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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Grade 2 Parent Literacy celebration 11:30	2 Grade 4 Parent Literacy celebration 2:00	3 Grade 3 Parent Literacy celebration 2:00	4 NO SCHOOL! Teacher Professional Learning day	5
6	7 <i>Parent Teacher conference online scheduling opens</i>	8 Yoga in our Schools day	9	10 Kdg. Parent Literacy celebration 2:00 PTA meeting 6:30 p.m.	11 <i>One-hour late start; 9:20 kids should be here</i> Grade 5 Parent Literacy celebration 2:00	12
13	14	15	16 VNA Dental education in grade 2 and 3 today	17 Grade 5 Arts Trek to the Dubuque Symphony Preschool Parent Literacy celebrations 10:15 and 2:15 Walk A-thon Assembly	18 <i>One-hour late start- 9:20</i> <i>Parent Teacher Conference online scheduling closes</i> Picture Retake Day! Grade 1 vocal music concert, 2:20 in gym following their Literacy Celebration at 1:15	19
20	21 IRVING WALK A-THON WEEK! "Star Wars" theme things all week long... donate PLEASE to our donation Walk A-thon	22	23 Grade 1 to UD Heritage Center show, courtesy of <i>Dubuque Foundation for Public Schools</i> Grade 2 and Grade 4 to UD Heritage Center show	24 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-8:00 p.m.	25 <i>One-hour late start- 9:20</i> Irving Spirit Day: Star Wars Day! IRVING WALK A-THON this afternoon, "Star Walk for a Healthy Empire"	26
27	28	29	30 Walk A-Thon celebration assembly- prizes awarded Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-8:00 p.m.	31 <i>Halloween- no costumes allowed at school for Halloween</i> No School Parent Teacher Conferences 7:30 a.m.-12:30	Note: No School on Friday, November 1	

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Irving All Star School Newsletter

Walk A-Thon Donation Drive for Irving Parent Association: Please consider supporting our Irving parent group in their effort to try something brand new this year. We are **not** selling cookie dough or any other items, but instead are just asking for a donation from each family. Our parent association provides so generously for our Irving students. In past years, they have always given \$12 per child for all field trips (this is about \$6000 each year), in addition to free Popcorn Days for students, and thousands of dollars for our library books and computer upgrades each year. Two years ago, they gave Irving \$13,000 for new Ipads! The year before, they gave \$4000 for new library books for our kids! Details will come in October about our Walk-A-thon held during the school day on October 25. Your kids will want to participate because there are some really cool prizes!

Parent Teacher Conference: Families register for Parent Teacher Conferences online. Your child's log-in/ password will come home October 3. The online scheduling is on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVE basis so if you have a strong preference of time for your conference, you will want to log-in and do your selection when the online window is open on October 7. https://www.myschoolsystems.com/dubuque/irving/conferences.php?where_from=student&language=english Divorced/separated parents are expected to do ONE unified conference for your child, as teachers will NOT be scheduling separate conferences (one for mom, one later for dad). They do not have enough time slots to do this, and in the spirit of respect we ask that you sit down for 20 minutes together to hear the same message about the child that you share. If there is an extremely rare situation for parents where there is a no-contact order, etc. please contact the Irving Office.

Parent Literacy Learning Celebrations: Grade levels are hosting parent literacy learning celebrations in October. This will be a great opportunity to learn with your child about the importance of reading at home, practice a reading strategy, and see some Irving school data. We are hosting the grade level learning celebrations in place of what had been our typical fall open house in years past.

SeeSaw Accounts: Please be sure that you have linked yourself to your child's SeeSaw account. This will be an amazing resource for you to stay connected to your child's classroom for announcement and pictures; but more importantly for you to see your individual child's work which your child will post for you to see. SeeSaw is being utilized by the entire district so that families can see firsthand the student tasks that will be supporting the results on the Standards Based Report Card, which will be finalized in November for our first trimester.

Irving Reading Hut: Reading Hut is a quiet place to read a good book independently before school. Reading Hut will run from September 30- April 24 this school year. Any Irving student in grade K-5 is welcome. Irving "All Star" behavior is expected. Children can come every day, or whenever they feel like it without prior notice. At 8:10 a.m., Mrs. Turza will meet kids by Gym door #1 and take them to the library. When the bell rings at 8:25 they will go directly to class. All that kids need to have with them is a GOOD BOOK!! If they are not in line at 8:10, students will not be able to enter Reading Hut. On Fridays, Reading Hut students will enter at 9:10 a.m. (one hour later) due to our one-hour delay every Friday. Reading Hut will utilize a "three strikes and you're out" policy for the rest of the year for any misbehavior in this quiet reading setting.

Early Outs: Please be sure to have an "early out" plan ready for your family that your children are aware of for unexpected early-outs. Winter and snowy days will be here soon and it will help everyone if your kids know what to do on these types of days. The **weather notification line** for the district is 552-3035, so please call this number to find out about fog delays, icy road delays, snow early outs, or any unexpected weather early outs/delays!