

Eisenhower Elementary

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Mary Derby, Principal



"IKE =Improving Knowledge through Education"
Learning at Eisenhower comes from successful collaboration.

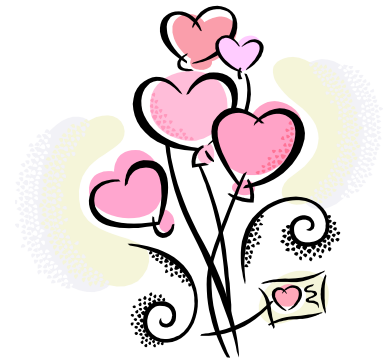
February 2014 Parent Newsletter

Calendar Updates

- Feb. 3 **7:00 PTO Meeting** / Babysitting Provided
- Feb. 12 Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb. 13 Cookie Dough Delivery** / 2:30-4:00 Pick-up orders in the gym
- Feb. 14 Classroom Valentine's Day Parties / Last half hour of the day
- Feb. 17 No School for Students** / Professional Learning Day
- Feb. 21 Lincoln County Spelling Bee / **Blake Vaughn** and **Maya Lashley** will represent Eisenhower
- Feb. 21 7:00-8:30 Bingo for Books**

Upcoming Events in March:

- March 3-7 Kindergarten registration (8:00-4:00)
- March 6-7 Mini Courses for 4th and 5th graders
- March 5 Spring Pictures
- March 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 14&17 Winter Break
- March 20-21 Parent Teacher Conferences



Some Important Reminders



Winter Weather can occur at any time

It's that time of year when winter storms may cause the closing of schools. Please be aware of the **Weather Announcements** so you are aware of the procedures for school closings for the North Platte Public Schools.

With colder weather it is important that **students dress properly** for the weather. Students will go outdoors for recess every day unless it is raining or snowing or the wind chill is below 10.

Winter Weather Emergency Closing Procedures

Weather conditions during the winter may necessitate a change in the normal hours school is in session. The decision to close schools, delay starting times, or dismiss early is made by the Central Office Administration. School closing information will be announced via the school district's phone messaging system and by the following radio stations:



KX 104 FM
KODY 1240 AM
KNPQ 107.3 FM
KRNP 100.7 FM
99.7 The Lake FM

KELN 97.1 FM
KJLT 94.9 FM and 970 AM
KOOQ 1410 AM
KHAQ 98.5 FM
KOGA 106 FM

KOGA 930 AM
KZTL 93.5 FM
KMCX 106.5 FM

Closing information will also be announced on TV stations **KNOP** channel **2** and **NTV** channel **6**.

School Closing. If a decision is made to close schools, the announcement will be made by the local radio stations and Channel 2 by approximately **7:00 a.m.** The decision not to have school is made by the superintendent after he has made the following contacts, when appropriate:

- The City Street Department to check the street conditions in the city
- The school maintenance staff to determine if they can manage snow removal in the immediate areas of schools and school entries
- The area station of the National Weather Service for an estimate of the length and severity of the storm or cold weather

Delayed Starting Time. In some cases, it may be advisable to delay starting times to allow more time for snow removal. Announcements to this effect will be carried by local stations by approximately 7 a.m.

Early Dismissal. Sometimes weather worsens during the school hours, making it advisable to dismiss students before the regular dismissal time. It shall be the philosophy of the District to avoid early dismissal if at all possible except in extreme cases. Parents who wish to remove their children during inclement weather may do so. In the event of an early dismissal, the information will be announced by the local radio stations. Parents will be asked to pick up their children as soon as possible.

The final decision as to whether a child should attend school or stay at home is the responsibility of the parents.

You Can Help Raise Money for Our School

- **Box Tops for Education** / We will continue to collect Box Tops for Education. Please continue to save! Each month the class collecting the most box tops earns a reward.
- **Cartridges for Kids** / Don't throw away your used cell phones or empty inkjet, laser, fax, and copier cartridges! We will collect them to raise money for our school.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2014-2015 Kindergarten Program will be March 3-7. Children must be 5 years of age on or before July 31 to enter school. Parents need to register their children at their home school office. A legal birth certificate and immunization records are required when registering. *We would appreciate it if you notify all parents who have kindergarten age children of this important upcoming event.*

Valentine Parties

Eisenhower students will be having their Valentine's Day parties on Friday, February 14. If your child/children want to bring valentines to pass out, please make sure there is one for each student in the class. Teachers will be providing a class list. The room parents will be in charge of the arrangements. *Room parents please check with your classroom teacher.*

4 WAYS TO FIGHT THE FLU !!!

To avoid missing out on school, sports events, holiday parties & fun follow these tips.

