forward during this last part of our 2018-19 school year!

--Mrs. Klein

School Nurse News

~Mrs. Erzen

May 12-18th is Food Allergy Awareness Week. If someone you know has a severe food allergy then you understand how serious this can be. If not, take a moment to look at these facts to improve your understanding of this potentially life-threatening medical condition. By increasing awareness, we all can encourage respect, promote safety, and improve the quality of life of all those affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis.

FOOD ALLERGY FACTS:

- Food allergies can be life-threatening.
 - They affect up to 15 million Americans--6 million are children – that's roughly two in every classroom.
 - Nearly 40 percent of these children have already experienced a severe or life-threatening reaction.
 - The number of children with food allergies in the U.S. increased 50 percent between 1997 and 2011, but there is no clear answer as to why.
 - A reaction to food can range from a mild response (such as an itchy mouth) to anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially deadly reaction. Every three minutes, a food allergy reaction sends someone to the emergency room in the U.S.
 - About a third of kids with food allergies report that they have been bullied specifically because of their allergies.
- Make a difference in the lives of those living with food allergies by learning about food allergies and anaphylaxis by going to this website: www.foodallergy.org. And next time someone tells you they have a food allergy, be sure to take this seriously—this could be a MATTER OF LIFE OR **DEATH** for that person, and **YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**
- SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY TAKING TIME TO KNOW AND WEAR TEAL DURING THE WEEK**



Greetings Eisenhower Families!

This school year has flown by in a flash! It's hard to believe we are already planning all of our final events of the year!

Our LAST meeting this year will be

Monday, May 13th in the library at 6:30. Free childcare will be provided. Every parent and Eisenhower employee is a member of the PTO. It's that time of the year where we will be voting for a new cabinet and filling open spots on committees for the next school year. We would love to have some new faces and ideas to help keep Eisenhower AWESOME! Please consider joining this great team and bring a friend or two!

This last month of school will be very busy! Check out these 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)

May 13th - PTO Meeting

May 21st - Wendy's night *Last one of the year!*

May 23rd - Spring Fling

May 24th - Box Tops/Spirit Day *Last one of the year!! Please send in Box Tops!!*

June 5th - Field Day

Last month's Book Swap was an outstanding success! Each child was able to walk away with at least 2 "new" books! Thank you all so much for your generosity.

Staff Appreciation Week is next week (May 6th-10th) and we have a great week planned to honor all of our amazing staff at Eisenhower. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help volunteer or donate to our staff!

Please join us for our annual Spring Fling on Thursday, May 23rd from 5:30-7:30. We have a fun night of activities planned. Food vendors will be on site for purchase. Help us celebrate the end of another awesome school year at Eisenhower!

Friday, May 24th will be our final Box Tops collection date this year. Please send in all of those Box Tops you have been hoarding all year! On Friday, everyone is invited to wear their Eisenhower gear/colors and the PTO will be popping delicious popcorn to pass out at lunch!

*There will be BIG Box Tops changes coming next year, including the end of clipping Box Tops on packages and switching to scanning receipts. We will be sending out more info in the future. The time to send in Box Tops is NOW before they expire! Thank you for your support!

NEW EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR EISENHOWER FAMILIES!!

Again this year we are partnering with Educational Products Inc. to provide Eisenhower families with the opportunity to pre-order your child's school supplies online from the comfort of your home for the 2019/2020 school year! The pre-packaged case of supplies, matching your child's grade's supply list, will be directly delivered to your child's class prior to Student Orientation day in the Fall. Not only will these affordable packs take the stress out of back-to-school shopping, the PTO gets \$1.00 for every pack purchased to go towards PTO funded activities and supplies.

This opportunity is **OPTIONAL** and is not a requirement for your family to participate in.

You can go shop now! Check it out at <https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/> and enter our school code **EIS042**.

Orders are due by June 16th, no late orders will be accepted.

A flyer will be coming home with ordering information. You can also check out the sample pack during the Spring Fling and ask questions!

Have you checked out our Facebook Page? If not, please do and tell a friend! We post reminders about many events and updates, and occasionally share pictures of our very own Eisenhower students!

Find us on Facebook at- **Eisenhower Elementary PTO - Dubuque, IA**

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 1	LAST DAY FOR 2019-2020 ELEMENTARY OPEN ENROLLMENT 5TH GRADE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FLY-UP EVENT @ ROOSEVELT 10-12:25 PM
MAY 2	PTO SPONSORED SKATE NIGHT @ SKATE COUNTRY 6-8 PM ELEMENTARY TRACK MEET @ SENIOR HS 4:45-8:45 PM
MAY 3	GO THE DISTANCE DAY FOR 4TH GRADE @ LORAS COLLEGE EISENHOWER BATTLE OF THE BOOKS FOR 5TH GRADE 1:30-3:00 PM
MAY 6-10	STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 6	ORCHESTRA CONCERT FOR INCOMING 6TH GRADERS @ ROOSEVELT MS 7:00PM
MAY 7	KINDERGARTEN/1ST GRADE MUSIC CONCERT @ ROOSEVELT 6:30 PM
MAY 9	KINDERGARTEN MOTHERS' DAY TEA 9-10:30 AM GUEST SPEAKER DR. EASLEY FOR 2ND GRADE
MAY 14	ORCHESTRA CONCERT FOR INCOMING 6TH GRADERS @ WASHINGTON MS @ 6:30 PM
MAY 16	KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP TO CHERRY LANES & EAGLE POINT PARK 9:45-12:45 PM
MAY 17	1:30 DISTRICT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS (HOSTED AT EISENHOWER)
MAY 20	9:15-11:00 PRESCHOOL FIELD TRIP TO FIRE STATION

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MAY 21	DUTRAC PIZZA PARTY FOR WORKERS WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM
MAY 22	2 ND GRADE PARKIN AND KOPPEL FIELD TRIP TO ASBURY HY-VEE
MAY 23	2 ND GRADE DEMUTH AND HOCHBERGER FIELD TRIP TO HY-VEE 5:30-7:30 PM SPRING FLING
MAY 27	NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 28	5 TH GRADE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FLY-UP EVENT @ JEFFERSON MS ORCHESTRA CONCERT FOR INCOMING 6 TH GRADERS @ JEFFERSON MS 6:30 PM
MAY 29	10-11:15 PRESCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION IN SMALL GYM 2:15-3:30 PRESCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION IN SMALL GYM
MAY 30	5 TH GRADE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FLY-UP @ WASHINGTON MS 8:45-12 CARNEGIE STOUT PRESENTATION IN THE SMALL GYM FOR K-5
MAY 31	2 ND GRADE FIELD TRIP TO SWISS VALLEY NATURE CENTER 9-2:30 PM 2:00 KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION IN THE LARGE GYM
JUNE 4	5 TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO FOUR MOUNDS
JUNE 5	FIELD DAY
JUNE 6	8:45-2:00 3 RD GRADE FIELD TRIP TROLLEY TOUR 4 TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO SWISS VALLEY