



Tiger Talk



Mark Your Calendar

- April 4-8: Iowa Assessment make-ups
- April 4: No 21st Century
- April 10: Capitol View Soccer Tournament at Grandview College, 1:30-3:30
- April 14, 21, & 28: Kindergarten and 1st Grade Sign Club, 3:00-4:00
- April 14: 4th and 5th Grade to Hy Vee Hall in the morning for Exercising Your Character
- April 15: Report cards go home
- April 18: All day Y Science Camp for 5th graders until 5:00 PM
- April 21: K-2 story telling event, 6:30 pm
- April 26: K-1 Music Program, 6:30 pm Hiatt Auditorium
- June 2: Last day of school, noon dismissal

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A Note From Mrs. Kerper

Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed spring break with your children. I know the staff certainly enjoyed the break and had some time to reenergize.

Thank you very much for attending parent-teacher conferences. We had a 92% attendance rate. If you missed, 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.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT WILL BE 4 OR 5 BY SEPTEMBER 15TH. NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN THEM UP FOR PRESCHOOL OR KINDERGARTEN. PRESCHOOL SLOTS FILL UP VERY QUICKLY SINCE THEY ARE OPEN TO ANYONE AND NOT JUST OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN. IN ADDITION, YOU WANT TO RESERVE A KINDERGARTEN SPOT TO BE SURE WE DO NOT FILL UP. Please let anyone in the neighborhood with young children know about signing up now.

We are ready to take a significant step toward improving safety at our school and it will require all of us to work together. Our school has been equipped with an Electronic Visitor Check-In (EVC) system in the front office. The system will require visitors who will have contact with children to scan a driver's license or other state issued ID, and will produce a badge, which the visitor will wear visibly, so that teachers and staff can see it. Visitors will also check-out when leaving the building. When a visitor's ID is scanned, EVC will perform an instant screening for sex offenders and no-contact orders. It will also keep a list of who is in our building in the event of an emergency. We realize not every parent or guardian has an ID. Once EVC is installed, we'll visit individually with those who need an alternative means of checking in. We are working on getting parents signed into this new system. Please be patient as we begin to implement this new security measure.

We just completed taking the Iowa Assessment tests. Parents, you may remember these as the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS). 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.

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

Kindergarten Sign-up



Kindergarten Sign-up for Fall 2016 will take place on Wednesday, April 20th. Please also tell your friends and neighbors who may have children entering kindergarten for the 16-17 school year. Children must be 5 years of age by September 15, 2016 to enroll in kindergarten.

FREE PRESCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are now being accepted for preschool for 2016-2017. Call 515-242-7588 for more information. Hurry! Spaces are limited!

Author Visit to Capitol View

Rachelle Burk

Capitol View is so fortunate to have an author visit again this year. Rachelle Burk the author of many children's stories will be doing 4 assemblies with students on Thursday, April 21st. Your students will have the opportunity to participate in one of her assemblies during the day and then another opportunity to come spend some time with her that evening. Rachelle will be hosting a family reading activity the evening of Thursday, April 21st from 6:30-7:30. Your children grades PreK – 2nd may come with their families to hear Rachelle tell some of her most favorite stories. You may wear your pajamas and a snack will be provided. Come enjoy the fun and listen to some great stories.



Y Camp



5th graders will have a wonderful opportunity to attend a full day science camp at Y Camp in Boone on Monday, April 18th. We will leave from school shortly after the school day begins and return to school around 5:00 PM. While we know this is late, we just cannot pass on this fabulous opportunity. More detailed information will be coming soon. Thank you to our friends at the Golden K Kiwanis who help fund this fantastic project.

Collect Spare Change and Change Lives Pennies for Patients April 11th - 15th

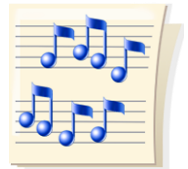


Capitol View students will be collecting spare change to support The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients. Pennies for Patients is a program that is instrumental in raising funds for lifesaving cancer research.

This is a great opportunity for your student to be a positive citizen. Last year Capitol View raised over \$600 and made cards to send to children with blood cancers. 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 11th - 15th.**

K-1 Music Concert



Dear Parents,

I am happy to announce that it is the Kindergarten & 1st Grades turn to "Strut Their Stuff".

Tuesday, April 26th, 6:30 pm in the Hiatt Middle School Auditorium our Kindergarten & 1st Grade students will present,

"Born to Make Music" A Children's Spring Musical. Thirty minutes of sheer musical excitement. Please mark your calendars.

Mr. Tate, Vocal Music Teacher



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 8th. 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:

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.