

## Irving Elementary School All Star Year-end Wrap-up 2020

Dear Irving Families,

This certainly was not the end of the year that we had hoped for when we all started together as an Irving family back in August. I want to thank all the families who have been so supportive to our teachers and have kept their students learning, even in these unusual times. Everyone is doing the best we can, and we realize that. Thank you for all that you continue to do to support Irving School. We are looking very forward to next fall, and a chance for another new start! Please continue to keep encouraging learning over the summer months for your child!

\*Here is some end-of-the-year news items for all our Irving families:

**Yearbooks-** Irving yearbooks did not arrive before student item pick up in May, so they will be distributed to those who ordered next fall. Books ordered by 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be given to their respective middle school, unless they have a sibling who still attends Irving next year. Thank you to our amazing parent volunteer, Ms. Emily Schoeny, for all of her hard work in creating our Irving School Yearbook.

**Grade 5 American Legion** top honors go to: Avery Finnin, and Savannah Abime for the girls, and Charlie Ward, and Mekhi Marsh for the boys. Congratulations to Charlie and Avery as top award winners; and Savannah and Mekhi as honorable mention. This award recognizes 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the area of academics, leadership, civic responsibility, and overall character. These four students are all very deserving of this honor and we are so proud of these wonderful Irving students.

**Student Items:** if you did not pick up your child's desk and locker items on our student item pick-up dates, please call the office to arrange a time this summer. Unclaimed items will sit until August, unless you call us to retrieve them. If they are not claimed in the fall, they will be tossed. If you find any library books or textbooks please drop those off at Irving School this summer when office staff is present. Call 552-3800 to arrange.

**Calling all Kindergarteners!** If you have a child who will be 5 on or before September 15, 2020 and live in the Irving School boundary, please make sure that you have turned in your district paperwork to enroll your child into Kindergarten for next fall. If you don't think you have done this, please enroll your child **immediately** by calling our Irving Office at 552-3800.

Thank you to our amazing **Irving PTA** and all families who participated in our Irving Star Walk last fall. If you remember, we raised over \$17,000 in October by doing our Walk-a-thon. Irving PTA bought **20 new Ipads** and cases for classrooms, and brand **new library furniture** for your students using the Walk-a-thon profits. **YOUR** donations directly impacts **YOUR** Irving students!! Thank you all so much for your generosity!

Congratulations to **Irving retiree**, Mrs. Ann Efferding for her many years supporting Irving Elementary School. Mrs. Efferding will be dearly missed as our Technology Coach and all the All Stars wish her the best in her retirement. Other Irving staff leaving our school are: Mrs. Emily Ruley, in special education; Mrs. Jessica Meloy, in Special education; and Mrs. Tiara Gooch, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We wish all the best to these teachers who are moving on to new adventures in their family life or their career. Thank you to these wonderful Irving leaders who have helped so many kids!

The district open enrollment deadline was May 1, so if you are planning to open enroll any student in Dubuque Schools, you would now be considered a late open enrollment application.

Nurse Janet wants to remind everyone that if your child needs medication at school for the 2020-2021 school year, we will need a **NEW MEDICATION ORDER from your physician**. Your Dr. has these forms and can fax it to Irving School in **August** at 552-3801. If your child has an Epi-pen, please have a **new Food Allergy Action Plan** faxed to school also. If you have an incoming kindergarten student, please stay on top of necessary doctor visits, immunizations, and dental appointments for their incoming school year!