GET THE FLU VACCINE It's the best way to protect yourself against the flu.

WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN In addition to getting the flu vaccine, hand washing is an important line of defense against germs. Wash your hands after using the bathroom, after coughing or sneezing, before putting in or removing contact lenses, before using makeup, & before eating, preparing or serving food.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE IF SOMEONE IS SICK Flu viruses travel through the air so try to stay away from people who look sick. It's also a good idea to avoid touching your nose, eyes, & mouth---three places flu viruses can easily enter your body.

COUGH OR SNEEZE INTO A TISSUE OR YOUR ELBOW---NOT INTO YOUR HANDS

That way, you're not spreading the virus when you touch surfaces that other people may touch, too.

You also can fight the flu on a daily basis by keeping your immune system strong. Some great immune boosters are **getting enough sleep**, **eating healthy foods** (including 5 or more serving of fruits & veggies a day!!), **drinking plenty of water** & **getting regular exercise.**

DON'T LET THE FLU MESS WITH YOUR WINTER FUN !!!

Control of Illness

Your child's health & safety are very important to North Platte Public Schools. With the cold & flu season here & concern regarding the spread of infections in public places, the North Platte Public School Health Services want the public to be aware that every effort continues to be made to promote a safe & healthy environment in which to learn.

HAND WASHING REMAINS THE #1 WAY TO FIGHT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS. Thorough & frequent hand washing with soap & water should be practiced at school & at home by EVERYONE.

Additional efforts at school include but are not limited to:

- hand sanitizers accessible to students & staff
- routine disinfection of all washable surfaces by custodial staff
- efforts made by teaching staff to encourage good hand washing & personal hygiene among students
- potential contagious illnesses screened through the health office

Promoting a healthy environment in school requires good communication & effort from both parents & school staff.

Know the signs & symptoms of the flu:

sudden onset
fever of 100 degrees or above
sore throat
runny, stuffy nose
body aches
headache
feeling tired
possibly vomiting and/or diarrhea

A child needs to stay at home for at least 24 hours after he/she no longer has a fever which is 100 degrees or above (without giving he/she fever-reducing meds). Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.

Parents can help by making sure your child is:

getting adequate sleep (at least 9 hours)
eating healthy foods
drinking plenty of water
getting regular exercise

A flu shot is one of the best ways to be protected & it is not too late to get one. All these guidelines are equally important for adults.

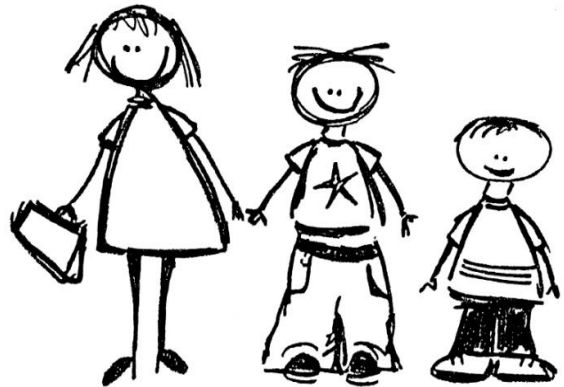
Counselor's Corner: Mrs. Ziegler

Teach Your Child to be Caring

Compassion and thoughtfulness are two quality traits that everyone should have and display to others around them. That is the idea of caring. Being a caring parent and community member is the best teaching tool for all parents. Showing empathy and caring encourages empathy and caring in our children. Random acts of kindness can be demonstrated to our children to encourage the joy of caring for others.

Ways to encourage caring:

- *Model caring behavior
- *Volunteer at local charity events
- *Encourage sharing
- *Help neighbors
- *Talk to children about caring
- *Gather outgrown clothing and toys to donate
- *Care for pets
- *Give gifts of “service” to grandparents and others



News from Physical Education

Jump Rope for Heart will be held during PE class on Wednesday, Feb. 12th. Envelopes will be sent home with students on Feb. 3th. The money raised from this event goes to the American Heart Association to help fight heart disease.



Mr. McGuire

Music Notes...

