



May 2018 Eisenhower Express

Eisenhower, make the world a better place by...
acting responsibly, treating others fairly, showing respect,
and being a good citizen.

And remember Eisenhower, **YOU ARE AWESOME!**



School Principal News!

Mr. Ferguson

Greetings Eisenhower Families,

Here we are at the start of May and looking at the last month of school. It's hard to believe how quickly the year seems to fly by. We recently completed our Kindergarten Welcome Events and look forward to welcoming a new group of 80+ kindergarten students next fall. But we also take the time to note the success and pride of a 5th grade class ready to make the transition to middle school in the fall. It's a time of transitions but we still stay firmly focused on the tasks at hand and look forward to a successful last month of school for everyone.

As we look at the month ahead, we have a full calendar of end-of-year activities that provide some closure to the year and celebrate all of the learning and growth that has taken place. In addition to the field trips and special events, we also look forward to our Eisenhower PTO events, Spring Fling the evening of May 17 and our annual Field Day and school picnic taking place during the day of June 4. Speaking of our PTO, the staff of Eisenhower wish to thank all of you for coordinating our upcoming staff appreciation activities this coming week. We appreciate the kind gestures and special notes that demonstrate your appreciation for a job well done. Eisenhower families are **AWESOME!**

We are wrapping up our last units of study and students recently completed the spring assessments of MAP (grades 2-5) and FAST (all grades). It is nice to see the significant growth that students have made! We also make instructional plans for the upcoming year based on the results. You will receive assessment results on the last day of school along with the final progress report. Those will come home in an envelope with students on the last day of school on June 5.

Speaking of the last day of school, we will again have our "Fly Up" activity the morning of the last day of school. Your child(ren) will go to their new teacher for a short 45 minute activity to meet their 2018-19 teacher and get acquainted with new classmates for next year. In an attempt to communicate clearly to you who the new teacher will be, your child will bring home a postcard on the last day with the next year teacher name printed on it.

As we move forward in the month of May and finally experience some spring weather, I know that evening activities, sports, and events become more prevalent. Please try to keep the importance of school a focal point and help your child finish the year on a strong note. I wish you all a calm and successful end of the school year!

Sincerely,

Andy Ferguson
Principal

School Nurse News!

~Mrs. Erzen

May 13-19 is Food Allergy Awareness Week. At Eisenhower, we have 16 students with serious food allergies that are potentially life threatening and could require the administration of an Epi-Pen. This means chances are good that one of your children knows someone with a severe food allergy. We would like our staff, students and families to know more about food allergies and to understand how serious this condition this can be. Please take a moment to look at these facts to improve your understanding of this serious medical condition. By increasing awareness, we all can encourage respect, promote safety, and improve the quality of life of all those affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis.

FOOD ALLERGY FACTS:

- o Food allergies can be life threatening.
- o They affect up to 15 million Americans--6 million are children – that’s roughly two in every classroom.
- o Nearly 40 percent of these children have already experienced a severe or life-threatening reaction.
- o The number of children with food allergies in the U.S. increased 50 percent between 1997 and 2011, but there is no clear answer as to why.
- o A reaction to food can range from a mild response (such as an itchy mouth) to anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially deadly reaction. Every three minutes, a food allergy reaction sends someone to the emergency room in the U.S.
- o More than 170 foods have been reported to cause allergic reactions. Eight major food allergens – milk, egg, peanut, tree nuts, wheat, soy, fish and crustacean shellfish – are responsible for most of the serious food allergy reactions in the United States. Allergy to sesame is an emerging concern.
- o About a third of kids with food allergies report that they have been bullied specifically because of their allergies.
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SERIOUS ALLERGIC REACTIONS (ANAPHYLAXIS) REQUIRE IMMEDIATE TREATMENT

- Prompt injection of epinephrine (adrenaline) within minutes of the onset of anaphylaxis symptoms is crucial to successfully treating an anaphylactic reaction. A self-injectable epinephrine device is available by prescription.
- Not recognizing the severity of an anaphylactic reaction and treating promptly (i.e., within minutes) with epinephrine is a risk factor for fatalities.

Make a difference in the lives of those living with food allergies by learning about food allergies and anaphylaxis by going to this website: www.foodallergy.org. And next time someone tells you they have a food allergy, be sure to take this seriously because this could be a MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY TAKING TIME TO KNOW AND WEAR TEAL DURING THE WEEK

Facts taken from: <https://www.foodallergy.org/life-with-food-allergies/food-allergy-101/facts-and-statistics>

School Counselor News!

