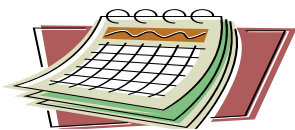




# Tiger Talk

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## Mark Your Calendar

- Dec. 2: Music Concerts, 5th grade - 5:15, 4th grade - 6:15
- Dec. 8: No 21st Century After School Programming (Teacher Meeting)
- Dec 9: 2nd-Music Concerts, 3rd – 5:15, 2nd - 6:15
- Dec. 10: Fundraiser Cookie Dough pick up, 1:30-5:00 PM
- Dec. 17: 4th grade biography showcase, 12:45-1:20
- Dec. 18: 21st Century Open House, 3:30-5:00
- Dec. 19: 1st grade Reader's Theater event, 2:00-3:00
- Dec. 19: No After School 21st Century Programming (Right before our Holiday Break)
- Dec. 22 - Jan. 2: winter break, no school
- Jan. 5: Classes resume
- Jan. 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school

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## A Note From Mrs. Kerper

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families. I am so thankful to work with all the wonderful students and teachers at Capitol View. I am also very thankful for our friends with the Des Moines Rotary who organized the amazing coat project for our school. It is nice to see your children enjoying their new coats.

I also hope your children are focused for three more weeks of hard work and learning before the winter break. A lot can be accomplished in three weeks.

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, the next one will not be coming until the first of February.

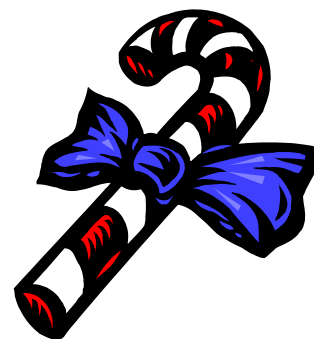
Plan some fun activities to enjoy over the winter break with your children. If they do not have a library card, please consider going to the public library to get one. All you need is a photo ID and proof of address, such as a piece of mail. Also, make sure they keep reading and practicing math facts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

I will be meeting with teachers in the next week or two to plan some events for parents and students. If you have any ideas please feel free to send me an email at [Marsha.Kerper@dmschools.org](mailto:Marsha.Kerper@dmschools.org) or drop a note by the office.

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

Sincerely,

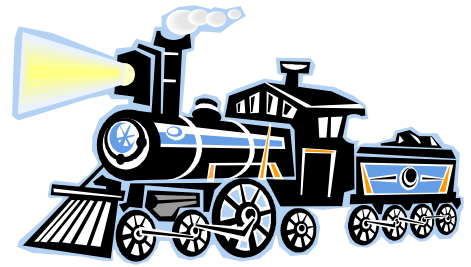
Marsha Kerper, Principal



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

### Trains, Trains, Trains

The train tracks near Capitol View are very busy. Many days staff members and students have difficulty arriving at school on time due to a slow or stopped train. While I know we need to allow extra time in the mornings for trains or other interruptions, we should not be expected to plan for regular, extended delays. I have been communicating with the Department of Transportation about this issue. If you are ever stopped by the train that crosses Hubbell and Dean for more than ten minutes you may call 1-800-848-8715 to express your concern. Keep this number in your car. You may also share this number with others living in the area.



### 21st Century After School Program

Mark your calendars! Celebrate with us the end of the first session of 21st Century on Thursday, December 18 from 3:30-5:00pm. Come and see what your students have been working on this fall and attend a magic show and enjoy light refreshments.

### 4th Grade Biography Showcase

Parents are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 17th from 12:45-1:20 as 4th grade students present their biography research projects. Students have been researching and writing biographies about famous people. Now is the time for them to share their hard work. Some of them will be playing the role and dressing as the famous person they have studied.

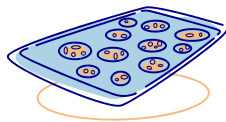


### Teacher Gifts

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. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



### Cookie Dough



Thank you to everyone that participated in the fundraiser and sold cookie dough. We earned almost \$3000 for our school! **Please plan on picking up your items on Wednesday, December 10th from 1:30-5:00.** Thank you for your help. The top seller was Gabi Hawkins who sold 25 items! Great job!

### Traffic Concerns

We have had complaints from neighbors that cars are blocking 16th Street and Capitol Avenue in the morning and at dismissal. Please remember that you cannot sit in the street and block the traffic. If the line in the circle drive is not moving please circle around the block so you do not cause traffic to back up in the street. We do not recommend you coming before the bell rings to enter at 8:00 or before the dismissal bell at 3:00. Thank you.



