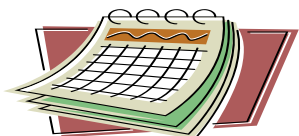




# Tiger Talk

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September/October 2013



## Mark Your Calendar

- Sept 2: No School, Labor Day
- Sept 3: First Day of Family Sign Class, 5:30-7:00 P.M.
- Sept 10, 17: Family Sign Class, 5:30-7:00 P.M.
- Sept 12-13: Hearing screening for kdg, 1st, 2nd, and 5th graders
- Sept 13: Picture retakes
- Sept 23-Oct 11: No school, Fall break
- Oct 15, 22, 29: Family Sign Class, 5:30-7:00 P.M.
- Oct. 22, 29: 4th and 5th grade sign club, 4:00-5:00
- Oct 21-25: Red Ribbon Week, Say NO to drugs!
- Oct 24: Fall Parties, 2:20-2:50 (kindergarten 1:30-2:00)
- Oct 25: No School, Teacher Professional Development Day

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## A Note From Mrs. Kerper

Dear Families,

I can't believe we have been in session for six and a half weeks already! It still seems like just yesterday that I moved into my office here. However, I have met many wonderful children and parents in that time and look forward to getting to know everyone even better.

Parent/Teacher conferences were held on August 21st and 28th. Your attendance is an essential part of your child's school success. This is an important time to talk with your child's teacher about goals for the year and to plan how school and home can work together to help your child make great progress. Education is a team effort. If you did not attend conferences, please contact your child's teacher now to reschedule. It is important to your child.

Hopefully your child has a plan that he/she follows EVERY day regarding how to get home. It is helpful to your child and to us if there is a set routine. We understand that on some rare occasions there is an **emergency** or plans need to be changed, but we cannot relay messages on a regular basis. Are you aware that we interrupt classes toward the end of every day to announce for about ten children to come to the office for a message regarding what to do after school. Please make these plans with your child before they come to school and help us to keep instructional time free from distractions. **Also, please sign children out early only in cases of emergency.** Phone calls to classrooms, announcements, and students leaving early can be highly disruptive. In addition, your child will miss a lot of information by leaving just 10 or 15 minutes early. Please help us to protect instructional time.

I hope your child has settled into the new school year and is enjoying his/her teachers, classmates and learning. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Enjoy the upcoming fall break and beautiful fall weather with your children.

Sincerely,

Marsha Kerper, Principal



**Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Responsible**



**Morning Procedures**

Thank you so much for your help with the morning routines. There is not a lot of supervision available before school and we do not want students arriving early unless they are eating breakfast. Students should arrive between 7:40 and 8:00 if they are eating breakfast. If not, they should not arrive or enter the building until 8:05. All students that arrive before 8:00 will be sent to the lunchroom for breakfast. While we have made great progress, there are still children waiting outside far before 8:05. This often results in problems and certainly will not be good when the weather turns cold. We appreciate your help with this. Please contact Mrs. Kerper or Mr. Burnett if you have any questions.



**Parents!**

**We Need You!**

Parental involvement is essential in a child's success! Be an active contributor to your student's academic growth by joining the Parent/Teacher Organization being formed right now! We need

your input and involvement. Please contact Heather Ryan for details and to express your interest at [Heather.Ryan@RyanTalent.com](mailto:Heather.Ryan@RyanTalent.com) or 515-974-6779.

**Welcome Visitors**

You are always welcome to visit the building, but for the safety of everyone, we ask that you check in at the office first. When you sign in you will be given a visitor badge to wear. This badge lets all staff members and students know that you have checked in at the office. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**Bikes on School Property**

Just a reminder that bikes, scooters, rollerblades, and other similar items are not allowed on school property during the school day. This includes older siblings who come to pick up young children. It is just not safe with all of the young children outside and the high traffic volume. Thank you for your understanding.

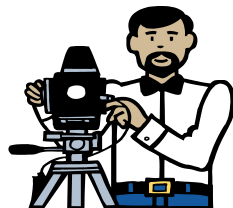


**Bus Riders**

Anytime your child will not be riding the bus after school, PLEASE notify the office with a note or a phone call. This helps us insure the safety of your child and keeps us from unnecessarily holding up the buses and making them late for their routes.

**School Picture Retake Day — September 13th**

If your child was absent on Picture Day or you were not able to purchase pictures at that time, there will be another opportunity on September 13th. Check with the office to get a new packet. Also, if you were dissatisfied with your pictures, send them back on this day and retakes will be taken for free. Call the office if you have any questions.



**21st Century After School Program**

We will have two sessions of our programming. Feel free to contact

[robert.burnett@dmschools.org](mailto:robert.burnett@dmschools.org) with questions.

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
3-5 pm**

**Session 1 – October 14th – December 19th  
Session 2 - January 13th – March 4th**

**Emergency Information**

It is extremely important that you keep the school updated with your current contact information. We must always have current phone numbers and be able to reach you in the event of an emergency. Please contact the school any time you have a change of address, change of work or home phone number or a change in the people listed who have permission to pick up your child. Thank you.

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



# Red Ribbon Week 2013



## I Choose to be Drug Free!

### October 21st – 25th

Capitol View Elementary School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 21st through October 25th. Students are encouraged to participate in the activities and show that they “Choose to Be Drug Free” and make good choices!

**Wednesday, October 23rd: Red Day!** Students should wear as much red as they can to show their support of Red Ribbon Week and their decision to not use drugs.

**Thursday, October 24th: “My future is bright, with no drugs in sight!”** Students wear the brightest, fluorescent clothes they can find to symbolize a bright and successful future when you stay away from drugs.



## Fall Parties

Capitol View will be celebrating the beginning of a great school year and the formation of new friendships with Fall parties. The parties will be held on Thursday, October 24th at 2:20. Kindergarten parties will occur from 1:30-2:00. Students will NOT wear costumes. If you would like to help, please contact your child’s teacher. If you are sending treats for the party, be certain to follow district guidelines. Homemade treats are not allowed. Items must be store-bought and individually wrapped items are preferred. Please be aware of peanut allergies when selecting treats.

## Boxtops

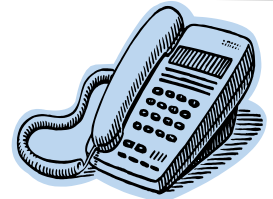
We are collecting Box-tops for Education through General Mills. To check for participating products visit [box-tops4education.com](http://box-tops4education.com).



We have the opportunity to earn hundreds of dollars for our school through this easy program. Just ask your friends and relatives to save them and send them to school. We will keep you posted on how much we earn.

## Please Call Us!

Don’t forget to call in and let us know whenever your child is absent. Our answering machine is now working! You can call anytime and leave the information on our voicemail. In fact, it is best if you call before 7:30 A.M. and leave a message. Leave your name and relation to child, your child’s name, teacher, and reason for absence. This saves us lots of time calling parents. It also can help prevent you from having future problems with our attendance committee due to lack of reporting your child’s absences. In addition, **remember to ask for a note from the doctor** anytime your child is at an appointment and send these to the nurse. Thank you for your help.



If your child gave you this newsletter, and you have read it from front to back, please fill out this small form and return it to the classroom teacher or the office by Thursday, September 5th. He/She will be entered in a drawing for a free prize.

List names and grade levels of all family members that attend Capitol View:

Signature of parent reading the newsletter \_\_\_\_\_