~Mrs. Klein

We are in the month of April all ready and students are learning about the transitions that occur throughout their school years. At this time, our guidance lessons are about all the academic growth that they have had and how much each one of them has changed. We will be discussing and making a collage of this school year and then providing students with the opportunity to reflect upon all the hard work that it has taken for them to be where they are today as they build these all important skills that they will need in their adult lives.

At Eisenhower, we also want to say “thank you” to you for all the love, care and devotion that you provide for them. What a positive difference you make!!!

Wishing you a very enjoyable April,

Mrs. Klein



This school year has flown by! It's hard to believe we are already planning all of our final events of the year, and looking ahead to next year.

Our **LAST meeting this year will be Monday, May 14th in the library at 6:30.** Free childcare will be provided. Every parent and Eisenhower employee is a member of the PTO. It's that time of the year where we will be filling open spots on committees for the next school year. We would love to have some new faces and ideas to help keep Eisenhower AWESOME! Please consider joining this great team and bring a friend or two!

These last few weeks of school will be very busy! Check out these 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)

May 8th - Skate Night *Last one of the year and Eisenhower gets ALL PROCEEDS on this night! Tell your Friends!*

May 14th - PTO Meeting

May 15th - Wendy's night *Last one of the year!*

May 17th - Spring Fling

May 18th - Box Tops/Spirit Day

June 4th - Field Day

Last month's Book Swap was an outstanding success! Each child was able to walk away with at least 2 "new" books! Thank you all so much for your generosity.

Staff Appreciation Week is next week (May 7th-11th) and we have a great week planned to honor all of our amazing staff at Eisenhower. If you are looking for a way to be involved, please check out our sign-up genius for ways to help. Thank you!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4da9a829a6fd0-2018>

Please join us for our annual **Spring Fling on Thursday, May 17th from 5:30-7:30.** We have a fun night of activities planned. Food vendors will be on site for purchase. Help us celebrate the end of another awesome school year at Eisenhower!

Friday, May 18th will be our final Box Tops collection date this year. Please send in all of those Box Tops you have been hoarding all year! **On Friday, everyone is invited to wear their Eisenhower gear/colors and the PTO will be popping delicious popcorn to pass out at lunch!**

NEW EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR EISENHOWER FAMILIES!!

This year we are partnering with Educational Products Inc. to provide Eisenhower families with the opportunity to pre-order your child's school supplies online from the comfort of your home for the 2018/2019 school year! The pre-packaged case of supplies, matching your child's grade's supply list, will be directly delivered to your child's class prior to Student Orientation day in the Fall. Not only will these affordable packs take the stress out of back-to-school shopping, the PTO gets \$1.00 for every pack purchased to go towards PTO funded activities and supplies.

This opportunity is **OPTIONAL** and is not a requirement for your family to participate in.

You can go shop now! Check it out at <https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/> and enter our school code **EIS042**.

A flyer will also be coming home with ordering information. You can also check out the sample pack during the Spring Fling and ask questions!

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 3	4 TH AND 5 TH GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM @ ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL
MAY 4	4 TH GRADERS TO LORAS FOR GO THE DISTANCE DAY 11AM-12:45PM
MAY 8	ELEMENTARY TRACK MEET @ DALZELL FIELD 4:30 SKATE PARTY 6-8 PM
MAY 11	2 ND GRADE-2 DEMUTH/HOCHBERGER-CREATIVE INNOVATIVE CENTER KINDERGARTEN MOTHER'S DAY TEA 10-11 AM 5 STAR AWARDS CEREMONY @ 2:15 PM
MAY 15	DUTRAC PIZZA PARTY FOR DUTRAC WORKERS 12:35-1:15 PM 5-7 PM WENDY'S NIGHT 6:30 PM ORCHESTRA CONCERT AT WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL (STUDENTS ARRIVE @ 5:15)
MAY 17	11-11:30 AM ROOSEVELT SHOW CHOIR/JAZZ BAND TOUR SPRING FLING 5:30-7:30 PM
MAY 18	SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY AND BOX TOPS COLLECTION 1:30-2:30 PM DISTRICT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS @ HOOVER
MAY 30	2 ND GRADE TO SWISS VALLEY 3 RD GRADE DUBUQUE HISTORY-TROLLEYS
MAY 31	4 TH GRADE TO SWISS VALLEY 5 TH GRADE FOUR MOUNDS 9:45-10:45 PRE-K END OF YEAR CELEBRATION 1:45-2:45 PRE-K END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
JUNE 1	KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION 2-2:45 PM 3 RD GRADE TO EB LYONS
JUNE 4	FIELD DAY
JUNE 5	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY 10:30 AM GRADE 5 FLY UP GRADES K-4