

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	August 28	August 29 Instrument try-out gr. 5	August 30	August 31 6:30 PTA meeting	1 Late 1hr arrival. (9:20 a.m.) PTA Popcorn Day!	2
3	4 No School today! Labor Day	5	6	7 Irving Open House and Back to School Social 5:30-7:00 p.m.	8 Late 1hr arrival. (9:20 a.m.)	9
10	11 Jump Start music lessons run this whole week for Grade 5	12	13	14	15 Late 1hr arrival. (9:20 a.m.)	16
17	18	19	20	21 School Assembly for PTA cookie dough fundraiser kick-off	22 No School today! Teacher inservice	23 Elementary Family Fun Run/Walk 8:30 a.m. at Audubon School
24	25 Parent Teacher Conferences scheduler opens up today!	26 Fall Picture Day ©	27	28 Site Council 3:30 p.m.	29 Late 1hr arrival. (9:20 a.m.) Spirit Day: Sports theme	30

- Did you know that EVERY FRIDAY is Irving School Spirit Day? Show your "All Star" pride by wearing an Irving t-shirt, or celebrating our Irving School spirit with green and yellow clothing!
- Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are October 12, 18, 19. Watch for school information about this. There is no school October 19 and 20 because of conferences!

Thank you for our AMAZINGLY generous PTA for their donation of \$3500 to purchase NEW library books for the Irving Library and \$12,500 for classroom whiteboards!
 Thank you for our gift of \$8900 from the **Dubuque Racing Association**, who is so wonderful to our community with their contributions in DRA grants!
 The latest 2017 Irving DRA grant has purchased standing desks and wobble seats for Irving students. Thank you DRA!



September 2017 Irving All Star School Newsletter

Are you on **Facebook**? “Like” us on Facebook at **Irving All Stars DCSD** to stay on top of Irving updates and happenings! We put pictures and updates on FB!

Start/End Times for Irving- Reminder that our entry bell for Irving is 8:25 a.m. Students are counted tardy as of 8:35 a.m. Student dismissal is 3:15 p.m. for all children. Please target your child’s arrival time for 8:20 a.m. unless they are arriving for breakfast at 8:00.

Preschool /Kindergarten Parents- please be sure to bring an extra set of clothing (as was on the supply list!) especially a clean pair of underwear for your child. We will leave it here in their locker. Thank you!

Reading Hut- will begin on Monday, October 2 at 8:10 a.m. in the Irving Library. This is for children who would like to read quietly before starting their school day. Reading Hut students will be picked up by Mrs. Stecher at Door #1 (gym door) at 8:10 a.m. This program will run through the colder months of the year, ending in spring.

ANIMAL Free campus- Reminder there are NO animals (dogs and other pets) at arrival and dismissal for the safety of our children. Even friendly pets can get grumpy around 500 screaming children exiting school at the end of the day!

Yearbooks- Our Irving School Yearbook order was listed with the fall school fees on E-Registration. If you did not order a Yearbook with your fall school fees, and wish to have a Yearbook, please watch for ordering information and last-chance order forms this fall and winter via the Thursday Mailbag.

Please take some time to take a look at our **Irving Family Handbook**, located on our Irving School webpage, at www.irving.dbqschools.org

Fridays- every Friday is a one-hour late start for staff professional development in Dubuque Schools. All **students should arrive at 9:20 a.m.** instead of 8:20 a.m. on Fridays. Families in need of an early drop-off option may bring their students to the Irving Gym door at 8:20 (typical drop-off time), where students will be expected to read or do homework quietly in a supervised setting in the gym bleachers. Please note this is NOT a childcare program and students that are unable to follow the rules of reading or working quietly on homework will not be allowed to return and participate. **Parents must escort their child to the Gym door and meet a staff member.**

Age-appropriate, research-based Health instruction occurs each month for Dubuque students. Health education topics for fall are: **September-** Emotional health and feelings; **October-** Relationships with family and friends; **November-** Your body, growth and development and human sexuality.

Attendance- Good attendance is CRITICAL for student success. Please do all that you can to use non-school days to plan trips, and attempt to make appointments at the *end* of the school day as reading instruction occupies our morning. **The district average for children is to miss LESS than 7 days total for the entire school year!**