



Tiger Talk

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December 2013 / January 2014



Mark Your Calendar

- Dec. 2: No After School Programming (Teacher Planning Meeting)
- Dec. 3: 4th and 5th Grade Sign Club, 3:00-4:00
- Dec. 10: 4th-5th Grade Music Concert , 4:45. No After School Programming
- Dec 17: 2nd-3rd Grade Music Concert 4:45, No After School Programming
- Dec 19-20: No After School Programming (Right before our Holiday Break)
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 1: winter break, no school
- Jan. 2: Classes resume
- Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school
- Jan 21, 28: 2nd and 3rd grade Sign Club, 3:00-4:00
- Jan. 28: Family Sign Class, 5:30-7:00

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A Note From Mrs. Kerper

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that our school year is almost half over already! There is still so much to do! Your child may have told you that we have been talking about attendance a lot lately. Good attendance is so important to school achievement. We monitor it daily and post it. In fact our best attendance rate this year has been 97.8 percent of the students here and the lowest number of tardies so far has been 12. Those numbers are great, but we don't get close to them very often. If the students beat these numbers we will have a school-wide reward. While we know we cannot be perfect and students need to stay home when they are ill, we have a lot of room for improvement. Only 5% of our students have been at school every day so far this school year. That is a terribly low number this early in the year. Please help your child. Good attendance at school is a predictor of success in the workplace as an adult and we want all of our kids to be successful!

The holidays can be an exciting time for all of us, but it can also be a stressful time. Remember that children need rest and routines. Please do all that you can to keep things as regular as possible for your children during this busy time of year. Stay consistent with homework routines, bed times, and behavior expectations. It will help your children get the most out of the learning time before break. There will be plenty of opportunities to stay up late and celebrate over the vacation time. 😊

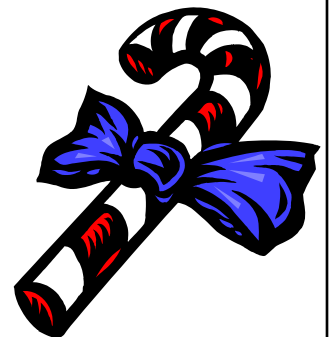
Due to the winter break I usually combine the December and January newsletters. Therefore, another one will not be coming until the first of February.

Plan some fun activities to enjoy over the winter break with your children. If they do not have a library card, please consider going to the public library to get one. All you need is a photo ID and proof of address, such as a piece of mail.

As always, if at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marsha Kerper, Principal



Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Responsible

Author Visit

Children’s author, Greg Tang came to Capitol View Monday, November 25th! All students met with him and enjoyed a day of math and fun. About 15 families signed up to attend the parent workshop in the evening. All left with great ideas and free gifts! Thank you for coming to support your child’s education.



Your child can go to gregtang.com to play great math games.

Teacher Gifts

Often families choose to give gifts to their children’s teachers for the holidays. While we appreciate the kindness, this is completely unnecessary. We would like to suggest that anyone interested in giving a gift consider making a donation to the classroom instead. Teachers appreciate items such as books, indoor recess games, or Clorox wipes, and students benefit as well.

Food Drive

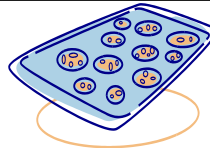
The 5th Grade Girl’s Club would like to thank all who donated to the food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Iowa. We collected over 380 items!

Crayola ColorCycle - Turn Crayola Markers Into Energy!



Capitol View and other schools all across the country are working together with the Crayola company to protect the environment. Crayola has launched a program called Crayola ColorCycle. Through this initiative, students can collect used markers and send them to a conversion facility where they will be transformed into clean-burning fuel. Students may bring any brand of old markers to school to be recycled and turned into fuel. Visit the following website to learn more information. <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>

Cookie Dough



Thank you to everyone that participated in the fundraiser and sold cookie dough. We earned over \$3000 for our school! Please plan on picking up your items on Monday, December 9th from 2:00-5:00. Thank you for your help. The top seller was Zazetta Rankins who sold 29 items! Brenden Barnes, Juan Calderon, and Caleb Fields sold 19 items each. Wyatt Close sold 18 items. Great job!

Perfect Attendance So Far!

Congratulations to the following students who have been with us since July 18th (the first day of school) and have had perfect attendance. That means they have managed to stay healthy and that they are motivated to be here every day and be on time. They understand that a good education is the key to success in life and a good education starts with being here every day.



Kindergarten

- Miguel Chavez-Martinez
- Belinda Contreras-Medina
- Lillian James
- Kimberly Lerma-Escobedo
- Ariel Vargas

Second Grade

- Carolina Garcia-Bibian
- Truc Luong
- Lilliana Thomas

4th Grade

- Daisy Campos
- Karen Murillo
- Liliana Murillo
- Shyanne Williams

First Grade

- Alina Aguilar-Chavez
- Trino Flores-Benitez
- Jose Garcia-Bibian
- LaKesha Gines

Third Grade

- Celeste Colin
- Nayeli Fierro Mendez
- Esteban Garcia
- David Jordan
- Shawnneice Jordan
- Allison Sigaran-Serpas

Fifth Grade

- David Doan
- Giselle Flores-Benitez
- Liliona Jordan

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.

**2014-2015 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, 2014 is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2014-2015 school year.

September 1, 2014 is the last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students and those students falling under the "good cause" definition for the 2014-2015 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, 2014.**

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

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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 Wednesday, December 4th. 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 _____