



# Tiger Talk



## Mark Your Calendar

- August 24: First Day of school for Kindergarten through 5th, 1:30 early dismissal
- August 30: dental education and screenings
- August 31: 1:30 early dismissal
- September 1: Kindergarten Parent Event, dinner included. 5:00-6:00
- September 7, 14, 21, & 28: 1:30 early dismissal
- September 5: NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
- September 8: First day for pre-school
- September 19-23: Mobile Dental Van
- October 14: School Pictures
- October 26 & 27: Conferences, please sign up now in the office
- October 28: NO SCHOOL, Professional Development Day for teachers

### Des Moines Public School District Mission Statement

The Des Moines Public Schools exist so that graduates possess the knowledge, skills and abilities for success at the next stage of their lives.

Persons with disabilities who need information about accessibility to the building or who need sign or language interpreters, please contact Marsha Kerper at 242-8402.

## A Note From Mrs. Kerper

Hello Families!

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year!

I hope your children are ready to get back in the swing of the daily routine again and are looking forward to school starting. We are excited to have them back.

You will see a few new faces in the building this year. Below is a list of those new staff members:

Angel Carman—3rd Grade

Ashley Dodd—4th Grade

Guy Willey—5th Grade

Jayne Logsdon—Special Education

Courtney Manus— K-2 reading support

Laura Thieben—band

Once again, we will need your help in adhering to our daily schedule. It is very important that children do not arrive early. There is very limited supervision before school. The doors open at 8:00. Children will go straight to their classrooms for breakfast. Each day the classes will start out with breakfast together. What a great way to build a community of learners. If your child is tardy they may not receive a breakfast.

Please pay close attention to all the important items in the following pages. If you could not make it to Open House, please stop in at the office to sign up for a fall parent/teacher conference time. Throughout the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for all the things you do to support your children as they start a new year. May it be a happy and successful one for all of us.

**Don't Forget to like us on Facebook at Capitol View—Des Moines.**



Sincerely,

Marsha Kerper, Principal

### At Capitol View we are SAFE, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE

The Des Moines Public Schools prohibits discrimination based on age, race, creed, color, sex, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability in educational and employment programs and activities. The district prohibits acts of intolerance or any form of harassment toward employees or students. For information regarding procedures for discrimination complaints, contact the District Compliance Officer who is also the Title IX and 504 Coordinator, Des Moines Public Schools, 901 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, (515) 242-7781.

**Metro Kids Child Care Available**

Before and after school child care is available for Capitol View students. The weekly fees are listed below.

Morning Care (opens at 6:30 AM)	\$56
Afternoon Care (closes at 5:45)	\$63
Morning and Afternoon Care	\$77
Before school and early out Wednesdays	\$67
Just early out Wednesdays	\$25
Registration Fee	\$30

In addition, full day regional day care is available during school breaks. Call 242-7951 for more information. **Financial assistance through the Department of Human Services may be available to those who qualify. Call Stacey Robles at apitol View (242-8402) for more information.**

**School Pictures**

School pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 14th. Please watch for a packet to come home. You must send money on picture day if you wish to buy pictures.



**Capitol View Daily Schedule**

8:00	Doors open. Students may go to classrooms. Breakfast
8:15	Tardy bell rings. Classes begin.
3:00	School is dismissed.

**Lunch / Recess Schedule**

Grade	Lunch	Recess
2	11:00	11:20-11:40
3	11:15	11:35-11:55
5	11:30	11:50-12:10
4	11:45	12:05-12:25
1	12:00	12:20-12:40
K	12:15	12:35-12:55

**PE SHOES**

In order to be safe, all students need appropriate shoes for PE days. Please be certain to send your child to school in athletic shoes on gym days.



**Cell Phones**

According to district policy, elementary students are not to have cell phones at school. This includes working and nonworking cell phones. If you feel your child needs a phone for the route to and from school they should not be removed from the backpack while on school property. The school is not responsible for damage or loss. If you have questions or concerns about this please contact Mrs. Kerper or Mr. Sharkey at 242-8402.

**Appropriate attire**

In an effort to provide a learning environment free from unnecessary distraction, all clothes should be worn in the way they were meant to be worn. All shirts should cover the midriff area. Undergarments should not be visible. No hats, including bandanas, may be worn. All logos and print should be appropriate for elementary children. If attire presents a distraction or disruption to the learning environment, the principal or dean may meet with the child to solve the problem and may contact the parent. Please help your child in deciding on suitable clothing to wear to school.



**Telephone Messages**

Capitol View school is able to send computer-generated phone calls to every student's home. Most of you are familiar with this from past years. In order to save paper and printing costs we will be using this process frequently for school reminders and emergencies. Please contact the school office if you are not receiving these calls. Also please keep us updated of any phone number changes.

