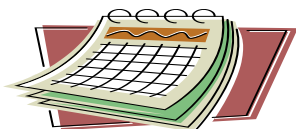




# Tiger Talk

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### Mark Your Calendar

- Dec. 3, 10: 4th and 5th Grade Sign Club, 3:00-4:00
- Dec. 7: No After School Programming (Teacher Planning Meeting)
- Dec. 7 & 14: Mobile dental van will be here
- Dec. 9: Fundraiser pick up from 1:30-5:00pm
- Dec. 15: 4th-5th Grade Music Concert at Hiatt, 6:30pm.
- Dec. 21 & 22: No After School Programming (Right before our Holiday Break)
- Dec. 21: 2nd grade gingerbread parent event, 2:05-2:50 pm.
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 1: winter break, no school
- Jan. 4: Classes resume, am tutoring resumes
- Jan. 5: 21st Century Resumes, pm tutoring resumes
- Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school
- Jan. 21 & 28: 2nd and 3rd grade Sign Club, 3:00-4:00
- Jan. 29: 4th Grade Art Center trip

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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. The district goal is to be at 97% attendance. We have made that goal for the months of September and October but November has been a struggle. Please help us get back on track. We really need your students here every day unless they are ill.

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 also hope your children are focused for three and a half more weeks of hard work and learning before the winter break. A lot can be accomplished before December 23rd.

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.

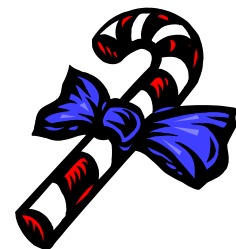
Due to the winter break we usually combine the December and January newsletters. Therefore, the next one will not be coming until the first of February.

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.

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**

### Mobile Dental Van

The mobile dental van workers were unable to complete sealants/dental work on our students at the end of September because of electrical issues with the vans. They are returning **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** to complete our students. Please contact our nurse with any questions.



### 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.

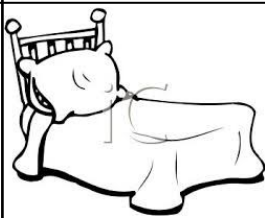
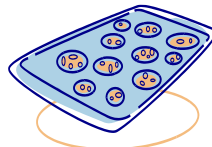
### Crayola ColorCycle - Turn Crayola Markers Into Energy!



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. Please plan on picking up your items on Wednesday, December 9th from 2:00-5:00. Thank you for your help. The top seller was Gabriella Hawkins who sold 23 items! Great job!



### Warm Blankets

We have received a donation of many nice, gently used blankets. If your family could benefit from a few extra warm and cozy blankets in your home, please contact Christi Dougan at school.

### Helping Your Child Learn

How can you help prepare your child for a 21st century work place? As adults we need to be life long learners.

**Talk about your own learning with your children.** Discuss with your student how you plan, solve problems and think about the future on a daily basis. Tell them what you are currently learning and share the message that learning is important at all ages.

Tis' the season to be jolly. The halls are decked and the children are "pumped!"



Parents, prepare yourselves for "THE" musical event of the year. Tuesday night, December 15, 6:30pm in the Hiatt Middle School Auditorium, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will present, "Rockin' Jingle Bells! A holiday musical extravaganza". If you have children in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade, please bring your child to be a part of this great event. Students will be asked to be at Hiatt by 6:15pm to start the show promptly at 6:30pm. There is no specific dress code for the evening. Students may come looking nicely so you can take pictures. *-Mr. Tate, music*

### PBIS Corner:

School wide we are teaching and practicing social skills daily. Please ask your students the steps for following directions, making the choice to listen to teacher, and how to get along with peers. Encourage your students to practice social skills at home and in the community. Tiger Ticket Window has been updated with lots of new prizes and we have 6 students who are drawn every Friday. Let your students tell you how they earn Tiger Tickets. We also have a PBIS challenge happening where students will be dressing up their teacher when they reach the goal.

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.

## Dog for the Deaf

The students in the Deaf Ed classrooms at Capitol View Elementary had a special visitor on Monday, November 16, 2015. Chevy, a trained Dog for the Deaf, and his owner Jacob Walker, came to demonstrate to the students the benefits of a dog with Chevy's training. Chevy has been trained to alert his owner, Jacob, if someone knocks at the door, or if the smoke alarm is going off. Chevy also recognizes the special timer that Jacob can set that lets him know when something is finished cooking. Chevy even hears the alarm in the morning and wakes his owner up for work. Chevy does not bark to alert his owner, since Jacob is Deaf, he would not hear Chevy's barking. Instead of barking, Chevy hears the alarm, or knock, and then uses his nose to tap his owner to get his attention.

Chevy will jump up on the side of the bed, and use his nose to wake up Jacob if he needs to go outside. The students also learned that it is ok to pet Chevy, but only if they ask first. When Chevy has on his orange vest it means that he is working. Chevy goes everywhere with Jacob, restaurants, and even church. However, Chevy is so well trained that if he is in a restaurant and someone spills pop or food on the floor, he will never touch it. We thank Jacob for coming to Capitol View to share his wonderful dog Chevy with us.

## Winter Weather and Cold Temperatures

As the weather gets colder it is important to make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for winter. It is necessary to wear hats, gloves, boots and scarves. We will go outside for recess if the temperature and wind chill is above 15 degrees.



Remember Capitol View doors don't open until 8am. Before that time your students are not supervised. Please do not bring your children or allow them to come to school before 8am. The winter weather will not change this policy.

Drop-off for the students does not start until 8am. Please do not arrive early and park in the drop-off lane, as it is for quick drop-off only. If you choose to arrive early, parking is available on the street or in the parking lot.

## New Employee

I am excited to tell you about a wonderful gift our school has received. We are one of three elementary schools who have been allocated a new position. We will be learning about what this position all entails in the coming months, but she will certainly be an additional support for our families and our community. Please read her introduction below.

Hello my name is Stacey Robles and I am the new Community School Site Coordinator. I received my undergraduate degree from Simpson College. I majored in Criminal Justice and Spanish and minored in Political Science. At Capitol View, I will be working on strengthening our community partnerships, volunteer and family engagement, and on before and after school programming. I am very excited to work with the Capitol View families, children, and community partners.

## Urban Leadership Group

We were fortunate to have three East High students who were taking a class through Des Moines Public Schools and DMACC to work with our students on leadership skills. Mr. Sharkey along with classroom teachers chose eleven students who participated two mornings a week for eight weeks.

The students learned ways to be a positive leader in their school. The friendships they gained and skills they learned were amazing. The teachers of the high school students have already asked if we would like to participate again next year.

Thank you to our East High School friends who did such a great job and thank you to the parents of our young leaders who made sure they were here each session to participate.

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**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, 2016 is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2016-2017 school year.

September 1, 2016 is the last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students and those students falling under the “good cause” definition for the 2016-2017 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, 2016.**

**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 Friday, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

