



# Tiger Talk

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December 2016 / January 2017



## Mark Your Calendar

- Dec. 1, 8, 15: 4th and 5th Grade Sign Club, 3:00-4:00
- December 6: Picture retakes
- Dec. 7: Fundraiser pick up from 1:30-5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 13: 2nd-3rd Grade Music Concert at Hiatt, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16: Last day of After School Programming
- Dec. 22: 2nd grade gingerbread parent event, 2:00-2:50 p.m.
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 2: winter break, no school
- Jan. 3: Classes resume
- Jan. 9: 21st Century Session 3 begins
- Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school
- Jan. 19 & 26: 2nd and 3rd grade Sign Club, 3:00-4:00

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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! I hope your children are focused for three 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.

Read in this newsletter about new services we are providing at school in the form of a food pantry and clothing closet. In addition, we are ready to offer laundry facilities to parents who wish to volunteer or participate in a school activity while they do laundry. Please let us know if this is something you could benefit from. We are excited to help our families in any way we can!

In addition, we will be experimenting with new drop-off and pick-up procedures on Monday, December 12th, to try and relieve the congestion on the street and reduce wait time. Please see page 2 for more information. We will need your help in following the procedures and your patience as we adjust to the new routine. The ultimate goal is to keep everyone safe.

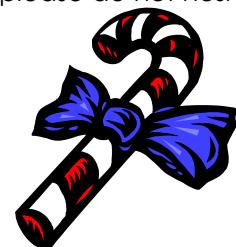
Due to the winter break we usually combine the December and January newsletters. Therefore, the next one will not be coming until the first of February.

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**

## Ginger Bread Houses and More!



On December 13th, 2nd grade parents are invited to come to school at 2:00 p.m. to help their student make ginger bread houses, plus have fun doing other activities. Look for more information in the in the coming weeks.

## 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.

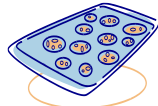
## Crayola ColorCycle - Turn Crayola Markers Into Energy!



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.

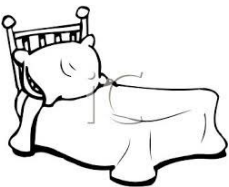
<http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>

## Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone that participated in the fundraiser and sold cookie dough or other items. Please plan on picking up your items on Wednesday, December 7th from 1:30-5:00. Thank you for your help. We sold over \$10,000 worth of product which profited us over \$4000 for student materials and fieldtrip expenses. 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.

## New Pick-up Procedures

In an effort to explore more efficient and safe traffic patterns, beginning Monday, December 12th, we will also be utilizing the circle drive on the south side of the building that runs along the cafeteria for student pick up in the afternoon. You enter this drive on Walnut. Preschool, kindergarten, first grade and second grade students will continue to exit out the front of the building on the east side. **IN ADDITION, THEIR SIBLINGS WILL MEET THEM THERE.** All other students in grades 3-5 will exit the building on the south side and wait for their ride to arrive. We will try this on a trial basis and make adjustments as needed.

The parking lane on Capitol will be reserved for busses at dismissal time. Please do not park in those spaces.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and flexibility.



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 13, 6:30 p.m. in the Hiatt Middle School Auditorium, our 2nd and 3rd grade students will present, We will Jingle! A holiday musical extravaganza". If you have children in 2nd & 3rd grade, please bring your child to be a part of this great event. Students will be asked to be at Hiatt by 6:15 p.m. to start the show promptly at 6:30 p.m. There is no specific dress code for the evening. Students may come looking nicely so you can take pictures.

-Mr. Tate, music teacher

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.

## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads <b>20 minutes</b> each day	Student "B" reads <b>5 minutes</b> each day	Student "C" reads <b>1 minute</b> each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90<sup>th</sup> percentile

282,000 words



50<sup>th</sup> percentile

8,000 words



10<sup>th</sup> percentile

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



## FOOD PANTRY

### New to Capitol View: Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

The Food Pantry is for all Capitol View families. To get food, simply contact Stacey Robles, Christi Dougan, or Haley Shaw to make an appointment. Our pantry will also be open from 3-5pm on December 8, December 15, January 5, and January 19. Families are welcome to pick up groceries, but only once a week.

### New to Capitol View: Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

The Clothing Closet is also for all Capitol View families. The Closet will also be open from 3-5pm on December 8, December 15, January 5, and January 19. An appointment can also be scheduled by contacting Stacey, Christi or Haley.



We are excited to be able to provide these services for our families and hope Capitol View kids will greatly benefit.

## 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 or warm shoes, 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 8:00 a.m. Before that time your students are not supervised. Please do not bring your children or allow them to come to school before 8:00 a.m. The winter weather will not change this policy.

Drop-off for the students does not start until 8:00 a.m. 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.

## Urban Leadership Group

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

The students learned ways to be a positive leader in 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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**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, 2017 is the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2017-2018 school year.

September 1, 2017 is the last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students and those students falling under the “good cause” definition for the 2017-2018 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, 2017.**

**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.

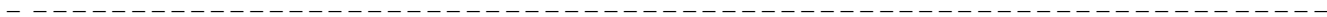
The sending district was dissolved and merged with one or more other districts.

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 9th. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

