

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Grade 4 to UD Heritage Center, for 50 States theater	3	4	5 Grades 4 & 5 assembly 2:15 p.m. for Irving students. Vocal Music Concert Gr. 4 & 5, 6:00 p.m. Gym VNA Denal Sealants for Gr. 2 &3	6 One-hour late start VNA Denal Sealants for Gr. 2 &3	7
8	9 Grade 5 Band at Hempstead 6:00 p.m.	10 Yoga day! Irving PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.	11	12 Hearing re-checks today Grade 5 Orchestra at Hempstead 6:00 p.m.	13 One-hour late start	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 One-hour late start Irving Spirit day: Holiday style, celebrate your holiday flair. All school – holiday assembly 1:30 p.m. for students.	21
22	23 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	24 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	25 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	26 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	27 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	31 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	We will see you back on Thursday, January 2, 2020~ Happy New Year!			



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Winter is coming! Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the winter **weather**. Snow pants and boots are an expectation if students wish to leave the shoveled blacktop area for recess. Also, if you have a child in Preschool or Kindergarten, please send an extra set of clothing in case of a toileting accident.

Health Curriculum updates for the upcoming months: *December:* Nutrition: This month's topic focuses on healthy eating habits. Children will learn about planning healthful meals and snacks. *January:* Health/Physical Activity/Hygiene/Healthy Goals. This month's health topic focuses on the importance of keeping your body clean, physically active, and healthy.

Weekly Friday Late Arrivals learning sessions for staff have been focused on: Math Bridges curriculum, the Standards-Based Report Cards, and book studies that the teachers participated in earlier this fall.

Applications for **Secondary Open Enrollment** (grades 6-12) will be available beginning **January 15, 2020**, and are accepted through **March 1, 2020** for the initial consideration round. Applications received after March 1st will be held for consideration after registration in August, 2020. All open enrollment forms are online at dbqschools.org.

Hearing screenings were completed on all K-2nd grade students the end of November. If your child had a failed hearing screening, AEA Audiologist Stephanie Gogel, will send a letter with the results of the screening.

Arrival/ Dismissal: Please remember breakfast students will be met at Door #1 at 8:00 a.m. Reading Hut students will be met at Door #1 at 8:10 a.m. We request that any parents who are dropping off students for these early morning programs please do not block any vacant parking spots with your vehicles while you wait; please follow the drop-off traffic flow; and do not leave your car UNATTENDED. Note that Irving Choir and Orchestra do meet before school and those students are here for music practice at 7:45 a.m. (We sometimes get asked, "why do those kids get to come in the building early?") Staff supervision does not begin outside until 8:20 a.m. for regular arrival of our students (9:20 a.m. on Fridays). For arrival, Parents please pull ahead and up as far as possible in the car drop-off lane, near assisting staff who will valet your children out of the car. Parents do NOT get out of your car in the valet line, to keep the line moving quickly.

We Appreciate the University of Dubuque Heritage Center! The University of Dubuque is incredibly generous to our Irving School students. The Heritage Center Box Office staff has notified us when they have additional spare seats available for their theater productions, and allowed our students to come free of charge if our students can walk to the show. We have thanked UD and Heritage Center staff, but if any Irving parent has any connection or interaction with UD and the Heritage Center Box Office, please share how genuinely we appreciate their kindness and generosity to our school and your children, by allowing us to fill some of their vacant seats for some of these fantastic shows. Free showings that Irving has participated in this fall are: "Jungle Book," "Have You Filled Your Bucket," and the upcoming "50 States in 60 Minutes" theater productions. We are so grateful for our wonderful neighbor, the University of Dubuque!