4th & 5th Grade:

The 4th and 5th grade students are working on learning how to read, write and understand music, or in other words, Music Theory. Students will be learning music symbols, signs, Italian names and definitions of music terms. Each class was given a set of flashcards. Please have your students cut them out and keep in a zip lock bag. **PLEASE** do not throw them away! They will be adding to their music flashcards throughout this semester. Thank you for your help. Here are a few **free websites** that help reinforce what we are learning in class.

www.musictechteacher.com (This will help students learn music terms and symbols. Go to the home page and click on Quizzes/Games. Scroll down to the area that we are learning and select a game! Enjoy! ☺)

www.musictheory.net (This will help students review the lines and spaces of the treble clef and also teach them the bass clef. Be sure to click on **Classic Edition** as it is easier to navigate.)

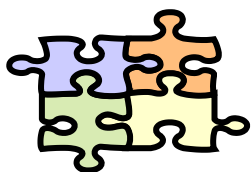
A select group of 4th and 5th graders have been practicing after school learning and memorizing music for the biannual **Sing Around Nebraska** choral event. The date is **February 22nd, 2014**. They will perform with other students from around the area at 4 pm that day. All are welcome. There is a \$4 entry fee.

3rd Grade:

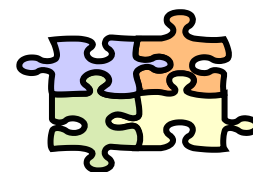
The 3rd grade students are working on learning the **Instrument Families**. This year third grade will have to know instruments by their name, family and sound. We have learned the four major Instrument Families, Brass, Woodwinds, Strings and Percussion. We are now reviewing the families and learning how they sound and where they sit in an orchestra. The third grade will also get to go on a field trip that will help reinforce what they are learning about Instrument Families and also sound, which they are learning in science class! The date of the field trip is **February 13th, 2014**. When we are finished with our Instrument Family unit we will begin learning the lines and spaces of the treble clef with the help of **Mr. Everybody's Musical Apartment**. Students in 3rd will also be given music flashcards so they can study at home! **PLEASE** do not throw away their music flashcards! ☺

Kindergarten/1st/2nd Grades:

The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students are working on their spring music concert. The concert is set for **April 1st, 2014** at 7pm in the High School PAC (Performing Arts Center). Students are learning the songs and learning about how to perform. We are working on how to stand, sing, and act when we are performing for an audience. We look forward to seeing you all there for our concert! Be on the lookout for notes to come home about our concert!



Principal's Puzzle Challenge



The North Platte Public Library Foundation puzzle competition was Saturday, January 25 from 9:00-11:45. The tournament will be held at the Bethel Church at 2700 W Philip Ave. Eisenhower had 14 teams of two students each compete in the tournament.

Eisenhower Teams

| <u>Elementary Division (Grades 2 & 3)</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Eagles 1: Allison Einspahr Skylar Nicola | Complete Eye Care | 18:15 | 7 th |
| Eagles 2: Hailey Strosnider Ella Harmon | Equitable Bank | 33:30 | 19 th |
| Eagles 3: Laila Fiscus Alyssa Nielson | State Farm Ins. | 16:54 | 5 th |
| Eagles 4: Kennedyanne Winter Ashlyn Hayes | RX Express | 19:56 | 10 th |
| Eagles 5: Rachel Garcia Hallie Hamilton | Usave Pharmacy | 16:49 | 4 th |
| Eagles 6: Brock Roblee Trevor Matson | Jorgensen Chiropractic | 22:32 | 15 th |
| Brooklyn Ayres Allie Pierce | Message Theraputic Carol Edwards | 28:54 | 17 th |
| <u>Elementary Division (grades 4 & 5)</u> | | | |
| Eagles 7: Darian Diaz Elijah Strosnider | CG Architects | 1:28:08 | 9 th |
| Eagles 8: Skyler Sudbeck Maya Lashley | Odean Colonial Chapel | 1:17:25 | 4 th |
| Eagles 9: Jaylee Sheets Lexus Stewart | NP Foot Clinic | 1:14:09 | 3 rd |
| Eagles 10: Haeley Folk Baileigh Pack | TC Engineering | 1:26:03 | 8 th |
| Eagles 11: Megan Loving Kaitlyn Connelly | The Hairloft | | 18 th |
| Eagles 11: Blake Vaughn Chloe Vaughn | Premier Toyota | | 17 th |
| Eagles 12: Jada Escarsega Skylar Sudbeck | Bill Kackmister | 1:49:31 | 13 th |

Thank you to ALL the sponsors who made it possible for our students to puzzle!

