



# Tiger Talk



## Mark Your Calendar

- July 18: First Day of school for Kindergarten through 5th, 1:30 early dismissal
- July 24 and 31: 1:30 early dismissal
- July 29: First day for pre-school
- August 7, 14, 21, 28: 1:30 early dismissal
- August 8: School Pictures
- August 21 and 28: Parent/Teacher conferences 2:00-8:00. Sign up now in the office!
- August 30: Holiday, no school

### 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 242-8420.

## A Note From Mrs. Kerper

Hello Families!

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year! My name is Marsha Kerper and I am the new principal at Capitol View. Prior to coming here I was the principal at Madison Elementary for ten years. I am so excited to be here. It has been fun spending the last few weeks in this beautiful building preparing for the school year, but the real fun is getting to meet you and your wonderful children. Please take time to check in with me and say hello any time you get a chance. It will take me a while to get to know names, but hopefully they will sink in soon.

I hope your children are ready to get back in the swing of the daily routine again and are looking forward to school starting. The excitement of a new school year is always energizing for me and I hope they feel the same way.

I 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 7:40 for those that are eating breakfast. If your children are not eating breakfast at school, they should not arrive until 8:05. Sending children to school early when we have limited supervision available often causes a rough start to the day. If you need before or after school childcare please call the Metro Kids office at 242-7951.

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 little 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.

Sincerely,



Marsha Kerper, Principal

At Capitol View we are **SAFE, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE!**

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**Metro Kids Child Care Available**

Before and after school child care is available for Capitol View students. There is a \$25 registration fee. The weekly fees are listed below.

- Morning Care (opens at 6:30 AM) \$52
- Afternoon Care (closes at 5:45) \$60
- Morning and Afternoon Care \$74
- Before school and early out Wednesdays \$63
- Just early out Wednesdays \$22

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.

**School Pictures**

School pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 8th. Please watch for a packet to come home. You must send money on this day if you wish to buy pictures.



**Capitol View Daily Schedule**

7:40	Students may enter for breakfast.
8:05	Passing bell rings. Students may go to classrooms.
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
4	11:15	11:35-11:55
1	11:30	11:50-12:10
5	11:45	12:05-12:25
3	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.



**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 craziness in the office.



**Cell Phones**

According to district policy, elementary students are not to have cell phones at school. This includes working and non-working cell phones. If you have questions or concerns about this please contact Mrs. Kerper 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.



## Traffic Guidelines for Dismissal Time

- 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.



- **Our bus lane off E. Walnut is for buses and daycare vans only.**

- If you plan to enter the building around dismissal time you will need to park in the parking lots on the east or north side of Capitol View. 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. Our 1st and 2nd graders are dismissed out of our southeast doors 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 dismissing almost 600 students. 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 dismisses at 3:00. Please do not come before 2:50 unless you are parking in the lot.



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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. 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 Thursday, July 25th. Your child will then be entered in a drawing for a prize.

Names of all children in the family at Capitol View:

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.