

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



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August/September Activities

Aug. 31	Kindergarten begins full day schedule (8:20 am – 3:10 pm)
Aug. 31	4 th Grade Meet the Teacher Night, 6 pm
Sept. 1	5 th Grade Meet the Teacher Night, 6 pm, Media Center
Sept. 2	Collaboration Day – Early Out School dismisses at 2:25 pm
Sept. 2	4 th Grade Orchestra Parent Information Night, 5:30 pm, Indian Hills Auditorium
Sept. 4	School Picture Day!
Sept. 7	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Sept. 8	Chess Club begins, 7:30 am, Mrs. Kellogg's Room (Rm. 103)
Sept. 8	3 rd Grade Meet the Teacher Night, 6 pm
Sept. 9	Collaboration Day – Early Out School dismisses at 2:25 pm
Sept. 15	Chess Club
Sept. 15	PTC Meeting, 12:30 pm, Media Center
Sept. 16	Collaboration Day – Early Out School dismisses at 2:25 pm
Sept. 18	All-District Band Spectacular (6-12 grades), 5:30 pm, Valley Stadium
Sept. 23	Collaboration Day – Early Out School dismisses at 2:25 pm
Sept. 25	School Bus Safety Drills
Sept. 28	5 th Grade Band Rehearsals begin
Sept. 30	Collaboration Day – Early Out School dismisses at 2:25 pm

A Note from Mr. Villotti:

Please have a conversation with your child regarding what to do in the event he or she misses the bus. Your child should be told to walk back home. If you are not at home, your child should call you to let you know they have missed the bus. He or she should also call the school at 633-5700. Please remind your child that he or she should **never** accept a ride from anyone else (especially not a stranger) without your expressed permission. We want all students to get to school safely and on time. Please call me if you have any questions at 633-5700.

All bus passes should be arriving shortly. If you have not received one by September 11, please let us know.



Picture Day

School pictures are this Friday, September 4th. Information and order packets will be sent home with your child this week. **Please send the order form to school with your child on Friday.**

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Just a reminder that Entertainment books/ orders are due back this Friday, September 4th! Questions?? - Call Carrie Galles 222-5967 or Julie Igram 223-6730

Before and After School Pick-ups

REMINDER: CARS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY DURING BUS DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP!!

Even one car in the lanes during drop-off or pickup times can complicate the process and cause bus delays and other issues. All students have been issued bus passes and should plan to ride the bus to and from school everyday. In the event you need to drop-off or pick-up, you are strongly urged use the following guidelines:

Before School: Please plan to drop your child off by 7:55 am if you need to bring them to school. (Breakfast is available to students for \$1.45 beginning at 7:45 am.)

After School: Busses will have parking lot priority at dismissal. You will be admitted to the parking lot after all the busses have been cleared. (Approximately 3:25 pm.)

Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group – CHADD

Do you struggle raising a child with Attention Deficit Disorder? CHADD offers an area support group for families and adults who are affected. Meetings are the first Monday of every month at the West Des Moines Library from 7-9 p.m. CHADD is also offering a six-week class for parents to help manage the issues related to the disorder. Classes begin Tuesday, October 6th from 6:30-8:45 p.m. Registration closes September 15th. Please call Julie at 223-6730 for more information or to sign up!



Information

WEST DES MOINES

COMMUNITY For the Parents of the West Des Moines Community Schools
SCHOOL Office of School/Community Relations

August 31, 2009
www.wdmcs.org

Board Highlights

At the meeting on Monday, August 24, the Board of Education:

- Heard a report from Valley and Walnut Creek Campus students about the Fast Track Diplomat Camp they attended this summer;
- Held a hearing and approved the easement for the Wastewater Reclamation Authority;
- Held a hearing on the Crestview Elementary School north addition;
- Established a hearing on September 14 for an easement with MidAmerican Energy;
- Authorized Shive-Hattery to provide a proposal for engineering design services to address moisture transmission at Valley Southwoods;
- Accepted as complete the work of six contractors on the Western Hills remodeling project;
- Approved change orders on the Crestview and Indian Hills projects;
- Approved the contract with the University of Iowa College of Nursing for a student nurse practicum;
- Authorized the amendment to the agreement with the Iowa Department of Education to extend a special project contract with a district teacher;
- Approved the lease agreement with Drake University for the Valley graduation ceremonies on May 30, 2010;
- Approved the roster for the Building a Learning Community Committee;
- Denied open enrollment applications received after the deadline.

Next meeting: Monday, September 14, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Learning Resource Center

VOTE on Sept. 8 - School Board Election

Four candidates are vying for three seats on the Board of Education: incumbent Jill Hansen and Elizabeth Brennan, Mark Lagomarcino and Veleta Lucas-Empty. Current Board members Susan Moritz and Barbara Burnett are not running for re-election.

Meet the candidates at a forum on:

Tuesday, September 1
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Learning Resource Center - Community Room.

The candidate forum is sponsored by the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce.

PEEL Vote - September 8

Voters will be asked to renew the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy -- \$1.34 per \$1,000 of taxable property value.

Key Facts:

- This levy will NOT increase property taxes, but continue a levy that is already in place.
- This vote is to approve a continuation of the same levy that the West Des Moines Community School District has depended on for more than 50 years.

Funds generated would be used for:

- Building repairs, renovations, additions, and safety improvements
- Purchase of computer systems and other educational technology
- Purchase of school buses

By law, PEEL funds may not be used for educational programs, textbooks or salaries.

Please remember to VOTE on September 8! Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

We're Ready for the Flu Season!

As the school year gets underway, the H1N1 virus is in the news again. Students and staff are taking extra precautions to avoid the spread of all types of flu. The district is following the guidelines in the Polk County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan for Schools.

District staff are expected to take the following precautionary measures:

- Classroom surfaces must be disinfected twice daily with Virex II. This disinfectant just has to be sprayed on desks/countertops, etc. and does not need to be wiped dry.
- Ample time must be provided for students and staff to thoroughly wash hands. Soap and water should impede the spread of germs.
- If access to soap and water is not available, students and staff will use the hand sanitizer that is provided in all schools.
- Food treats brought into the classroom must be eaten in the cafeteria or other common space in each school.

Additional information will be posted on the district web site at www.wdmcs.org. If you have questions, please contact your school nurse.

You Are Invited

To a reception honoring retiring and newly elected members of the Board of Education

Monday, September 14

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Learning Resource Center.

West Des Moines Community School District Board of Education

Barbara Burnett - Milton Cole - Jill Hansen - Mark Lyons - Susan Moritz - Tom Suckow - Terry Tobin

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