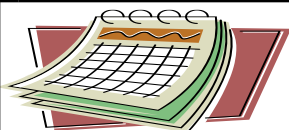




Tiger Talk

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February /March 2017



Mark Your Calendar

- Feb. 14: Classroom Valentine Parties, 2:15 (1st grade at 1:00)
- March 2: Parent/Teacher conferences 3:40 pm – 7:40 pm
- March 3: Read Across America Day, dress as a favorite book character
- March 8: Parent/Teacher conferences 2:00 pm— 7:20 pm
- March 10-17: Spring Break, no school
- March 28: 4th & 5th grade music performance, 6:30 pm at Hiatt Middle School
- April 3-14: Iowa Assessments for 3rd-5th grades
- April 12: Kindergarten sign-up, 2:30-

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A Note From Mrs. Kerper

Dear Families,

Due to the spring break I am 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. Around February 15th, you should be receiving a yellow note regarding your conference time. Please sign it and send it back to confirm the scheduled time, or contact the school office as soon as possible to reschedule.

Iowa Assessments will be taking place for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders April 3-7 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 the Iowa English Language Development Assessment (IELDA) between February 12 and March 9. Please do your best to have your students here on time each day.

In closing, I would also like to reiterate a message from our School Board chair, Teree Caldwell-Johnson and Superintendent Thomas Ahart, that you can read below. Our Capitol View diversity is a strength and a blessing!

This weekend, much of the world's attention was focused on an effort by the federal government to impose far-reaching restrictions on the ability of immigrants and refugees to come to the United States.

From protestors at airports and on the streets to lawyers and judges in courtrooms, there was a swift reaction by many in support of immigrants and refugees.

To all of our students who are immigrants or refugees – and to their friends and classmates and teachers who are also concerned because of these recent events – know that you belong here and Des Moines Public Schools stands by you.

We want to help you learn and succeed in school. We want to see you have fun and make friends and find your passions. We want to be there to celebrate that day you when walk across a stage to receive your diploma. We want to help you grow into the people you want to become.

At Des Moines Public Schools, we welcome immigrants and refugees as our students and families, as our neighbors and friends.

Over the years, thousands of refugee students from around the world have attended school at DMPS. Our students, parents and staff come from more than 100 nations, and each day dozens of different languages are heard in the hallways and classrooms of our schools.

Our diversity of language and culture and heritage is a part of our strength, in our schools and throughout this community

When children in Des Moines show up at our schools – no matter their place of birth or religion or language or skin color – they should know that they belong here and we stand by them.

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

Sincerely,

Marsha Kerper, Principal



Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Responsible

Kindergarten Sign-up

Kindergarten Sign-up for Fall 2017 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, 2017 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.



Valentine Parties

Classrooms will be having Valentine parties on Tuesday, February 14th at 2:15. First Grade will have their parties at 1:00. This is a great time to celebrate friendship. The students love to read the fun notes from classmates. If your children chooses 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 packaged.

Lost Items

It would really help if you would label your child's belongings with their initials. We always have numerous unclaimed jackets. If the initials were in them we could easily search our computer system and return them to the correct owner.



Reminders for Arrival and Dismissal

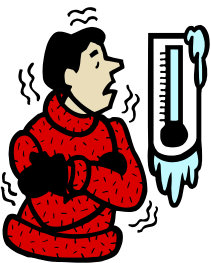
- Please use our main entrance on E. 16th St. for loading and unloading your students. This section is a ONE WAY, ONE LANE driveway to ensure we are not blocking the parking spots for those needing to enter the building. **YOU MAY NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR** or park for long periods of time unless you are in 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 will be picked up in the front circle facing E 16th and 3rd-5th graders will be picked up in the drive on the south side of the building facing Walnut Street.
- 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. This is very important for their safety.

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 Christi Dougan.

School Cancellations



May 31st & June 1 are designated as make-up days on the Capitol View calendar. So far this year we have not had any weather-related cancellations. This means that our last day of school is May 30, **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 cancellations during severe weather.

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

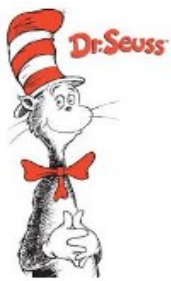
Persons with disabilities who need information about the accessibility to the building or who need sign or language interpreters, please contact Marsha Kerper, Principal, at 242-8402.

PBIS Celebration

The students at Capitol View have been working hard to be respectful, responsible and safe. They just met their first goal. The 5th grade students earned the privilege to vote for the school wide activity. They chose pajama day. We will celebrate this fun day on Friday, February 3rd. The students are very excited and are working hard to achieve their goals. Please encourage your student to follow the Capitol View Expectations of being respectful, responsible and safe.



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!" Tuesday, March 28, 6:30pm in the Hiatt Middle School Auditorium. Mark your calendars now. **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!!!!!**
 Mr. Tate, Vocal Music Teacher



On Friday, March 3rd Capitol View will participate in "Read Across America Day" which is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on the birthday of beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss! Students are invited to dress as their favorite book character, wear their Capitol View shirts, or wear red, white, and blue for Dr. Seuss!



FOOD PANTRY

New to Capitol View: Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

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

FREE LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Capitol View now offers free laundry services to our families. It is encouraged that you contact Ms. Robles or Ms. Christi 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.



Spring Break Writers

On Thursday, March 9th each child will bring home a SPRING BREAK writing journal...check the backpacks and encourage your child to take the challenge of writing each day! Return your journal to your teacher for a chance to win a prize.



Thank you Mrs. Shaw! February 6th-10th is National School Counselors' Week. Take time this week to thank Mrs. Shaw for all she does for you and your family.



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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