



February 2019 Eisenhower Express

And Remember Eisenhower...
Be Kids of Good Character and...



School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

Dear Eisenhower Families,

What a crazy winter we are having! I know none of us can control the weather but I want to apologize and thank you for your continued patience and understanding with the many weather related school delays, early releases, and cancellations. Our superintendent puts a priority on student safety so please know that these school schedule changes due to weather are not made lightly. One of these days we'll get a normal, uninterrupted week of school. Right?

Despite the interruptions to our schedules, we still were able to get quite a bit done in January. Students participated in the Hour of Code activities where they learned the basics of coding and what a job in the IT field would look like. Our 2nd and 3rd graders continued to practice for their upcoming concert on February 26th at Roosevelt. Our teachers continued to provide instruction to students centered around the core standards. And almost all students took the FAST winter reading assessment and we'll share those results with you at conferences. On our Friday late starts, our teachers have received additional professional development in the area of Seesaw and you should see some outcomes of that at conferences. We also continued to look more deeply at the core learning standards and ensured that our instruction and assessments for the 2nd trimester are tightly aligned with the concepts we want our students to master.

Speaking of conferences, they are right around the corner. This spring we will offer conferences on Tuesday, February 12 (4:10-7:50 p.m.), Wednesday, February 13 (4:10-8:10 p.m.), and Thursday, February 14 (7:50 a.m.-12:50 p.m.). The online conference scheduling website was again used so you could sign up for a time that worked for your family. You can call the office if you have any questions about your scheduled date/time.

In addition to conferences, this is also the month with Valentine's Day, typically a highlight for elementary students to celebrate friendship and kindness with tier classmates. Please remember that Valentine's Day is not an opportunity to have a popularity contest or to see who can bring in the best cards or treats. We do have a district wellness policy to adhere to but in the spirit of the holiday, as in the past, I am granting special permission if your child wishes to include a SMALL treat with their valentines. If you choose to do this, do so in moderation and know that the treats will be sent home with the cards to be enjoyed at home. Remember that we also have a number of students with food allergies so please be mindful of that and adhere to any special directions you receive from your child's classroom teacher. For everyone, please refrain from sending any cupcakes, cookies, or cakes.

As I mentioned before, this month we have our 2nd and 3rd grade music concert taking place on Tuesday, February 26 at Roosevelt Middle School. Students arrive at 6:00 with parents and the concert begins at 6:30 in the auditorium. We will see all 2nd and 3rd grade students and families there!

One last reminder regarding drop off and pick up times. Students should not arrive to school until 8:15 a.m. We do not have supervision on our playground nor cross walk workers until that time. Thank you for slowing down and driving carefully as you pull through our parking lot. Our drop off area does get congested at times and I thank you for your understanding while our crossing guards attempt to keep traffic moving in and out of the lot. We try very hard to ensure a safe environment and appreciate your cooperation as we welcome your children each morning. Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Sincerely,
Andy Ferguson
Principal

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

During the month of February, the theme of "Protective Behaviors/Keeping Safe," will be discussed in our guidance lessons. Although there are times of disagreement and conflict, students will learn about maintaining positive interactions and working with one another in thoughtful, peaceful ways. *Bullying and harassment* behaviors are defined as being one-sided consisting of repeated and unwanted actions and/or words that intimidate, threaten and harm a targeted individual. We will review and discuss the effects of bullying and harassment on the individual, and then we will work through the steps that can be taken to protect and stop the bullying. *Bullying and harassment* can be in our homes, in our schools, in our work environments, and within the community. Classroom lessons will emphasize the role of bystanders with role-plays of various situations in which students help the person being bullied by intervening and taking the targeted student away to a safer area. Through these efforts, we will be able to assist our students as we continue our efforts to eliminate bullying, and improve the relationships and interactions of our students.

Please feel free to use your time as parents in helping us at Eisenhower create and maintain a positive school climate by providing the necessary support to your son/daughter so that s/he treats others with respect and dignity.

Your efforts make all the difference in the lives of our children. Together, we can make Eisenhower as safe and bully-free as possible.

With much appreciation,

Mrs. Klein

School Nurse News

~Mrs. Erzen

5-4-3-2-1

A Simple Formula for Kids Health

These numbers represent a simple formula that you can use to help your child develop a healthy life style. Each number stands for an aspect of nutrition or of a living life style. Have your child live by these rules daily, and you will be instilling in them a healthy lifestyle that can follow them throughout their lives. AND as an adult, if you would follow these guidelines, you too may see your feelings of health improve over time. So simple to know and so worth the time to implement!

5--5 servings of fruits or vegetables

4--4 eight ounce glasses of water

3--3 servings of a dairy product (low fat preferred)

2--2 hours or less of screen time (this includes tablets, computers, and TV)

1--1 hour or more of physical activity

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We do NOT have a PTO meeting this month due to conferences. Make sure to mark your calendars for our next PTO meeting on

March 11th, at 6:30 in the library. Free childcare will be provided. Every parent/guardian and Eisenhower employee is automatically a part of the PTO and always look forward to new faces! We are busy planning for many events this Spring and we would love your input!

We will be having a Box Top Spirit Day coming up on **February 22nd**! An easy way to help Eisenhower is to ask relatives and friends to save them for you if they don't need them! Every little bit adds up and makes a difference. We will plan to have another collection in the Spring before school is out for the summer, so keep saving them!

Despite Mother Nature working against us, we had a great turnout for our Vertical Jump Night. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it out. Vertical Jump donated over \$1000 back to our school! We hope to be able to do it again in the future!

We have a few events coming up this month that helps support our school. We hope to see you there and thank you for your continuing support!

(Watch for further details in your child's mailbag)

February 19th- Wendy's Night

February 21nd- Splash Bash (This is the LAST one this year!)

February 22nd- Box Tops Collection Spirit Day

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bridget_ott@hotmail.com.

Thank you,

Bridget Ott

PTO President

2019-2020 Open Enrollment application dates

2019-2020 Secondary open enrollment application time frame runs from January 15 to March 1, 2019.

2019-2020 Elementary open enrollment application time frame runs from March 15 to May 1, 2019.

Online application available on the District web page.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 12, 13, 14	SPRING CONFERENCES
FEBRUARY 14	NO SCHOOL - CONFERENCES
FEBRUARY 15	NO SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 18	LEISURE SERVICES BASKETBALL BEGINS WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM
FEBRUARY 20	ADOPT-A-MUSICIAN FOR 4 th GRADE
FEBRUARY 21	NO AFTER SCHOOL ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL PTO SPONSORED SPLASH BASH 4-8 PM
FEBRUARY 22	EISENHOWER CHOIR PERFORMS @ DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS GAME BOX TOP COLLECTION SPIRIT DAY
FEBRUARY 25	STRING FESTIVAL @ HEMPSTEAD 6:30 PM
FEBRUARY 26	2 ND AND 3 RD GRADE CONCERT @ ROOSEVELT
FEBRUARY 27	2 ND TRIMESTER ENDS

FUTURE DATES

MARCH 7	PTO SPONSORED SKATE NIGHT 6-8 PM
MARCH 11	PTO MEETING @ 6:30 PM