



# April 2019 Eisenhower Express

And Remember Eisenhower...  
Be Kids of Good Character and...  
**YOU ARE AWESOME!**



## School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

Hello Eisenhower Families,

Greetings and I hope this finds you all well! April is thankfully upon us and we are in that powerful homestretch of the school year where all of the hard work from this year is paying off. Teachers are busy utilizing that extra 25 minutes at the end of each day to provide re-teaching and extensions of the grade level standards and to make up some of the lost instructional time from the brutal winter that resulted in so many canceled school days. Thank you again for your patience following that revised school-day schedule.

Now that we are back from spring break, it's great to get into a routine and make the best of each and every day. We appreciate that you continue to make school a priority and ensure your student is here every possible day on time and ready to learn. When your child is late or absent, it does affect their learning. Thanks for keeping us informed when illness or special circumstances come up.

Currently we are in the midst of giving our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students the new state assessment, the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). This replaces the previous test, the ITP. There are only 3 or 4 days of testing for this and students are assessed in the areas of Reading, Math, and Language/Writing (and Science for 5<sup>th</sup> grade only). With the testing taking place in the spring window due to state directives, we won't be receiving the results back until the start of the next school year. Upcoming we also have the spring FAST language arts assessment for students in Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade taking place April 25 and 26. This is a brief, 5 minute reading screening that students take three times each year. Following that, spring MAP testing will take place between April 29 and May 17. You will receive results of both of the MAP and FAST assessments at the end of the school year. Please encourage your child to work hard and take these spring assessments seriously, as we use this data to make important educational decisions and it allows us to see the great academic growth they have made this year. It is quite a bit of assessment all taking place within a relatively short period of time but rest assured that good instruction is also taking place and teachers look for opportunities to keep school fun and engaging!

Our Kindergarten Welcome events will take place on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in our gym. Those with last names starting with A-L should attend on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and M-Z should come on the 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have a conflict on your scheduled night, feel free to come on the other evening. If you know of anyone who has not already received information from Eisenhower or the school district and who is living in the Eisenhower district and has a child turning 5 years old on or before September 15, 2019, please encourage them to contact our main office at 563-552-3500. We look forward to welcoming a new incoming kindergarten class!

The last couple of months of school will be busy so keep an eye on our calendar for upcoming events. We will have our annual "book swap" on April 18, sponsored by the Eisenhower PTO. You can send in books to be included in the swap any day from April 12-17.

The PTO is also sponsoring a marker recycling program so if you have any dried out markers at home, you can send them to school instead of sending them to the landfill and we'll be happy to send them in to be recycled. Thanks to the PTO for this green initiative!

Have a great month of April!

Sincerely,

Andy Ferguson, Principal

## School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

This is a very special time of year for us at Eisenhower. Transitions are everywhere as our students are nearing the completion of one grade level and are looking forward to the next in the coming fall. Not only do we see emotional/social effects of these year-to-year changes, but we are also lending our support and comfort to students/parents as needs arise.

Middle School transitioning is also taking place for our fifth grade students. During these new and adventurous times, please continue to stay connected to your son/daughter by providing warmth, love, and attachment even when our growing children pull back away from us and want to do what they believe everyone else is doing.

Feel free to enlist the help of counselors, friends, and others who can assist you and your children through the middle and teenage years. Talk to other parents who have seemingly gone through these times with minimal difficulty. Usually, these parents have remained solid and strong--holding their children close by and knowing at all times where they are and being able to connect with them at a moment's notice.

Eventually, our children will become older and wiser; and someday they will look back on these times with a smile and sense of gratitude. --It may not come until they are much older or when they become parents themselves for the first time--but you will know and they will tell you,

"Thanks Mom. Thanks, Dad--I am glad that I had you when I needed you most."  
-and you will know that everything you did was completely worth everything that it took!

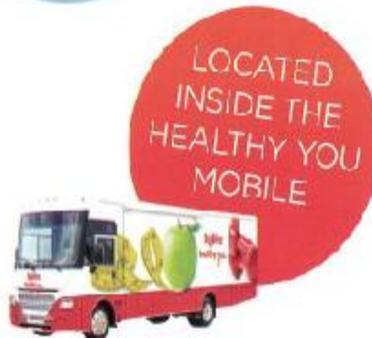
## School Nurse News

~Mrs. Ernzen

HyVee

FREE  
A1C  
TEST

Hemoglobin A1C is a blood test that individuals living with diabetes use to manage their blood glucose levels. Hemoglobin A1C helps provide information about that individual's average levels of blood glucose over a 2-3 month period.



Get a free screen at your local Hy-Vee on the following dates:

- \* April 10th—Dodge St., 3pm—7pm
- \* April 11th—Locust St., 8am—noon
- \* April 11th—Asbury Plaza, 3pm—7pm

Look for the Healthy You Mobile in the parking lot.

