



June 2019 Eisenhower Express

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Be Kids of Good Character and...
YOU ARE AWESOME!



School Principal News!

~Mr. Ferguson

June 7, 2019

Hello Eisenhower Families and Happy Summer!

I hope this all finds you well and looking forward to a less hectic schedule during the summer months. This is one of the most challenging and odd school schedules I think I can recall with all of the cancellations during the winter, the addition of the 25 minutes at the end of the school day starting back in March, and the additional 5 make-up days added at the end of the year. But we've made the best of it and finished the year strong. One of our Eisenhower school rules we talk about each day is persevering when things get tough and that was one minor challenge that we could overcome with relative ease.

We all hope that you and your child have experienced a successful school year. It is always fun to look back on each child's growth from August to June. And that can't just be judged by a test score or a grade report. We've also witnessed students mature, improve their character, become a better friend, or manage their frustrations in a more appropriate way. All of that goes into what we might define as "success".

This time of year is always a time for transitions and farewells. We wish our 5th grade class all the best in middle school and know they will continue to do great things! We also send farewell wishes to other students who will be transferring to a different school next year, and to staff who will be leaving us. Regarding the movement of staff members, Ms. McCabe is leaving us to go work out in the Western Dubuque School District and Mr. Houselog is shifting to 4th grade here at Eisenhower. We also have two very special retirements. We wish all the best to Mrs. Ernzen, our school nurse, and to Mrs. Klein, our school counselor. They have served Eisenhower well over the years and we thank them for all of their hard work and dedication! You will soon get to know Ms. Alyx Rogan, our new nurse, and Ms. Molly Summer, our new counselor, in the coming school year. We wish all of our students and staff who are leaving us all the best in the future!

As you read this, know that we have completed our annual Fly Up event on this last day of school. If your child is returning to Eisenhower next year in grades 1-5, he/she has met their new teacher for 2019-20 and participated in a short 45-minute activity to get acquainted with new classmates for next year. In an attempt to communicate clearly to you who the new teacher will be, your child should have brought home a postcard sheet of paper with the next year teacher name printed on it. Hopefully this eliminates some of your questions as you try and figure out who your child has for a teacher next year. If you are planning on moving on to another school, please inform the office so we can get records sent to the correct receiving school.

Enclosed with this paperwork is your child's spring MAP and FAST assessment results. The progress report link will be sent to you via email to the address you have supplied in Infinite Campus. Hard copies were only printed if you made a special request to the office to have one printed.

As we look to next year, you will get a mailing from us over the summer with information about completing the online registration process through Infinite Campus as well as information about orientation day conferences. You can look for a mailing with further details by the end of July or you can check out our district website (<http://www.dbgschools.org>). You will receive a call from the school office sometime in late-July letting you know of the specific date that you may begin with online registration. We will also provide onsite assistance to anyone needing it on August 23 during the first day orientation conferences.

I also have to again say thank you to our PTO for their outstanding work and continuous support of Eisenhower! The staff and students appreciate all that you do from funding field trips to purchasing items for our classrooms to planning special events (Back to School Night, Book Fair, Spirit Days, Book Swap, Spring Fling, etc.). We even had the "mud bath" Field Day event to smile about this year!

Thanks for a great school year! It's been an honor partnering with you on behalf of your child(ren). Thank you for being part of the Eisenhower family!

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see many of you next school year!

Andy Ferguson, Principal