

HILLSIDE

Headlines

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August 31, 2009

Character Counts! Quote of the Week
Example has more followers than reason.
— *Christian Nevell Bovee*

Important Dates in August/September

- Aug. 31-Sept. 4 Kindergarten students dismiss at 1:30 p.m. (Teacher home visits)
- Sept. 1 3rd Grade Curriculum Night 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- Sept. 2 4th Grade Orchestra – Parent Open House at Indian Hills 7 pm
- Sept. 3 5th Grade Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 3 Kindergarten Curriculum Night 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- September 7 Labor Day, No School for Students and Staff**
- Sept. 8 Parent Teacher Organization Meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 9 SCHOOL PICTURES
- Sept. 10 1st Grade Curriculum Night 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- Sept. 10 2nd Grade Curriculum Night 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- Sept. 11 Valley Football Game at Valley Stadium 7:30 p.m. (Valley vs. Marshalltown)
- Sept. 15 4th Grade Orchestra Parent Lessons, Indian Hills ~ 7 p.m.
- Sept. 18 Valley Football Game at Valley Stadium 7:30 p.m. (Valley vs. Newton)
- Sept. 18 Fall Bus Evacuation Drills



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALE

Save up to 50% on THE THINGS YOU DO EVERY DAY and help your school. We'll be offering the Entertainment[®] membership book to raise money for Hillside Elementary School. People look for Entertainment[®] each year, so be sure to tell everyone you know that our school is selling it. You can help support our school for only \$20 and save hundreds of dollars for yourself, friends and family.

Enjoy up to 50% savings on family fun, dining out, travel, shopping and more! Your child brought home sale materials and important information on August 27. The sale will run through September 10. If you have any questions regarding the sale, please call Laura Porter at 953-2424. **Thank you!**

School SMILES Program

The Des Moines Health Center's School Smiles Program provides oral health education and screening services to over 8,700 children each year. One program objective is to identify oral health needs of children and to refer these children for treatment services. Second and third grade students will receive dental education and screening at Hillside Elementary on Tuesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 10, 2009. Any one with dental concerns in other grades can be screened and receive free dental care if they qualify for the program. Please contact our school nurse, Amy Davidson, if you have questions (633-6241).

Parking Lot Maps

If you are unsure of where to drop off and pick up your child(ren) before and after school, please stop by the office to pick up a map explaining before/after school pick-up. Please look this over. Signs are posted to inform you of our no parking zones and pick up areas. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Green at 633-6271. **Please avoid talking on your cell phone as you are picking up or dropping off your child(ren) at school. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.**



Hillside: A Peanut-Conscious School

Nuts may seem to be harmless little things, but for some, eating even one can cause loss of consciousness and death. Hillside Elementary takes the safety of its students very seriously and therefore reminds all families how important it is to be very careful when packing lunches and sending treats to school. Please try to avoid sending any products that contain peanuts or peanut oil. We ask that no snacks with peanut ingredients be brought to school for treats or parties. There are many tasty foods and treats available that do not contain peanuts or peanut oil. Try something new and peanut-free! ☺

Hillside Crossing Guards



Safety of our students is very important. Hillside students walking or biking to and from school this year will find crossing guards to help them cross busy intersections both before and after school. A crossing guard will be stationed at the intersections of Eighth Street & Grand Avenue, Eighth Street & Vine and also at Eighth Street & Ashworth Road. Guards will be on duty at all locations from 8:15 to 9:05 a.m. before school and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. after school. Please contact the Hillside office if you have questions or concerns.

Parent-to-Parent: Family Training on AD/HD

Have you been searching for a reliable source of information about AD/HD and how to manage the issues related to the disorder? **Parent-to-Parent** is a six-session interactive program for parents of children with AD/HD. Classes begin Tuesday, October 6th from 6:30-8:45 p.m. , and will continue each Tuesday for 6 weeks. **REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 15th, and class will fill up quickly!** Please call Julie for more information and to register 515/223-6730

AD/HD Parent Support Group sponsored by CHADD

Meets first Monday of every month at West Des Moines Library from 7-9 p.m. (If it is a holiday, we meet the following Monday.)
For questions please call Julie 515/223-6730

Neighborhood Community Outreach

The West Des Moines United Methodist Church at 8th and Grand holds FREE adult ESL classes twice a week (Mondays and Thursday 6:00-7:45 p.m.) and provides child care at no charge. The 2009 FREE adult ESL classes will start Monday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. There will be two levels of instruction:

ESL 1 -- Students new to speaking and understanding English

ESL 2 – Students who speak and understand English but want to improve. All adults eager to learn English are welcome. If you have questions, please call Jennifer at 971-0958

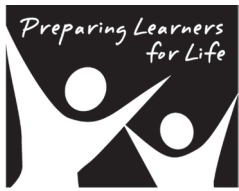
ESL CLASSES GRATIS

El West Des Moines, la Iglesia Metodista Unida en el 8vo y Grand gratuitos, clases de ESL para adultos dos veces a la semana. (Lunes y jueves – 6:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m. y provee cuidado de los niños sin costo alguno. 2009 clases gratis de ESL abrira el lunes 14 septiembre a las 6:00 PM. Habra dos niveles de clase:

ESL 1 Estudiantes de Nuevo a hablar y entender Ingles.

ESL 2 – Los estudiantes que hablar y comprender el Ingles, pero quiere mejorar.

Todos los adultos deseosos de aprender a hablar Ingles son bienvenidos. Si Usted tiene preguntas, llame a Jennifer al 971-0958.



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

Preparing Learners for Life