



Tiger Talk

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February/March 2018



A Note From Mrs. Kerper

Mark Your Calendar

- Feb. 7:
Parent/Teacher conferences 2:20 pm—7:20 pm
- Feb. 8:
Parent/Teacher conferences 3:40 pm—8:00 pm
- Feb. 14th
(Wednesday): Classroom Valentine Parties, 1:00
- Feb. 23rd: 4th graders to the Art Center
- March 2: Read Across America Day, more information to come
- March 9-16: Spring Break, no school
- April 2-10: Iowa Assessments for 3rd-5th grades
- April 12: Kindergarten sign-up, 2:30-6:30

Dear Families,

Due to the spring break we are combining the February and March newsletters. Therefore, another one will not be coming until the first of April.

Parent/Teacher conferences are fast approaching. Attending conferences and supporting your child's learning is one of the most important things you can do for him/her. If you have not sent back the note confirming your conference time, please call the office immediately and we will find a time that works for you.

Iowa Assessments will be taking place for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders April 2-6 and, if needed, a few days of the second week. Please avoid scheduling any appointments or other events that will result in your child missing school. In addition to Iowa Assessments, ELL students will be taking English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA 21) between February 13 and March 8. Please do your best to have your students here on time each day.

As always, please let me know if have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Marsha Kerper, Principal



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Kindergarten Sign-up

Kindergarten Sign-up for Fall 2018 will be Wednesday, April 12th from 2:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M. This is for all incoming kindergarteners. Children must be 5 years of age by September 15, 2018 to enroll in kindergarten.

Please bring:

*birth certificate or hospital record

*child's immunization card

*proof of address (utility bill, rental agreement, cell phone bill, bank statement etc.) from March or April

Families who speak a language at home other than or in addition to English should bring the new student during this time to be given a language assessment.

Please spread the word to friends and neighbors in the Capitol View area.



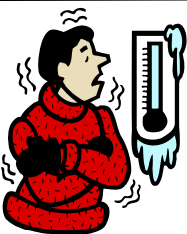
Birthday Treats

We enjoy celebrating your child's special day. However, sending treats is optional and unnecessary. If you send treats, please be sure to arrange it with the classroom teacher ahead of time so they can plan accordingly. Homemade treats are not allowed and the treats should be something simple to serve. You might consider a small wrapped treat in lieu of cupcakes or maybe even pencils or an inside recess game for the classroom.

Winter Recess



When the snow is plowed from our playground and the temperature is 15 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer (including the wind chill), we will be outside. Please be sure your children come to school dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. If you need assistance with warm winter clothing, please contact Stacy Robles or Tayli Abel.



School Cancellations

June 1 & June 4 are designated as make-up days on the Capitol View calendar. So far this year we have had one weather-related cancellation. This means that our last day of school is May 31, UNLESS we have additional cancellations due to weather.

Please remember to check local television and radio stations, or the DMPS website or Facebook page for information about

Reminders for Arrival and Dismissal

- Please use our main entrance on E. 16th St. for loading and unloading your students. This section is a ONE WAY, ONE LANE driveway to ensure we are not blocking the parking spots for those needing to enter the building. **YOU MAY NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR** or park for long periods of time unless you are in a parking spot. When you drop off or pick up your student please pull forward as far as you can so more cars can get in the driveway at a time. We will get your children to you.
- Our bus lane on Capitol Avenue is for buses only. Please do not use this area for drop-off or pick-up before or after school.
- In the afternoon only, K-2 students and their siblings will be picked up in the front circle facing E 16th, and 3rd-5th graders will be picked up on the south side of the building facing Walnut St.
- All children should be crossing between the white crosswalk lines at the intersections. They should never be crossing at another area. Please remind your children of this when they are dropped off as this is very important for their safety.
- **We are going to be making an immediate change where students cross E16th street. We are asking that all students who cross E16th street to cross at E16th and Walnut. Our current staff on the corner of E16th and Capitol will tell students that they need to walk down to E16th and Walnut and cross at the cross walk there. Again, we are making this change to ensure that all students are safe on the way to and from school each day.**

Parents, we need your help to keep everyone safe. Please follow these guidelines as well as all traffic rules and laws.

Valentine Parties

Classrooms will be having Valentine parties on Wednesday, February 14th at 1:00. This is a great time to celebrate friendship. The students love to read the fun notes from classmates. If your children choose to bring valentines, it is important that they be respectful and bring one for every child in the class.



You are invited to visit the classrooms at this time. If you would like to send treats, drinks, cups, or napkins for the party, please contact your child's teacher. District policy prohibits homemade treats. All treats must be store-bought and individually packaged. 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.



On Friday, March 2nd Capitol View will participate in "Read Across America Day". It is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading. This day of reading is on the birthday of beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss! Students are invited to dress up on this day. There will be more information to come on what the theme will be!

Counselor's Corner

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As we move into the New Year, it is essential to highlight the importance of regular attendance. According to greatschools.org, "The attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent. In addition to falling behind in academics, students who are not in school on a regular basis are more likely to get into trouble with the law and cause problems in their communities." At Capitol View, we truly feel each child plays a crucial role in setting the dynamic of individual classrooms and without each piece of the puzzle in attendance and on time, it makes it difficult for the completion of topics, projects, and activities to occur.

Here are some pointers for the morning to get you moving:

-Set up a routine with exact times outlined for all morning needs.
ex: Wake up 6:30, brush teeth 6:35, put on clothes 6:40, etc

-Have breakfast pre-planned (to eat at home) or take advantage of our free breakfast at CV.

-The night before put all items needed for the next day out and/or by the door (book bag, lunch, outfits, after school items, instrument, etc).

Remember, I am also available to help establish routines, talk about success strategies, or assist with social/emotional needs that may be getting in the way of regular punctuality or attendance. Please do not hesitate to contact either me should you need any assistance.

Hello Parents,

Who's ready for Spring? ME!!!!!!

Before you know it, Spring will arrive and it will be time to showcase our 4th & 5th Grade students. Our 4th & 5th Grade students are working hard preparing for you a "Spring Musical Extravaganza!"

Thursday, April 19th 6:30pm in the Hiatt Middle School Auditorium. Mark your calendars now. The 2nd and 3rd grade program will be coming up on Thursday, April 26th. **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**

Mr. Tate, Vocal Music Teacher



FOOD PANTRY

Remember Capitol View has a Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

The Food Pantry and clothing closet is for all Capitol View families. To get food, simply contact Stacey Robles, Tayli Abel or Shelby Peters, to make an appointment. Our pantry will also be open every Monday 3-5pm with no appointment necessary. Families are welcome to pick up groceries once a week.

FREE LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Capitol View offers free laundry services to our families. It is encouraged that you contact Ms. Robles, Tayli Abel or Shelby Peters to set up a time. Laundry soap will be provided.

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



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, February 10th. 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 _____

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