



# November 2019 Eisenhower Express

## EISENHOWER.....YOU ARE AWESOME!



### School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

Dear Parents,

We hope this monthly newsletter finds all of our Eisenhower families doing well. School is clicking right along and we are almost done with the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. That's hard to believe! Report cards will soon be finalized with up-to-date info and comments to reflect student progress for the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. You may review the progress at any time on Infinite Campus but the comments will be "finalized/updated" by Tuesday, November 26.

Recently we had successful Parent/Teacher/Student conferences where we were glad to be able to meet face to face with you. In this age of technology, we appreciate the convenience of being able to communicate with you freely via email and Seesaw messages. But we really enjoy the personal meeting with each of you to share student progress and success, problem solve with you and answer any questions you have, and set goals for the rest of the school year. It is so valuable to sit at the table with all of you and talk about your children. Thanks for making attendance at conferences a priority! Mark your calendars for February 18-20, 2020 when we will again meet with you for spring conferences.

The month of October saw our annual PTO sponsored Walk-a-thon where Eisenhower families and friends again went above and beyond with hard work and generosity by organizing a successful fundraiser. Thanks to all of you over \$17,000 was raised for Eisenhower and YOUR children! Your generosity and the generosity of the friends, families, and neighbors who donated is much appreciated! This year the money will be put towards additional technology devices for classrooms, classroom supplies, and field trip funding among other things. Thank you to everyone and especially the Eisenhower PTO volunteers!

This past month we also had a special "Family Group" event that was organized by our teachers on the character education committee. We continue to follow up on our concept of being a "Difference Maker" at Eisenhower and helping our students make strong connections with others here at school. We've "borrowed" a catchy phrase from our Joe Beckman guest speaker and have enjoyed letting others know they are special by saying, "We love your face!" Hopefully, you got to see all of the great faces on the posters in the hallway during conferences.

During our Friday professional development sessions this past month we have spent time learning more about our new math curriculum, Math Bridges. Teachers continue to learn more effective ways to teach math concepts to students so it is understandable and sets them up for success in the future. We also had a training on suicide awareness and prevention which is a new statewide requirement.

Coming up this month during health class will be our annual November lessons on the human body. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding these upcoming lessons.

A reminder that Wednesday, November 27 is a non-school day for students, but teachers will have professional development learning in the morning. The weather already feels like winter is right around the corner so thank you for making sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We go out for recess each day that it isn't raining or below 0 degrees and we don't want any of our students getting cold or sick due to not being dressed for the weather. Thanks for your help with that!

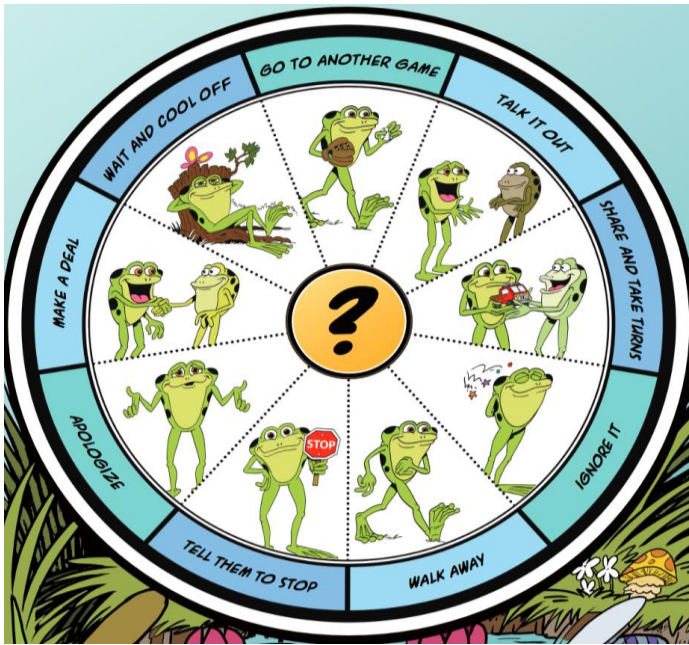
Have a great month! We are thankful for our partnership with our AWESOME Eisenhower families and we love your faces!

