



December 2019 Eisenhower Express

EISENHOWER.....YOU ARE AWESOME!



School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

Dear Eisenhower Families,

Happy December! Although with the winter weather making an early appearance this year it feels like December weather has been around since Halloween, doesn't it?

Time marches on here at Eisenhower. Last month we enjoyed the talents of the 4th and 5th graders when they performed their music concert. They did awesome! 3rd graders got to attend a Dubuque Symphony performance at Five Flags theater, 2nd graders were able to go on a field trip to the Dubuque Water Department to learn more about our water supply, and our kindergarten students had a guest speaker from Swiss Valley Nature Center come and talk about wildlife and science topics. And everyone participated in our Family Group activity before Thanksgiving where we talked about being thankful and showing gratitude. Speaking of gratitude, Eisenhower students and families brought in more than 3,000 items for our Food Drive sponsored by our student leadership group and the PTO. We were able to support the following local agencies: Dubuque Food Pantry, the Veterans Freedom Center, Resources Unite, and the Office of Veteran Affairs. All of these agencies support individuals and families in need and they all expressed their gratitude for your wonderful generosity. Thank you!

We recently completed the 1st trimester and report cards and comments were done by the teachers and sent electronically on November 26. The report cards were available to you to view online if you didn't request a printed copy. If you haven't yet had a chance to review the progress reports, please take the time to look it over with your child. Remember that these standards are all "end of year" standards so they are goals for the end of the school year. We try to impress upon students the need to try and do their best to show improvement throughout the year. Thanks for your support of this concept at home.

I already mentioned the wintry weather but as a reminder, please make sure your child has the appropriate winter clothing to wear to school. Kids need their fresh air and time to run around during the day so we have recess every day, even when it's cold. We only have indoor morning line-up or stay inside for recess when the "feels like" temperature is 0 or below. Thanks for making sure the students have appropriate hats, gloves, coats, snow pants, etc. If you need help with any of those items be sure to talk to your child's teacher or call the school nurse.

Speaking of winter weather, I wanted to make a clarification in case we have a situation of a weather delay, especially on a Friday. All 2-hour delays will result in students beginning school at 10:25 (2 hours later than our normal time of 8:25). IF the district ever calls a 2-hour delay on a Friday, the 2 hour delay is figured from our normal starting time of 8:25 so students would begin at 10:25. **Basic rule of thumb is: When there is a 2-hour delay, students will always enter the building at 10:25, even if it's on a Friday.**

This month we look forward to seeing our Kindergarten and 1st grade students performing their music concert at Roosevelt Middle School the evening of December 19. Our winter break begins after school is over on Friday, December 20 and we return to school on Thursday, January 2.

This month goes so fast with so much going on. I hope you are able to find time to relax and just enjoy the season. Have a great month of December and a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,
Andy Ferguson, Principal

The initial application time frame for the 2020-2021 school year secondary open enrollment will begin on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 and applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020. Applications received after the March 2nd deadline may be held until after August registration for consideration.

Elementary open enrollment will run from March 16, 2020 through May 1, 2020.

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Summer

Hi Eisenhower families! In December, students will compare what it means to have a fixed mindset versus a growth mindset. Children who present with a fixed mindset, have a hard time understanding that mistakes are not a lack of knowledge, but a chance to grow. Growth mindset is the belief that intelligence can improve through education and practice. Children who present with a growth mindset, view challenges as opportunities to grow, because they understand that they can improve their abilities by pushing themselves. Below is a visual that highlights the difference between a fixed and growth mindset.

FIXED vs. GROWTH MINDSET



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EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



PTO NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2019

President's Message:

We have exciting news!!

Eisenhower PTO has partnered up with
L. MAY EATERY for the month of December!!
For every dine in OR carry out order of the
"You're in Dubuque" pizza, L. MAY will donate
\$5.00 to Eisenhower!

This will run for the month of December!
Make sure to tell your server that your order is to
support Eisenhower.
Tell your friends and family!
This is a great opportunity for the
Eisenhower community to
support our local businesses!

Have a great month!

-PTO President - Christy Heller



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THANK YOU TO FOLLOWING COMMITTEES ...

Concert Host, Holiday Meal,
Food Drive, Bulletin Board,
Communications,
Dine Out Night,
Skate Night, Wendy's Night,
The entire PTO, and
Staff for your help
and Support!

Calendar of Events:

12/05 - Skate Night 6:00 - 8:00
12/09 - Band Concert @ Hempstead
12/12 - Orchestra Concert @ Hempstead
12/12 - Holiday Meal for Staff
12/17 - Wendy's Night 5:00-7:00
12/19- Kindergarten and 1st Grade Concert
23rd - 31st - NO SCHOOL

*December's Restaurant Partnership
L.MAY EATERY
Order the "You're in Dubuque"
Pizza and they will donate
\$5.00 back to Eisenhower!!
ALL MONTH LONG!!!

Meetings & Highlights



*All meetings are held in
the Eisenhower Library
*FREE CHILD CARE

**** NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**JANUARY MEETING
01/13 @ 6:30 - 7:30**

Bring a Friend!

MONTHLY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 5	YOGA DAY WITH CHALLENGE TO CHANGE 6-8 PM SKATE NIGHT
DECEMBER 9	ELEMENTARY BAND CONCERT @ HEMPSTEAD 6:30 PM
DECEMBER 11	ADOPT-A-MUSICIAN FOR 4 TH GRADE 11:35 KAT FM EISENHOWER CHOIR
DECEMBER 12	ELEMENTARY ORCHESTRA CONCERT @ HEMPSTEAD 6:30 PM
DECEMBER 17	WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM
DECEMBER 19	EISENHOWER CONCERT FOR KINDERGARTEN AND 1 ST GRADE @ ERMS 6:30 PM 2:35 KAT FM EISENHOWER CHOIR
DECEMBER 20	FAMILY GROUPS AND ALL SCHOOL SING-A-LONG
DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 1	WINTER BREAK
JANUARY 2	CLASSES RESUME