- \* No appointment needed.
- \* You don't have to be fasting.

## School Nurse News

~Mrs. Ernzen

### Strep Throat Information and Warning

from Trish Ernzen, RN

March has been a busy month here in the health office. Starting at the beginning of March, we have had many students in with strep throat as well as influenza A. As many of you know, strep throat is caused by a bacterial infection, so if you go to the doctor and have your child checked for strep and it comes back positive, the doctor will prescribe an antibiotic and in 24 hours your child will feel better. (Antibiotics are not effective for viral infections) What you might not know though, is that strep throat will go away on its own even if is not treated, however untreated or under-treated (not taking the medication for the full time it is ordered--either 10 days or until gone) strep throat can **cause very serious complications, such as kidney inflammation or rheumatic fever. Rheumatic fever can lead to painful and inflamed joints, a specific type of rash, or heart valve damage. These complications can end up causing a lifetime of chronic disease.**

Strep throat is most common in children, but it affects people of all ages. Symptoms of strep are:

- Throat pain that usually comes on quickly
- Painful swallowing
- Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus
- Tiny red spots on the area at the back of the roof of the mouth (soft or hard palate)
- Swollen, tender lymph nodes in your neck
- Fever
- Headache
- Rash
- Nausea or vomiting, especially in younger children
- Body aches

Notice that *symptoms for young children is nausea and vomiting. Many times they do not even say their throat is sore*, but if you check it, you will see that it is red. It is also possible to have many of these signs and symptoms, but not have strep throat. The cause of these signs and symptoms could be a viral infection or some other illness. That is generally why your doctor does a throat swab to test specifically for strep throat.

If your child has any of the following signs or symptoms, it is recommended that you check with your doctor:

- A sore throat accompanied by tender, swollen lymph glands
- A sore throat that lasts longer than 48 hours
- A fever
- A sore throat accompanied by a rash
- Problems breathing or swallowing
- If strep has been diagnosed, a lack of improvement after taking antibiotics for 48 hours

If you think your child might have strep throat, it is wise to have them checked by a doctor to be sure to prevent any of these serious complications from occurring. If you are without insurance to cover the cost of an office visit, please contact the health office at school (552-3484). There are funds that will cover a visit for you. Note: It is better to request these funds before the office visit occurs.



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## Happy Spring Eisenhower!

We have so many fun things going on this Spring in the PTO, please consider joining us for our next PTO meeting on **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** in the library at 6:30. Free childcare will be provided. Every parent and Eisenhower employee is a member of the PTO and we greatly appreciate your ideas and input. Our LAST meeting this year will be **May 13<sup>th</sup>** and we will be looking for volunteers to help fill up spots on committees for the next school year! Please consider joining this great team!

**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)

April 8th- PTO Meeting  
April 16th-Wendy's night  
April 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>- Book Swap Collection  
April 18th-Book Swap  
April 26<sup>th</sup>- Eisenhower Movie Night

**Book Swap-** Start saving those old books to bring in to exchange for new ones! The class with the most books donated will receive a class surprise! On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the classrooms will all have a chance to pick out and bring home a few "new" books to enjoy.

**Crayola ColorCycle-** We are excited to tell you about a new program that Eisenhower is coordinating in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – a recycling program devised to turn used markers into energy!

Eisenhower families are encouraged to collect used markers of any kind and brand that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. Please help support our green efforts by sending your child with any used markers you may have around the house. Drop-off boxes are located in each classroom for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating. With your help, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year! We will collect markers to recycle all year long.

Remember, please do not throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

Have you checked out our Facebook Page? If not, please do and tell a friend! We post reminders about many events and updates, and occasionally share pictures of our very own Eisenhower students! Find us on Facebook at- **Eisenhower Elementary PTO - Dubuque, IA**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [bridget\\_ott@hotmail.com](mailto:bridget_ott@hotmail.com).

Thank you,  
Bridget Ott  
PTO President

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 4	SKATE NIGHT 6-8 PM
APRIL 8-12	ISASP TESTING FOR GRADES 3-5
APRIL 8	PTO MEETING 6:30 PM
APRIL 10	ADOPT-A-MUSICIAN
APRIL 12-17	BOOK SWAP COLLECTION
APRIL 15	1 <sup>ST</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP @ UD HERITAGE CENTER
APRIL 16	YOGA ASSEMBLY WENDY'S NIGHT 5-7 PM
APRIL 18	BOOK SWAP
APRIL 19	NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK
APRIL 23	5:30-7 KINDERGARTEN WELCOME EVENT (LAST NAME A-L)
APRIL 25	5:30-7 KINDERGARTEN WELCOME EVENT (LAST NAME M-Z)
APRIL 26	PTO SPONSORED MOVIE NIGHT 6:30-8:30 PM
APRIL 29-MAY 17	MAP TESTING
APRIL 30	1 <sup>ST</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP TO SWISS VALLEY