



September 2019 Eisenhower Express

EISENHOWER.....YOU ARE AWESOME!



School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

Dear Eisenhower Families,

On behalf of everyone at Eisenhower, we send greetings and a hearty welcome to the 2019-20 school year! Now that we are a couple weeks in, I think we can all feel a good sense of routine and comfort settling in. If you are new to Eisenhower, we wish you a very special welcome. We think Eisenhower is awesome and we are glad to have you as part of our family.

It was great to see all of you on our Orientation Day back on August 23. We went to an “open house” style format to accommodate families and make things as flexible as possible for work schedules and taking into consideration those of you with multiple children. I’d be interested in any feedback you have on the format. Hopefully the time in classrooms allowed you to meet teachers and learn a little about what to expect for the upcoming school year.

This is where I typically provide you with my annual reminders about safety and drop off and arrival procedures. 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 up and 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!

We have a very exciting guest speaker coming to Eisenhower later this month. On September 18 we will welcome Joe Beckman. He is a nationally known youth motivator who believes in the power of human connection. He will share with us his message encouraging us to be kind, make the world a better place, and to make positive connections with each other. Check out his website for more information! He will provide us with an engaging and fun presentation for all students and staff.

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. Summer

Hello! My name is Molly Summer, and I am the new School Counselor here at Eisenhower! I am SO excited to work with you and your students this school year. This month, I am focusing on building relationships with students. My lesson this month includes a getting to know the School Counselor component and a game or coloring sheet. The main take-away from the lesson is to inform the students that I am here for ALL of them, so they may be their very best in school and life.

School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Rogan

Hello! My name is Alyx Rogan and I am very excited to be the school nurse at Eisenhower. I am really looking forward to developing new relationships and taking care of your children. Please reach out to me at anytime with any questions or concerns.

There are a few important things to note at the beginning of the school year. The DCSD recommends a physical for all kindergarteners. The Iowa Department of Public Health has a requirement that all kindergarteners have a dental screening. The VNA will come to do dental screenings. Blood lead testing is also required and is usually done with the preschool or kindergarten physical. Preschool and kindergarten students will have vision screening done by Iowa KidSight in September. Please make sure to send in signed consent forms for dental and vision screenings. Hearing testing will be done with select grades in early October. However, a parent or teacher can request a vision or hearing screening any time throughout the school year.

EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



PTO NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2019

President's Message:

Hello! My name is Christy Heller and I am so excited to introduce myself as the new Eisenhower Elementary School PTO President!

I want to thank everyone that stopped by the PTO table during Orientation! The PTO was able to provide Eisenhower shirts for the incoming kindergarteners.

If your kindergartener didn't receive one, please let us know! we also have some \$5 school shirts left if anyone is interested!

Volunteers are the cornerstone of any successful PTO, so if you haven't already, please consider joining the PTO!



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Calendar of Events:

*SKATE NIGHT - 9/5

SPIRIT DAY - 9/6

PTO MEETING - 9/9

WENDY'S NIGHT - 9/17

*BACK TO SCHOOL &
BOOK FAIR NIGHT - 9/19

WALK A THON

KICK OFF - 9/23

*WALK A THON-10/3

*SKATE NIGHT-10/3

***Volunteers Needed!**

THANK YOU TO THESE COMMITTEES

Gardening,
Bulletin Board,
Communications,
School Supply Packs,
Kindergarten Orientation,
The entire PTO, and
Staff for your help
and Support!

Meetings & Highlights



*All meetings are held in
the Eisenhower Library

*FREE CHILD CARE

SEPTEMBER MEETING:
September 9 @ 6:00 to 7:30

OCTOBER MEETING:
October 14 @ 6:30 - 7:30

Bring a Friend!

MONTHLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 9	PTO MEETING IN THE LIBRARY @6:00 INSTRUMENT TRYOUT FOR 5TH GRADE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY
SEPTEMBER 12 & 13	FAST (reading) TESTING @ EISENHOWER (K-5)
SEPTEMBER 16	FAST (math) TESTING @ EISENHOWER K AND 1 ONLY
SEPTEMBER 18	MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER AND RELATIONSHIP GURU JOE BECKMAN VISITS
SEPTEMBER 19	5-7 PM BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AND BOOK FAIR
SEPTEMBER 23	MAP TESTING WINDOW OPENS 2ND- 5TH GRADES
SEPTEMBER 26	9:30 AM AND 1:15 PM KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 28	10-2 PM FALL FESTIVAL AT OUR BUSINESS PARTNER, STEVE'S ACE HARDWARE
SEPTEMBER 23	PTO WALK-A-THON KICK-OFF ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 3	WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISER SPONSORED BY THE PTO AND SPIRIT DAY