*Eisenhower Elementary PTO
Meeting Minutes
December 2nd 2013*

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Approval of October 21st, 2013 meeting minutes

Motion to approve: Lyndsay Daniels

2nd: Chrissy Wiegand

Passed

Report of Officers

-President Report: Pass

-Vice-President Report: Please be respectful of others opinions.

-Treasurer Report: Updated PTO Ledger as of December 2nd 2013

-Secretary: Pass

Principal's Report

-The Parent/Student survey went well. This survey will help the school to adjust their goals.

-Date change for fundraiser Ice Cream and Candy Scrambler – Wednesday December 11th

-Friday, December 6th – Secret Santa Sales and Spirit Day

-End of the 2nd Quarter – December 20th

-Classroom holiday party's – December 20th

Teacher's Report

-Teachers like Juice Day being a set day each month

-More information about books for students who return their book-it or just Pizza incentive?

Jump for the Heart Presentation

-Wednesday, February 12th – more information to come...

Old Business

-Target money used to buy new headsets for the library and a new photo printer. The photo printer was used for Santa pictures at the holiday boutique.

-Movie night was a success. Next year will include pictures and/or information in the newspaper.

-Eat Out Night at Applebee's – waiting on information about money raised Holiday Boutique – Big thanks to Nathan Nelson for volunteering with Santa.

New Business

-Juice Machine/Spirit Friday – December 6th

Big thanks to Heidi Thramer and Sara Frazier and Becky Cooksley for getting them started!

-Secret Santa – December 6th – Letters will be coming home. Amount and person to buy for will be helpful for volunteers. Volunteers are still needed.

-Staff Christmas – Need more volunteers to bring goodies for the staff! Let Tonya know if you can help.

-Spring Fundraising (January 9th – 21st, Delivery on February 13th) Cookie Dough

-Talent Show – Chrissy Wiegand in charge – Please provide a CD with the student's song choice. Medals for participation. Cookies and punch will be served.

-Books for Bingo Night (February 21st) – Plan to use money from Scholastic to purchase new books. Mrs. Derby will look into borrowing more bingo cards. Students will be asked to bring snacks to share.

-Mini Courses (March 6th & 7th) – 2 hour sessions, students will pick their top 2 choices. Looking for volunteers to teach classes. More information to come.

-Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by President Tonya Hoatson

Next meeting: February 3rd at 7 p.m.

Books for Bingo

**Friday, February 21st
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**



**Join us for our first Books for Bingo
night in the Eisenhower Gym!**

Come play bingo for the chance to win free books!

**We will be having a snack table so please bring your favorite
snack to share with everyone!**

Drinks will be provided by the Eisenhower PTO!

See you there!

If you have any questions please contact
Tonya Hoatson
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Elementary School Culinary Competition

Hey 3rd through 5th Grade Elementary school students! Are there any aspiring chefs out there? Well, you can showcase your skills by participating in this Year's Future Chefs culinary competition. Check in the cafeteria, school office or ask your teacher for entry forms or more details. Fill out an entry form with your favorite sandwich recipe, and you could be one of 12 lucky North Platte Kids to compete in a live competition at the North Platte High School on March 28th.

As an added bonus, the winner of this event will have their recipe entered into a national competition, with the chance to win even more great prizes!!!!

SUMMER 2014 K.I.D.S KLUB REGISTRATION!!



DATES: Thurs. March 20TH & Fri. March 21ST

TIME: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: K.I.D.S. KLUB OFFICE @ LINCOLN SCHOOL

- Students currently in grades K-5 may attend
- Certified Teachers during A.M. Lessons
- Free Swim Lessons from NP Rec Center Staff
- Science, Math, Reading & Technology Enrichment Programs Offered Daily
- Kids On The Move: Healthy Snacks & Activities
- Lunch & Snacks Provided
- Early registration discount is \$675 plus \$25 non-refundable deposit
- HHS Childcare Approved
- You must register IN PERSON!!
- Only 120 openings so register early

**For more information call: Carrie Lienemann
308-696-3360**

K.I.D.S KLUB

WINTER OLYMPICS

MEGA DAY

MONDAY FEBRUARY 17TH, 2014

8:00-5:30 @ Lincoln Elementary

To Register Call: 308-696-3360

students will need a sack lunch



Students will be learning about the Winter Olympics & participating in Olympic Game competitions throughout the day! We'll learn what it takes to become an Olympic Athlete and make our own Gold Medals!

Dress Warm in case our games take us outside!