### Music Programs

See the calendar on the front page for dates and times of our 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade music programs.



### First Grade Reader's Theater

On December 19th all 1st grade parents are invited to visit your child's classroom from 2:00-3:00. Students will show off their reading skills and create a special gingerbread treat! We hope to see you there. No RSVP required. Watch for a note coming home the week December 8th.



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.

## 2015-2016 School Calendar



Just a reminder that Capitol View, and the other two Des Moines Schools that are on the continuous calendar, will be moving to the traditional calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. This is the calendar that most other schools in the area follow. We will begin school in late August rather than mid July. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Kerper. Thanks you for your flexibility and patience as we make this transition.

## PBIS Corner

Capitol View is supporting good attendance at school by encouraging classrooms to earn Tiger Paws for the entire class being in school all day. Encourage your children to be in school from 8:15-3:00 every day, so they can help their class earn Tiger Paws. Check out the progress on the graph in the display window in the front hall.



### Volunteers Welcome!

Come and work with other parents to help prepare materials for classrooms such as laminating, cutting out materials, running off worksheets, and other creative items teachers might need help with. Work with children with their vocabulary words, listen to them read a story, and help build basic math facts.

## Perfect Attendance So Far!

Congratulations to the following students who have been with us since 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. Last year at this time we had only 23 students with perfect attendance at this point. We have almost tripled that! What a big improvement!

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Abigal Deras Jimenez	Miguel Chavez Martinez	Karla Contreras Guzman	Joselyne Alas	Joes Ceballos Rivas	Ghaith Abdulmahdi
Christian Guerra Cabellero	Diane Do	David Do	Viridiana Atilano	Alexander Luna Saavedra	Shyala Broadus
Jimema Garcia Santoyo	Job Velazco Garcia	Bryan Dominquez Atilano	Angel Cano Pacheco	Gabriela Salgado	Jefferson Grijalva Castellanos
Oscar Orellan Rosas	Baye Worge	Kcayda Viphongxia	Eric Chavez	Donovan Sikhham	Trevor Mefferd
Orlando Correa Paz	Brianna Dawson	Rebecca Worge	Shane Genochio	Jala Worge	Wilfrido Morales Rivas
Makenzi Duncan	Anthony Genochio	Lakeshia Gines	Carlos Guerra Cabellero	Nayeli Fierro Mendez	Shyanne Williams
	Lillian James		Lillian Thomas	Malaki Gines	Israel Meraz
	Valeria Lopez Osorio		Daniela Aguillon	Ubah Noor	Ares DeAvila Rosales
	Anthony Rodriguez		Allison Nguyen	London Palmer	Giovanny Meza Arias
	Andrea Gonzalez Sanchez		Aric Robinson	Daniel Quintero	
	Noah Nguyen		Eduardo Ceballos Rivas	Samuel Rodriguez	
	Maria Bernadino		Carolina Garcia Bibian	Jerry Johnson	
	Angel Cano Sotelo		Mindy Luong		
	Zakariya Noor		Jesus Ordaz Landeros		
			Diego Correa Paz		



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 Friday, December 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2015-2016 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, 2015 is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2015-2016 school year.

September 1, 2015 is the last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students and those students falling under the "good cause" definition for the 2015-2016 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, 2015.**

#### 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

## Capitol View School Boundaries are Changing

In order to better serve our students and meet the needs of our schools, Des Moines Public Schools adopted new **attendance** areas for our elementary schools. These changes were unanimously approved by the School Board on May 6, 2014. The most significant and positive result in almost every case is that the attendance areas of our elementary, middle and high schools will now better align, creating a more consistent "feeder system" throughout the district. **You can view the new boundaries at <http://www.dmschools.org/elementary-school-attendance-areas/attendance-area-map/>**

What does this mean for elementary education in Des Moines? Several good things:

- More neighborhood students will be able to attend their neighborhood school
- Enrollment will be better balanced between our school buildings
- Our school buildings will be better utilized
- Elementary schools will be more aligned with our secondary schools

Out of 15,500 elementary students in Des Moines, approximately 8% could be impacted by these proposed changes. However, most will have the option to "grandfather" this change, making the actual number much less.

**These changes go into effect for the 2015-16 school year and will affect incoming kindergarten students. Students that are already attending a school have the option to remain in the school under the "grandfathering clause."**

**If you have any questions after you look at the link listed above, please stop in the office and we can assist you in determining if this impacts you.**