

January 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No School

February 5

District Inservice

No School

Happy New Year

We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable vacation. Please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather. Students are permitted to play in the snow with snow boots and snow pants. Also, as temperatures dip, please remind them to bring hats, scarves, gloves etc. as it gets pretty cold out there.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HAWK OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER!!

PR	Alexandra Bradford
KB	Connor Rogers
KG	Annabelle Hollis
1C	Dayanna Barner
1K	Ethan Burkholder
1R	Mariah Detwiler
2R	Janina Williams
2So	Jahriya Rice
2Sch	Landan White
3S	Tyler Thoeni
3P	Liberty Clark
4R	Meldon Jeik
4S	Hayden Billmeyer
5M	Kaitlyn Brenke
5V	Ian Ostrander

Students continue to work hard to earn Hawk Bucks. You can expect to see a new group of winners for January.

Testing

MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress) will be taking place January 11-29. Students in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade will be taking both a reading and a math test. This test is taken on the computer and is a great tool for showing student growth. DIBBLES Testing will take place Jan. 19th-22nd for students in the lower grades. Please encourage your child to get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, work hard and do their best!

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Food Service Substitutes Needed!

Food and Nutrition Services has employment opportunities available for substitute Food Service workers across the district. High school diploma required. Applications available at:

www.dbqschools.org

Click on careers.

Health News

January—Personal Health/Physical Activity/Hygiene/Healthy Goals
This month's health topic focuses on the importance of keeping the body clean, physically active and healthy.

Free Preschool! Free Preschool! Free Preschool!

Are you interested in registering your child for the 2016-2017 State-Wide Voluntary Preschool Program? Here's the Information you'll need.

- You do not need to attend your home-school for preschool. Preschool does not follow district home-school boundaries. All district preschool classrooms fill on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Use the following link to view all of the sites that offer SWVPP free preschool for fours:
<http://www.dbqschools.org/parents/registration/preschool/>
- **There are just two requirements for this free preschool programming:**
 1. Your child must be four by September 15, 2016. You must provide proof-of-age upon registration, so please **bring a birth-certificate, passport, or a signed immunization record as proof-of-age.**
 2. Your family must reside in the state of Iowa.
- **Dubuque Community School District Elementary Schools will begin accepting preschool registrations beginning Monday, February 1, 2016.**
- Please register at the school office of your choice of elementary schools except for Hoover as Hoover does not offer preschool at this time.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Your child may not attend free preschool for two years.
- Your child may not attend free preschool if they are five on or before September 15, 2016. Make sure that you take advantage of free SWVPP during your child's fourth year!
- **The birthdate range that qualifies for free SWVPP is September 16, 2011 through September 15, 2012. Sometimes this is helpful to have at-the-ready as it gets confusing.**
- Any district preschool slots remaining after August 1, 2016 will be available for tuition-paying five-year-olds. Tuition for the 2015-2016 school year was \$358 per month for Dubuque Community School District classrooms.

*Please be advised that the State Legislature of Iowa may consider proposals that could reduce or eliminate funding for this preschool program at any time.