



Tiger Talk



Mark Your Calendar

- July 16: First Day of school for Kindergarten through 5th, 1:30 early dismissal
- July 23 and 30: 1:30 early dismissal
- July 24, 25: dental education and screening for 2nd and 3rd
- July 28: First day for preschool
- July 28 and 29: Parent Information Nights, see info in this newsletter
- August 6, 13, 20, 27: 1:30 early dismissal
- August 7: School Pictures
- August 13-14: Mobile Dental Clinic here for 2nd and 3rd grade sealants
- August 26, 28: Hearing screenings for Preschool, 1st, 2nd, and 5th
- August 27 and September 3rd: Parent/Teacher conferences 1:50-7:30. Sign up now in the office!
- August 29 and September 1: no school

Des Moines Public School District Mission Statement

The Des Moines Public Schools exist so that graduates possess the knowledge, skills and abilities for success at the next stage of their lives.

Persons with disabilities who need information about accessibility to the building or who need sign or language interpreters, please contact Marsha Kerper at 242-8402.

A Note From Mrs. Kerper

Hello Families!

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! I absolutely cannot believe that I have been here for one complete year already. It has been fun getting to know the staff, your children, and you. I look forward to another year together.

I hope your children are ready to get back in the swing of the daily routine again and are looking forward to school starting.

You will see a few new faces in the building this year. Below is a list of those new staff members:

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| Mr. Sharkey - Dean of Students | Ms. West - new Behavior Strategist |
| Miss Mcallister -3rd Grade | Miss Goodwin - 4th grade |
| Mrs. Coffey -5th grade | Mrs. DeBruin - ELL |
| Miss Bowen - Special Eudcation | Mrs. Clingman - Teacher Leader/Int. |
| Ms. Lynch - Deaf Education Assoc. | Miss Hazen - Deaf Education Associate |
| Miss Fairley - Speech and Language | |

Once again, we will need your help in adhering to our daily schedule. It is very important that children do not arrive early. There is very limited supervision before school. The doors open at 8:00. Children will go straight to their classrooms for breakfast. This is a great new opportunity for our school. Each day the classes will start out with breakfast together. What a great way to build a community of learners. If your child is tardy they may not receive a breakfast.

Please pay close attention to all the important items in the following pages. If you could not make it to Open House, please stop in at the office to sign up for a fall parent/teacher conference time. Throughout the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for all the things you do to support your children as they start a new year. May it be a happy and successful one for all of us.

Sincerely,



Marsha Kerper, Principal

At Capitol View we are SAFE, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE

The Des Moines Public Schools prohibits discrimination based on age, race, creed, color, sex, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability in educational and employment programs and activities. The district prohibits acts of intolerance or any form of harassment toward employees or students. For information regarding procedures for discrimination complaints, contact the District Compliance Officer who is also the Title IX and 504 Coordinator, Des Moines Public Schools, 901 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, (515) 242-7781.

Metro Kids Child Care Available

Before and after school child care is available for Capitol View students. There is a \$25 registration fee. The weekly fees are listed below.

Morning Care (opens at 6:30 AM)	\$52
Afternoon Care (closes at 5:45)	\$60
Morning and Afternoon Care	\$74
Before school and early out Wednesdays	\$63
Just early out Wednesdays	\$22

In addition, full day regional day care is available during school breaks. Call 242-7951 for more information. Financial assistance through the Department of Human Services may be available to those who qualify.

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 7th. Please watch for a packet to come home. You must send money on picture day if you wish to buy pictures.



Capitol View Daily Schedule

8:00	Doors open. Students may go to classrooms. Breakfast served in the classroom.
8:15	Tardy bell rings. Classes begin.
3:00	School is dismissed.

Lunch / Recess Schedule

Grade	Lunch	Recess
2	11:00	11:20-11:40
3	11:15	11:35-11:55
1	11:30	11:50-12:10
4	11:45	12:05-12:25
5	12:00	12:20-12:40
K	12:15	12:35-12:55

PE SHOES

In order to be safe, all students need appropriate shoes for PE days. Please be certain to send your child to school in athletic shoes on gym days.



Telephone Messages

Capitol View school is able to send computer-generated phone calls to every student's home. Most of you are familiar with this from past years. In order to save paper and printing costs we will be using this process frequently for school reminders and emergencies. Please contact the school office if you are not receiving these calls. Also please keep us updated of any phone number changes.

In addition, please remember to leave messages on our answering machine regarding student absences. You may leave messages any time of the day. If you can leave messages before 7:45 a.m. it helps to cut down on the morning busyness in the office.



Cell Phones

According to district policy, elementary students are not to have cell phones at school. This includes working and non-working cell phones. If you have questions or concerns about this please contact Mrs. Kerper at 242-8402.

