

## January 2020 Eisenhower Express





#### **School Principal News!**

~Mr. Ferguson

Dear Eisenhower Families,

Happy New Year to everyone! We all hope that your holiday season was enjoyable! It's always hard to get back after being off school for an extended period of time. But I for one look forward to getting back in a routine and being able continue the great school progress that we saw in the first part of the year.

We will soon be in touch to start scheduling our spring conferences which take place February 18-20. We will continue with the same schedule as the fall with evening conferences on Tuesday, February 18 and 19 followed by morning time slots on Thursday, February 20. The online conference scheduling site will be opening up for families on Tuesday, January 21.

Since we are now in the middle of the colder winter weather, we have seen an increase in traffic both during drop off and pick up. I will take this opportunity to remind you of our procedures that, if everyone follows them, will make the traffic flow more smoothly. This is a review our morning drop-off routines for the upper parking lot off Spring Valley. (Recall our lower parking lot is for bus and daycare van drop off and pick up only.) I know that more students are driven to school during the winter months and I'm very aware of the long lines of cars waiting to get into and out of our parking lot each morning between 8:15-8:30. If we ALL follow the expectations, it can make the process go better for everyone involved. While we certainly want things to go smoothly for everyone and allow families to get through the drop off line as quickly as possible, student safety is our main concern so please DRIVE SLOWLY at all times on school property and on the streets immediately around Eisenhower. Our crossing guards and parking lot supervisors are trying to help things run as smoothly as possible and keep everyone safe so please follow their directions at all times. Here are a few helpful tips about our morning procedures that will help EVERYONE if we can ALL please follow them:

- When you enter the parking lot, pull up as far as possible to the car in front of you. Follow the directions of the parking lot supervisors and DO NOT HAVE YOUR CHILD EXIT the vehicle until you are at least up past the "drop off" sign.
- It may be necessary to sometimes do a "double line" in order to get left turning traffic off the street and to allow a better flow of traffic away from school on Spring Valley. If this is necessary, <u>please only do so at the direction of the crossing guards</u> and then kindly merge into one lane as you drive up to the drop off area. The second lane should not be used as an express lane or "through lane".
- Students should have their winter gear on and their book bags ready so they can quickly exit the vehicle on the right side of the vehicle onto the sidewalk and not out into potential traffic.
- When preparing to exit, students should have everything ready to go so they can exit the vehicle <u>quickly and safely</u>. Please practice this with your child(ren) so they can do this quickly and independently <u>without the parent needing</u> to also get out of the vehicle (with possible exception for some of our preschool and kindergarten students). This is also not the time for extended hugs, kisses, and long "good-byes". ©
- As soon as your child has safely exited your vehicle, please be ready to move along and exit our parking lot via the lower driveway area onto Spring Valley.
- If you need to walk your child into school or take longer with morning drop off, please pull around and utilize one of the parking spaces in our lot. Do NOT park and leave your car by the curb as it then blocks the traffic flow.
- By having everyone follow these expectations, we hope to make your drop-off time as efficient and safe as possible for everyone. Thank you for showing patience and courtesy to other drivers, patrol helpers, and parking lot supervisors and being a good role model for our students.

We look forward to a productive and AWESOME rest of the school year with a strong partnership with all of you. Everyone at Eisenhower will continue to do their best to provide your child with a great school experience. Have a great month of January!

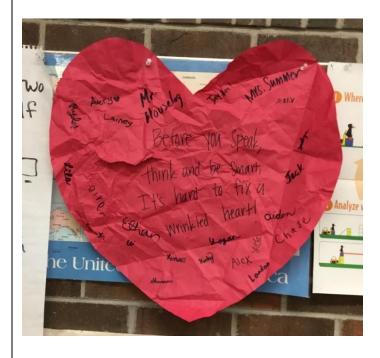
Andy Ferguson

#### **School Counselor News!**

∼Mrs. Summer

Happy New Year Eisenhower families! In January, students will learn about kindness with a focus on inclusion and exclusion. Each grade will read a book focusing on kindness, followed by a whole group discussion. Kindergarten through second grade will reflect on including others by completing a worksheet and/or a coloring page. Third through fifth graders will have a classroom discussion about how or words and actions affect those around us.





## JANUARY

2020

Eisenhower PTO Calendar of Events

# PLEASE PRINT AND SAVE THIS CALENDAR!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			*NO SCHOOL*	2	One Hour Late Start	4
5	6	7	8	Skate Night @ Skate Country 6:00 – 8:00	One Hour Late Start  All School Spelling Bee	11
12	13 PTO Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 In Library	14	15	16	One hour Late Start	18
19	*No School*  Martin Luther  King Jr. Day	21 Wendy's Night 5:00 – 7:00	22	23	One Hour Late Start	25
26	27	28	29	30	Movie Night In Eisenhower Large Gym @6:30	

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## EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



### PTO NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2020

#### President's Message:

Happy New Year!

As we enter into 2020, we are rolling out a paper calendar and a printable calendar!

There will be a monthly calendar sent via email with The Eisenhower Express and home in Mail Bags. It will take the place of the flyers sent home reminding of the reoccurring monthly events.

Make sure to Follow Us or Like Us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get digital reminders and updates!

For times and specific information about class field trips and concerts please look for communication from your teacher!

Have a great month!

-PTO President - Christy Heller

### Movie Night

WHAT: Family Movie Night!

MOVIE PLAYING: Toy Story 4

WHERE: In the large gym at Eisenhower

WHEN: January 31st @ 6:30 pm

\* This is not a drop off event!



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Meeting Information

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

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

NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Thank You To These 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!



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JANUARY 2,9,16,23,30 SRO DANIELLE BECK VISITS

JANUARY 9 6-8 PM SKATE NIGHT

JANUARY 10 SPELLING BEE @ EISENHOWER

JANUARY 13 6:30 PM PTO MEETING

JANUARY 13,16, 17 FAST TESTING

JANUARY 16 YOGA IN CLASSROOMS WITH

CHALLENGE TO CHANGE

JANUARY 17 EAGLE WATCH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE @

GRAND RIVER CENTER

JANUARY 17 7:00 DUBUQUE FIGHTING

SAINTS CHOIR WILL SING

NATIONAL ANTHEM

JANUARY 20 NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER

KING JR. DAY

JANUARY 21 2ND GRADE TO SCIENCEPLOSION

AT THE HERITAGE CENTER

JANUARY 30 KIDS ON THE BLOCK FOR 3RD

GRADE 1:30-2:30 PM

JANUARY 31 PTO SPONSORED MOVIE NIGHT

IN THE LARGE GYM