### Capitol View Elementary Family Newsletter

# **Tiger Talk**



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#### Mark Your Calendar

- March 30-April 3: Iowa Assessments for 3rd-5th grades
- April 7: 4th grade Art Center field trip
- April 12: Capitol View Soccer Tournament at Grandview College, 1:30-4:00
- April 14: 1st grade music program at 5:15 pm and kindergarten at 6:00 pm
- April 29: All day Science Camp for 5th graders.
- April 21, 22, 23, 24: NO SCHOOL
- April 28: Bingo/Math Night 6:15 pm-7:30 pm
- May 7: Family Zoo Night
- June 1: Last day of school, 12:00 dismissal
- June1: 5th grade promotion assembly 10:00-11:00
- June 8th-26th: 21st Century Summer Program
- July 27th-August 14th: 21st Century Summer Program

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### A Note From Mrs. Kerper

### Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed the two week spring break with your children. I am certainly ready for spring. The beautiful, sunny days are exciting and energizing.

Thank you for attending parent-teacher conferences. Due to having to reschedule the second conference night after spring break, we are still trying to get them completed. If you missed your child's conference, please contact the teacher now to reschedule. Attending conferences and supporting your child's learning is one of the most important things you can do for him/her. We always have at least 95% attendance and I would be disappointed with less. Thanks for your support.

Capitol View 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the Iowa Assessments from March 31 through April 2nd. There will be two tests each day. One in the morning and one in the afternoon. Please make sure your children are at school, well rested and on time, each day.

These are standardized achievement tests that are taken by children across the state. You will receive this year's results with your child's report card at the end of the year. We hope these tests will give you good information about how your child is performing in a variety of academic areas. They will also give us information on the progress Capitol View is making as a whole. If you have any questions about this information when you receive it, please do not hesitate to stop in and see me or give me a call. Likewise, if you have any questions now about the testing or about prior results, I would be glad to discuss that with you.

You should have received a note explaining summer opportunities for our students. Please return it as soon as possible if your children will be participating. Let Mr. Sharkey or I know if you have any questions.

We are approaching the time of year when it becomes difficult to keep children focused on academics and making good behavior choices at school. We appreciate your help with keeping your children in a normal school routine with regular bed times, homework routines, and high expectations for good behavior. We want to keep the momentum going for a strong, successful finish.

Happy Spring!

Sincerely,



Marsha Kerper, Principal

# Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Responsible

April 2015

### TIGER TALK

### Kindergarten Sign-up

Kindergarten Sign-up for Fall 2015 took place during conferences. If you missed it, please contact the school office immediately. Please also

tell your friends and neighbors who may have children entering kindergarten for the 15-16 school year. Children must be 5 years of age by September 15, 2015 to enroll in kindergarten.

### Supporting your child with Math

Is your child's math confusing? Is it too hard to help your

children with their math at home? Did you know we have a new math series called Go Math that includes a component in which you can view the lessons online? If you answered yes to any of these questions please come to the family math/bingo night and



learn how you can help your children with their math at home. Please come on Tuesday, April 28th from 6:15-7:30.

# **Bingo for Books**

Thursday , April 28th 6:15pm. --7:00 pm. Come and hear more about how to help your child at home with math and then play BINGO! FREE popcorn and books will be available.



# **Computer Lab**

Capitol View's computer lab is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 pm to 6 pm for you and your students to use. If we do not start getting more families to come to the lab we may have to cut back on this service.



# Iowa Assessments for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders



March 30th– April 3rd

Be here every day, on time and well rested. Eat a healthy breakfast.

Don't Forget to like us on Facebook at Capitol View—Des Moines.



# Y Camp



5th graders will have a wonderful opportunity to attend a full

day science camp at Y Camp in Boone on Wednesday, April 29th. More detailed information will be coming soon. Thank you to our friends at the Golden K Kiwanis for funding this fantastic project.

### FREE PRESCHOOL OPPORTUNI-TIES

Applications are now being accepted for preschool for 2015-2016. Call 515-242-7588 for more information. **Hurry!** Spaces are limited.

# Save the Dates:

### **Music Concerts**

Concerts for kindergarten and first grade will be Tuesday, April 14th. First grade concert begins at 5:15 and kindergarten begins at 6:00pm.



### Family Zoo Night

The Annual Capitol View Zoo Night is scheduled for Thursday, May 7th. Save the date. More information will be coming.

### 15-16 Registration

Registration for all kindergarten through 5th graders for next year will be July 27-29 from 8:00 am—3:00 pm and July 30 from noon to 7 pm in the Capitol View office. Please be sure to stop by. After July 1

No School Tuesday, April 21st -Friday, April 24th



### **<u>21st Century Summer Program</u>**

Capitol View will be offering two 21st Century Summer School Programs that are open for all current kindergarten through 4th grade students. Both sessions will begin at 8:00 am and end at 12:00 pm. Please contact Mr. Sharkey at 242-8402 if you have any questions.

Session 1: June 8-26

Session 2: July 27-August 14

Lunch and Breakfast will be served.

Cost: FREE

You may sign up for one session or both. Please sign up by April 3rd.

# Collect Spare Change and Change Lives

# **Pennies for Patients**

April 13th - 17th



Capitol View students will be collecting spare change to support The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients. Pennies for Patients is a program that is instrumental in raising funds for lifesaving cancer research.

Spare change could be hiding anywhere. It could be under the couch cushions, in the pockets of pants and jackets or under the car seat. Your child has the power to convert that spare change into funding for treatments and cures that can save lives... not someday, but today.

Thank you and your child in advance for helping patients with blood cancers live longer, better lives. Bring your spare change to your **classroom the week of April 13th-17th.** 

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, April 3rd. 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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.