



# Sageville Elementary

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## Calendar Of Events

### Friday, April 3

No School

### Monday, April 6

No School

### Tuesday, April 7

6:30 Jefferson Middle School  
Open House

### Thursday, April 9

**4:30 Site Council: All staff and  
parents are invited to attend to  
hear our district finance  
director to hear about school  
funding.**

6:30 DCSD Band Concert at  
Senior High School

### Friday, April 10

9:45 Late Start  
Professional Learning Sessions

## From the Desk of Miss Mac

Greetings Sageville families & friends,

Last week I mentioned the crucial time we're in legislatively with school funding rates being debated between the Iowa House & Senate. I've invited an expert from our district, finance director Kevin Kelleher, who is very knowledgeable about this topic to give staff and parents a brief session that you will find very informative and what role you can take as a parent to make education a priority in Iowa. **Please come on Thursday, April 9th at 4:30 p.m. in Mrs. Rokusek's classroom.**

PTC has a very important planning meeting coming up for Spring Fling. It will be held on Monday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. at Eichman's. If you've attended Spring Fling in the past, you know how much is offered and how much the volunteers are needed to make it a great success. Thanks in advance for your help!

April 16, 2:30-6:00 p.m. is set for Kindergarten registration. If you did not get a letter from school, please call the school office for more details. Thank you!

Our 5th graders have the opportunity to visit Jefferson Middle School on Tuesday, April 7th, at 6:30 p.m. Please consider putting this important event on your calendar next week.

Once teacher assignments for next year are made, we'll be assembling student class lists and students will "fly up" to their new classroom for next year the last week of May. As we construct those class assignments, there are many variables which we consider as we strive for academic, social, and emotional balance within each classroom. We appreciate your trust in us to do this job with the knowledge we have of the many different facets of each child at each grade level as well as the various harmonies and dissonance that can be created when these individuals are combined together. The following outlines the procedure in which to do this:

A request must be made in writing to the principal by **May 1** for the following school year.

These requests must be based on: Strong academic concerns, serious social/emotional concerns, and/or a desire to have sibling, cousins, friends separated.

Parent requests for specific teachers will be considered but are not guaranteed. Thank you for your understanding.

Our school staff  
wishes all of our  
families a wonderful  
mini spring break this  
weekend!



### Sageville School Garden Supply List

- Garden gloves (adult and kids size)
- Shovels
- Gardening spades
- Rakes
- Cinder blocks
- Trough



### Garden forks



- Empty milk jugs (Any Size)
- Soil
- Flower seeds
- Herb seeds
- Mulch
- Paint



Calling all Sageville families! We're starting a school garden and need your help. Please see the list to the left of items that we are collecting to start this project. It will be planned out in several phases. If you would like to be a part of the school garden project, please email Miss Perry at [rperry@dbqschools.org](mailto:rperry@dbqschools.org) or Miss Halfhill at [dhalfhill@dbqschools.org](mailto:dhalfhill@dbqschools.org). Items can be dropped off at the school office. For larger items, please call the office first. Thanks!

For the last several years Sageville School has participated in the Iowa Children's Choice Award sponsored by the Iowa Association of School Librarians. The award is for and by Iowa students in grades 3-6 as a fun way to promote literacy and encourage the reading of a variety of books. Each year there is a list of books written by American authors that have been nominated by children across the state. To be eligible to vote for the award kids need to have read at least two books on the list.

Voting was completed last week at Sageville. I am so happy to report that 93 out of the 119 students in Grades 3-5, or 78%, were eligible to vote. Two homerooms, 3-R and 5-M, had 100% eligibility. All votes will count in the statewide contest, which have been forwarded to the state office. This year's Sageville winner was Eight Keys by Suzanne LaFleur.

Our 5th graders will use these ICCA books to compete in the district-wide Battle of the Books, which will be held in May. Stay tuned for updates, and please remember to keep reading.

Mrs. Laurie Brimeyer

## Counselor Corner-Mrs. Kaiser

During the week of March 30th – April 2nd I have been working with small groups. My 3rd grade anxiety group worked on their mindsets and displayed their work on our bulletin board located outside the gym. My 2nd grade respectful group had their last group session and shared what they have learned from the group. My 2nd grade attendance group worked together as a team while doing the activity stepping stones. The expectations were to be respectful to one another, show leadership

skills and to contribute to the group. Next week I will be in the classrooms focusing on careers.

Don't forget: Join us at the end of the month for our celebration assembly! Your child may be nominated by their teacher for good character.

Tips for Parents: "You have the choice. Mindsets are just beliefs. They're powerful beliefs, but they're just something in your mind. And you can change your mind."

-Carol S. Dweck

Open Enrollment forms are now available in the school office for the 2015-16 school year. These are due by May 1st.