



EISENHOWER ECHO

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First Day of School: Tuesday, August 31st.

New Faces at Eisenhower

Please help us in welcoming new members to our Faculty and Staff:

- Mrs. Carol Tanweer to our 4th Grade Team
- Mr. Jeff Reed to our 2nd Grade Team
- Erin Greenawalt as our new Speech Teacher
- Mrs. Sue Grant to our Teacher Aide Staff.
- Mrs. Linda Smyers to our Instructional Aide Staff.
- Mrs. Deb Barber to our Instructional Aide Staff.

Please help us in welcoming our new students:

1st grade

Ava Dilts
Nathan Creighton
Katrinetta Sexton

4th grade

Lauren Bailey
Eryn Watson

2nd grade

Joshua Kardell
Christopher Dilts

5th grade

Tim Sexton

6th grade

Justin Kardell

3rd grade

Connor McQuiade

PTA NEWS:

The PTA has been working hard this summer to plan for the upcoming school year. As always we need help from our parents. As summer comes to an end, please think about any committees you would be interested in bringing your skills and interest to. Whether it be small or large your help is always appreciated.

Looking forward, the Eisenhower PTA would like to invite you and your family to the annual PTA back to school picnic. **This year the picnic will be held at Eisenhower on September 8th at 6 p.m.** Please watch your child's take home folder for more information.

Eisenhower Picnic

Mark your calendar for our Annual PTA sponsored "Eisenhower Family Picnic" on **September 8th at 6:00 PM** at Eisenhower Elementary School. The PTA is providing hot dogs, buns, condiments, and soda. Families are asked to please bring table settings for your family and a covered dish to share for 8-10 people. Families whose last names begin with:

- A-K: Please bring a side dish;
- L-R: Please bring a dessert; and
- S-Z: Please bring a type of salad



New Eisenhower Student Open House

An Open House is being held on **Monday, August 30th** for all new students who have enrolled at Eisenhower over the summer. Mrs. Cynthia Zagurskie, our Guidance Counselor will meet with you as follows: **Grades 1- 3 will meet from 9:00- 10:30 AM**
Grades 4- 6 will meet from 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Kindergarten Open House

Incoming kindergarteners and their parents should have received invitations to our "Kindergarten Open House" on **Monday, August 30. Stop by anytime between 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM** to meet Mrs. Brunetta, Mrs. Bond, and Miss Shubra, and to visit the Kindergarten classrooms.

Back-to-School Nights

Eisenhower's *Back-to-School Night* is designed to provide parents/guardians with an overview of their child's total school program. The evening will begin in the Multi-Purpose Room with parents, students, teachers, and Mr. Poloff, Principal, who will give a brief introduction to the evening.

This evening does not provide time for individual parent/teacher conferences. If you feel that such a conference is necessary, please call the school office for an appointment.

Grades K-2 will meet on Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 PM.

Grades 3-6 will meet on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 PM

Attendance/Building Security Guidelines:

Student Absence: The district has an automated calling system that will call your home when your child is reported absent. It will ask you to state the reason why your child is absent and will hang up when you are done talking. This **does not take the place of a written excuse** for your child's absence. **A written excuse from the parent is required** when a student returns to school from an absence. The excuse is required **within (3) school days following the student's return. If the reason for the absence is not valid, or the excuse is not submitted within the (3) day limit, the absence will be recorded as unexcused.** Pennsylvania state law requires that all students attend school when school is in session. Excused absences are for reasons of illness, recovery from accident or injury, required court attendance, or death in the family. Absences for educational trips must be approved in advance by the building principal to be considered an excused absence from school.

Bus Assignments

Bus assignments will be mailed home. If your child rides a bus and you do not receive a postcard listing his/her bus information, please call the transportation office at (724) 463-8713 during the week before school begins. For student safety, please do not change buses during the school year. **For cases of family emergency, requests to have your son/daughter ride a different bus must be made in writing and submitted in advance to the office.** All bus students should plan to ride the bus on the first day of school. Any transportation corrections or problems can be identified if all riders are on board.



Free or Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program: New applications for the free or reduced breakfast and lunch program will be mailed to all families. Only one application per family is needed, but each student must be listed on this application. Completed applications should be returned to the school. Any student who was enrolled in the free or reduced program at the end of the last school year will continue to receive free or reduced meals during the early days of the school year. **However, a new application must be submitted for approval to remain in the program for the remainder of the current school year.** Applications are also available in the school office. Due to the possibility of unexpected changes in a family's financial status, applications for free or reduced lunches will be accepted anytime throughout the school year.

Please see attached letter at the end of this newsletter for an explanation of the computerized debit system for the school's breakfast and lunch program. Deposit forms and money may be dropped off at the office prior to the first day of school.

Emergency Forms

New emergency cards will be sent home with your child. Please complete two cards for each child. The white card will be placed in the School Nurse's Office and the yellow card will remain in the Main Office. Please pay careful attention when filling in the requested information, especially the name of a friend or relative to be called if the parent/guardian cannot be contacted, in case of injury or illness. To maintain accurate records, notify the school if there is an address or telephone number change during the school year. Also, if you wish to change the person whose telephone number we have on file, please call at your earliest convenience.