In addition, please remember to leave messages on our answering machine regarding student absences. You may leave messages any time of the day. If you can leave messages before 7:45 a.m. it helps to cut down on the morning busyness in the office.

## Traffic Guidelines for Arrival and Dismissal

All students should be arriving between 8:00 and 8:10 for breakfast in the classroom. It is normal for there to be a little traffic congestion during arrival and dismissal at elementary schools. We appreciate your patience and everything you can do to follow our guidelines so that we are ensuring safety for all. Below are the established procedures we would like you to follow. Thanks again for your cooperation.



- **Our bus lane off E. Walnut is for buses and daycare vans only.**
- Please use our main entrance off of E. 16th St. for loading and unloading your students. This section is a ONE WAY with ONE LANE to ensure we are not blocking the parking spots for those needing to enter the building. **HOWEVER, YOU MAY NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR** or park for long periods of time unless you are in a parking spot.
- You may also use the parking spots on Capitol to drop off your child.
- If you plan to enter the building around dismissal or arrival time you will need to park in the parking areas on the east or north side of Capitol View or on the street. I know that many of you like to greet your child at the door, but if your cars are parked out front you are preventing the traffic from flowing smoothly. We will bring your children out to you.
- It is best to have your children meet you outside after school. The kindergarten teachers dismiss from their outside classroom doors near the north east corner of our building. Our 1st and 2nd graders are dismissed out of our south doors on the front (east side) of our building and our 3rd-5th graders dismiss out of our main door on the east side.
- Always be mindful of other parents and drivers when picking up your students. Please allow for at least 15 minutes as it can get congested when almost 600 students are arriving and dismissing. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.
- It can be very helpful to have a spot that your child knows you will be when picking up after school.
- Please be respectful of the Capitol View neighbors and do not park in, or block, their driveways.
- School doors open at 8:00 in the morning and school dismisses at 3:00. Please do not come before 2:50 unless you are parking in the lot.
- Thank you for your cooperation and patience which will help us keep our children safe.



Is your child responsible? Are you up to date on school events? The monthly newsletters are packed with important information. Please watch for them around the first of every month.

Ask your child for it. If you do not get a copy, contact your child's teacher or the school office.

They are also available on our school website at <http://capitolview.dmschools.org/>

If you have read this, thank you very much for showing interest in school activities. If your child brings you the newsletters every month, thank him/her for being a responsible child! If you have read this newsletter, please sign this sheet and return this bottom portion to school by Wednesday, August 31st. Your child will then be entered in a drawing for a prize.

Names of all children in the family at Capitol View:

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you have more than one child at Capitol View, each of your children will get a prize if your paper is drawn.

## Birthday Treats

You are welcome to send treats for your child's birthday. However, please attend to the following guidelines:

- Home baked goods are not allowed. Items must be store bought and individually packaged items are highly preferred. Perhaps your child would be just as happy with fruit snacks or another treat as opposed to cupcakes which can be very messy.
- Extra items will not be sent home on buses unless they are individually wrapped and easy to transport.
- Please make arrangements with the teacher ahead of time if you are going to be sending items.
- Consider non-food treats such as pencils or stickers.

### 2016-2017 School Year

#### PATRON NOTIFICATION

##### Between District Open Enrollment

##### Iowa Administrative Code 281-17.3(2)

Parents/Guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their children in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

##### DEADLINES:

March 1, 2017 is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2017-2018 school year.

September 1, 2017 is the last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students and those students falling under the "good cause" definition for the 2017-2018 school year. To insure that the transfer of individual students does not adversely affect the diversity plan of the District, certain limitations to open enrollment have been established. **Parents of kindergarten students are therefore encouraged to make application requests prior to March 1, 2017.**

##### APPEALS:

Within 30 days of a denial of an open enrollment request by the DMPS Board of Education, a parent/guardian may file an appeal with the state board of education only if the open enrollment request was based on repeated acts of harassment or a serious health condition of the student that the district cannot adequately address. All other denials must be appealed to the district court in Polk County.

##### ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY:

In most cases, a high school student who open enrolls is ineligible for **varsity** athletic competition during the student's first 90 consecutive school days of enrollment in the receiving district. Some, but not all, exceptions to this general rule of ineligibility are as follows:

The sending district does not offer the sport in question.

The sending district was dissolved and merged with one or more other districts.

The sending district whole-grade shares with another district for the student's grade level.

##### TRANSPORTATION:

Parents/Guardians of students open enrolled from another school district are eligible for transportation assistance if the household income of the parent/guardian is at or below the federal poverty guidelines for household size. The two districts must be contiguous. Assistance may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a cash stipend. Information regarding transportation eligibility and a complete copy of the District's open enrollment policy and procedures may be obtained from the Open Enrollment Office, 1301 Second Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50314