Andy Ferguson, Principal

## School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Summer

Hello Eisenhower families! In November, students will learn about our new schoolwide conflict resolution tool, Kelso's Choices. Students will be taught to peacefully resolve small conflicts among themselves. Students are taught nine different strategies – "Kelso's Choices" – to solve problems. If students cannot resolve the problem after trying two of Kelso's Choices, they are taught to seek help from an adult. Students will learn how to differentiate between a "small" problem (annoying or frustrating) and a "BIG" problem (scary or dangerous), and that "BIG" problems should always be reported to an adult.



## School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Rogan

Hello Eisenhower families! It is hard to believe we are in November already! We have entered that time of year to expect cold and flu symptoms. Please note the following health reminders:

- Students are allowed to use cough drops during the day. Please send the cough drops to school along with a note giving your child permission.
- If your child has a fever, vomiting, and/or diarrhea, he/she must be symptom free for 24 hours before they are able to return to school.
- If your child is diagnosed with strep throat, he/she must be on an antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school.
- When calling in to the main office, please remember to give a brief but specific description of your child's illness.

As always, please contact the health office if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's health. Thank you!

# EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## PTO NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2019

### President's Message:

It's hard to believe we are into our second trimester already! I hope everyone had a great conference!

The PTO provided the teachers and staff with a meal from Pizza Ranch during conferences! Thank you to our Fall Conference Meal Committee for organizing this! All the snacks that were brought in is much appreciated as well!

I have noticed some friendly parent faces in the halls lately at school! I want to give them a big THANK YOU!!

If you have a day or half day free and want to help in the school please reach out to your teacher or the PTO!! Helping hands make a lot lighter work for our amazing teachers! You can ask your teacher if there are things you can do outside of the classroom as well!

Have a great month!

*-PTO President- Christy Heller*

### Calendar of Events:

11/7 - Skate Night 6:00 - 8:00

11/11 - PTO Meeting 6:30 - 7:30

11/14 - 4th & 5th Grade Concert

11/19 - Wendy's Night 5:00 - 7:00

11/21 - Splash Blast 4:00- 8:00

11/27 - No School

11/28 - Happy Thanksgiving!

11/29 - No School

12/05 - Skate Night

6:00 - 8:00



### Email:

Eisenhower.PTO.Dubuque@gmail.com

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### THANK YOU TO THESE COMMITTEES ...

Walk A Thon, Picture Day,  
Fall Conference Meal,  
Apparel, Bulletin Board,  
Communications,  
Skate Night, Wendy's Night,  
The entire PTO, and  
Staff for your help  
and Support!

### Meetings & Highlights



\*All meetings are held in  
the Eisenhower Library

\*FREE CHILD CARE

### NOVEMBER MEETING:

November 11 @ 6:30 to 7:30

Bring a Friend!

**\*\*NO MEETING  
IN DECEMBER**

**On behalf of the Eisenhower PTO, I would like  
to extend our appreciation to everyone who  
donated their time and made monetary  
donations during the Walk a Thon!**

**Friends of Eisenhower**

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Mystique Ice Center  
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Challenge to Change  
Sundown Mountain  
Fighting Saints  
Hyvee (Asbury)  
All Around Gymnastics  
Steve's Ace Home and Garden

**Everyone** who donated has made an impact on the students at  
Eisenhower!! You raised over \$17,000 this year!! This shows once  
again why

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## **MONTHLY CALENDAR**

<b>NOVEMBER 4,5,6,7</b>	<b>FIELD TRIP TO WATER DEPT. GRADE 2</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 6</b>	<b>SPARKY'S FIREHOUSE - 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE 8:45-12:00</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 7</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE ARTS TREK 6-8 PM SKATE NIGHT</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 8</b>	<b>PICTURE RETAKES</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 13</b>	<b>9:30-11:30 CONCERT PRACTICE @ ERMS FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 14</b>	<b>CONCERT ASSEMBLY FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE 6:30 PM @ ERMS</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 18</b>	<b>END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> TRIMESTER</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 19</b>	<b>5-7 PM WENDY'S NIGHT</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 21</b>	<b>4-8 PM PTO SPONSORED SPLASH BASH</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 25</b>	<b>8:45 AND 10:00 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 27</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 28</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 29</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>