Medications

The school district recognizes the need for medication to be provided to students when prescribed by a licensed physician. To avoid any possible misinterpretation of this need, the following provisions shall be followed:

1. Medication required by students should be given at home by the parent or guardian whenever possible.
2. The parent/guardian shall inform the school nurse of any medication to be taken at school.
3. All medication must be in the original package or pharmacy labeled container.
4. **In order to administer medications, the prescribing physician must complete an "Authorization for the Administration of Medicines" form or provide a written physician's order.**
5. In order to administer medications, the parent must complete their portion of the *"Authorization for the Administration of Medicines"* form or provide a note specifying the name of the medication, dosage, time, and duration (days) for medication administration.
6. Delivery of Medication:
 - Long-term maintenance medications such as Ritalin **must be delivered by the parent, guardian or designated adult.** If unable to personally deliver this medication, alternative plans must be approved by the school nurse.
 - Short-term medication such as antibiotics or decongestants may be delivered by the student. This container should be in a sealed envelope addressed to the school nurse. The student will deliver the medication to the nurse's office immediately upon entering the school building. The parent or guardian should notify the school nurse by telephone early in the school day when the medication will be delivered.
7. Tylenol and Ibuprofen will be given only if indicated by a parent signature on the emergency card. These medications will be administered in a limited number before requiring an individual order from the student's private physician.
8. Medication, including over the counter medications, may only be administered by a licensed medical practitioner.
9. All medications brought to the school shall be securely stored in a locked medication cart located in the nurse's office.
10. Under direction of school nurse, student may carry medications such as asthma inhalers, epinephrine, and insulin if necessary. Students will notify the school nurse immediately following the use of these emergency medications. Written instructions must be obtained from the student's physician and parent or guardian.

If you have specific questions, please contact Mrs. Rearick, our School Nurse, or call the Principal's Office.

Party Invitations

Party invitations may ONLY be distributed at school if every member of the child's class is invited, (or all the boys in the class for a boy's party or all the girls in the class for a girl's party.)

Children's feelings are easily hurt when they are not included for these events, so we respectfully ask that parents mail invitations when fewer students are involved. Thank you for your cooperation.



KidRead:

The office of Service learning at IUP in conjunction with the Indianan Free Library, is offering the KidsRead Literacy program starting September 27, 2010. The program is open to all children in Kindergarten through the fourth grade. This is a great opportunity for your child to enhance his/her reading skills through weekly one-on-one tutoring sessions with IUP college students. Applications will be sent home the first week of school. If you have any questions regarding the KidsRead program, please feel free to contact Vanessa Gregorakis in the Office of Service Learning at (724) 357-3103 or via email at v.e.gregorakis@iup.edu

LUTHERLYN:

2010 Lutherlyn Environmental learning center trip!

Our 6th grade students will be going to the Lutherlyn Environmental Learning Center from Tuesday, October 26th through Thursday October 28th. If you are interested in chaperoning for this great time, please call the office for more information.

More information concerning this trip will be sent home soon to all 6th grade parents during the first few weeks of school.

Arrival Procedures

1. Students are permitted to enter the building at 8:30 AM.
2. The school day officially begins at 8:55 AM.
3. Students that arrive after 8:55 AM will be considered TARDY.
4. Arrival after 11:30 AM is a ½ day absence.
5. ALL students must enter the school via the School Street entrance.
6. Parents are **NOT** permitted to walk their child to class. If you need to speak with the classroom teacher, please stop in the office and make an appointment.
7. Parents that enter the building must sign in at the office and obtain a visitors pass.
8. Students who ride a bike, must park their bike at the appropriate places around the campus and obtain a Bike Permit from the office.

Dismissal Procedures

1. The school day ends for the students at 3:20 PM.
2. All students who walk home will be dismissed out the School Street entrance. Parents who walk home with their children can wait for their children at the corner of Wine and School Streets. WE need to leave the front of the building open for the students who ride the buses.
3. All students who are being picked up by their parents (by car) will be dismissed out the Washington Street entrance. Please do be mindful of where you park. We are a small community school and want to ensure the safety of ALL our students and parents.
4. If your child has a change in transportation, we need to have written notice of the change on file in the office.
5. If your child is riding the bus home with another student, we need written permission from both students' families.

Early Dismissal Procedures – Student

1. A student who leaves school before 1:00 PM and does not return before the end of the day is considered absent for a ½ day PM.
2. Students need to provide written notification to the office before or on the day of the dismissal.
3. Parents **MUST** sign the student out at the office. If the student return to school, then the parent must sign the student back in.
4. The office will ensure that if a student is being dismissed early, that he or she is in the lobby prior to dismissal time.

Early Dismissal Procedures – School

1. Early Dismissal Days for the district are scheduled to end at 11:45 AM for elementary students.
2. You will receive a **BLUE DISMISSAL CARD** during the school year asking you to indicate how your child is to be dismissed on these days.
3. We do not permit children to call home on these days. Teachers will follow the dismissal information that you provide to us. If you are changing your child's dismissal procedure, please indicate this, in writing, to the school.

Walking School Bus

Eisenhower Elementary School is implementing the Walking School Bus this school year. We will only be walking on Fridays. If you are interested in walking with a group of students on Friday mornings, please fill out the information below and return it to the office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED