



# Tiger Talk

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February/March 2020



## A Note From Mrs. Kerper

### Mark Your Calendar

- **Feb. 12—5th grade to Junior Achievement's Biz Town**
- **Feb. 14: Classroom Spring Friendship Parties**
- **Feb 25: No School, Professional Development day for staff**
- **March 2: Read Across America Day, more information to come**
- **March 10 and March 12: Parent/Teacher conferences 3:00-8:00 pm**
- **March 16-25: Spring Break for students, no school**
- **March 30—April 10: ISASP (Iowa State Assessment of Student Progress) for 3rd-5th grades**
- **April 15: Kindergarten Sign-up, 3:30-6:30pm**

Dear Families,

Due to the spring break making March a very short school month, we are combining the February and March newsletters. Therefore, another one will not be coming until the first of April. Hopefully by then we will be seeing much warmer weather!

Parent/Teacher conferences are fast approaching. They are March 10 and 12 from 3:00-8:00. Attending conferences and supporting your child's learning is one of the most important things you can do for him/her. Please watch for an orange note to come home the last week of February with your scheduled time.

Please notice that students do not have school March 16-25. This would be a good time to take a family trip or get caught up with medical appointments so your child does not miss school at another time.

Third, fourth, and fifth graders will be taking the state assessments called the ISASPs between March 30 and April 10. Please avoid scheduling any appointments or other events that will result in your child missing school. In addition to the state assessments, ELL students will be taking the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA 21) between now and February 21st. 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 2019 will be Wednesday, April 15th from 3:30 – 6:30 PM at Capitol View. This is for all incoming kindergarteners. Children must be 5 years of age by September 15, 2020 to enroll in kindergarten.

You may also go to the Welcome Center, 1000 Porter Ave, anytime after February 10th to sign-up your incoming kindergartner.

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



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

## PRESCHOOL

Call 242-7588 NOW for information on how to save a 2020-2021 preschool spot for your child. Hurry! They fill up fast!

## 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.



## STAY CONNECTED!

Remember to download the School CNXT app to receive school updates, resources, and messages from your students' teachers. Call 515.242.7547 for help downloading or for more information.



## 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 Adriyel Mondloch or Tayli Abel.



## School Cancellations

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

## 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-1 students and their older siblings will be picked up in the front circle facing E 16th. 2nd-5th graders that do not have K-1 siblings 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.
- Please do not drop your students off in the driveway on the south side of the building facing Walnut St. There is not a safe walking path to get into the building from this location.

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

## Spring Friendship Parties

Classrooms will be having spring parties on Friday, February 14th. 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.

## CELEBRATE READING!



On Monday, 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! There will be more information to come regarding how we will celebrate!



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on March 10 and 12 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm, Please

watch for an orange note with your scheduled time. If you are unable to make this time work, please call the school office 242-8402 immediately to reschedule.

## Counselor's Corner

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As we move into the second half of the school 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 me should you need any assistance.

## Cookies, Connection, &amp; Conferences

Families! We are excited to add some fun to our conference nights at Capitol View this spring. We invite you and your families to join us for some cookies & connection before or after your child's conference. We will have cookies, games and crafts for you and your families to connect over and celebrate your child's success and growth this school year. We look forward to celebrating all of awesome students this spring! See you there!

## FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING CLOSET

The Food Pantry and clothing closet are for all Capitol View families. For assistance, please contact Adriyel Mondloch to make an appointment. You may also access these services every Thursday from 3-5 pm 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 Adriyel Mondloch 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 Monday, 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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