Appropriate attire

In an effort to provide a learning environment free from unnecessary distraction, all clothes should be worn in the way they were meant to be worn. All shirts should cover the midriff area. Undergarments should not be visible. No hats, including bandanas, may be worn. All logos and print should be appropriate for elementary children. If attire presents a distraction or disruption to the learning environment, the principal or dean may meet with the child to solve the problem and may contact the parent. Please help your child in deciding on suitable clothing to wear to school.



Capitol View Awarded a School Improvement Grant

Capitol View has been the recipient of a three year School Improvement Grant to support us in our endeavor for increased student achievement. The grant totals \$1,171,000 and will be divided over the next three years.

We hope to increase the capacity of our teachers by deepening and increasing their skills while also strengthening intervention support systems for students struggling with academics or behavior. Four additional staff positions have been added with the grant. They include:

- Three Teacher Leader / Interventionists



SIG funds offer additional support

who will coach and support teachers half of the day and work with struggling students individually or in small groups the other half of the day.

- One Behavior Strategist who will assist administration in supporting students struggling with behavior.

We certainly hope that these additional funds, along with all the extra effort put forth by our entire staff, will result in positive gains for your children.

We will keep you posted on our progress.

Parent Advisory Committee Forming

In the Spring many parents were surveyed to give input for our School Improvement Grant Application. One of the questions asked if you were interested in being involved in a parent group that would provide feedback and ideas to school leaders. Many parents indicated an interest. If you were one of them, you will be getting a note soon inviting you to meet with Mrs. Kerper, the principal and Mr. Sharkey,

“Education is like a baseball game. It needs all its players: parent, teacher, community, and student.”

the Dean of Students. We are very excited about the opportunity to work more closely with parents in making decisions in the best interest of our Capitol View students. If you do not receive an invitation to the meeting, but are interested in being a part of this parent advisory group please contact Mrs. Kerper with any questions. We anticipate no more than four meetings per school year.

Parent Information Nights

Please plan to attend an information session with your child's teacher. You will have the opportunity to hear about classroom routines, expectations, and curriculum. Teachers will provide handouts and answer any questions you may have about how to help your child have a successful year. This is a great time to make a personal connection with your child's teacher and build a strong team for their success. There will be a different session for every grade level. See the chart to the right for dates and times. More details will come.

	July 28	July 29
5:30-5:55	Kdg	1st
6:00-6:25	2nd	3rd
6:30-6:55	4th	5th

School Boundaries 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. 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.”

Please check the DMPS website at the following link <http://www.dmschools.org/elementary-school-attendance-areas/> to check if the boundary changes affect your family.

Traffic Guidelines for Arrival and Dismissal



This year all students should be arriving between 8:00 and 8:10 for breakfast in the classroom. This will cause the drop off time to be busier and more congested than last year when many students came early for breakfast. Please be patient as we monitor the results of this change and make adjustments to ensure the safety of all. In the meantime we will follow the same traffic guidelines as before and adjust as we identify any improvements we should make. Below are the established procedures we would like you to follow. Thanks again for your patience and cooperation.

- Please use our main entrance off of E. 16th St. for loading and unloading your students. This section is a ONE WAY with ONE LANE to ensure we are not blocking the parking spots for those needing to enter the building. **HOWEVER, YOU MAY NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR** or park for long periods of time unless you are in a parking spot. You may also pull into the spots on Capitol to drop off your child.
- **Our bus lane off E. Walnut is for buses and daycare vans only.**
- If you plan to enter the building around dismissal or arrival time you will need to park in the parking areas on the east or north side of Capitol View or on the street. I know that many of you like to greet your child at the door, but if your cars are parked out front you are preventing the traffic from flowing smoothly. We will bring your children out to you.
- It is best to have your children meet you outside after school. The kindergarten teachers dismiss from their outside classroom doors. Our 1st and 2nd graders are dismissed out of our south doors on the front (east side) of our building and our 3rd-5th graders dismiss out of our main door on the east side.
- Always be mindful of other parents and drivers when picking up your students. Please allow for at least 15 minutes as it can get congested when almost 600 students are arriving and dismissing. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.



 Is your child responsible? Are you up to date on school events? The monthly newsletters are packed with important information. Please watch for them around the first of every month. Ask your child for it. If you do not get a copy, contact your child's teacher or the school office. They are also available on our school website at <http://capitolview.dmschools.org/>

If you have read this, thank you very much for showing interest in school activities. If your child brings you the newsletters every month, thank him/her for being a responsible child! If you have read this newsletter, please sign this sheet and return this bottom portion to school by Friday, July 18th. Your child will then be entered in a drawing for a prize.

Names of all children in the family at Capitol View:

 Parent Signature _____