

## Irving Elementary

Monday Feb 11	Tuesday Feb 12	Wednesday Feb 13	Thursday Feb 14	Friday Feb 15
Day # 3	Day #4	Day #5		
<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>
Banana Muffin Toast Jelly Fresh Apples	Trix Yogurt Cereal Strawberries Grape Juice	Pancake Syrup Cup Sausage Patty Fresh Apples	No School	No School
<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>
Turkey & Swiss Sub Calico Beans Pineapple Fresh Broccoli	Breaded Pork Chop Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Gravy Pears Celery Sticks	Breaded Chicken Bun 1.25oz Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit Fresh Cauliflower	No School	No School

Important  
Information

***The tardy bell rings at 8:10 AM.*** Your child will be counted tardy at **8:11 forward** either as **excused** for appointments, to accompany parents out of town, to attend funerals, etc.; or **unexcused with no note from the parent or for simply being late.**

***You are now able to view absences and tardies by accessing your PowerSchool account.***

As a courtesy, please call or email any changes to your child's pick-up arrangements for that day by 1:00 PM unless you have an emergency.

### **Absence from School**

If your child needs to be absent or late to school for any reason, **please notify the school office by calling between 8:00-8:30.** If you do not have a telephone, please send a note with another student.

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## **fyi,** Irving Events

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February 12 ..... Day 4 ..... Parent/Teacher Conferences begin at 3:25. Please sign up if you haven't done so already. The link to the conference schedule is [Irving Spring PT Conference Sign-Ups](#)

February 13..... Day 5 ..... Early Dismissal for PLC.  
Parent/Teacher Conferences begin at 2:30.

February 14..... No School for students; Teacher Professional Development  
Parent/Teacher Conferences begin at 1:00 PM

February 15..... No School

March 8..... Purple Palooza—6:00 to 8:30 PM

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### **Report Card Reminder:**

Dear Parents,

As mentioned in a previous communication, we have been working to make our report cards available online. We are now at the point where you may access report cards online through PowerSchool. Beginning with Quarter 2, we will be **utilizing online access for report cards in lieu of sending paper copies home**. At this time, you may access report cards from Quarter 1 via PowerSchool. We encourage you to try this now, so you are familiar with the process before Quarter 2 ends in January. Please see the directions linked on our [PowerSchool Parent Success site](#).

Contact Student Information Management Analyst Ryan Whitesitt at 515.961.9500, Ext 1506, or [ryan.whitesitt@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:ryan.whitesitt@indianola.k12.ia.us) if you need help creating or accessing your account.

Do any of the items below belong to your child?



What  
once  
was  
**L** Now is  
**FOUND**  
**S**  
**T**



A black FitBit was found on a ledge in the gym. Does this belong to your child?



Please check out our overflowing 'Lost and Found' table when you come for conferences. I will take any left-over items to Goodwill or Helping Hand after conference times.

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## District/Community Events

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- **HOPE FOUNDATION TRIVIA NIGHT**

Saturday, February 2, beginning at 6:00 PM  
St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center (210 R63 Highway)  
\$100.00 per table for Teams of 4-6  
Preregistration is required.  
Lasagna Supper || Cash Prizes || Door Prizes || Cash Bar

The Indianola Hope Foundation provides emergency assistance for basic needs—clothing, groceries, shelter, transportation and medical—for Indianola students.

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- **VOLLEYBALL ADVANTAGE INDIANOLA**

Indianola School Volleyball Coaching Staff to host Practices on the following dates for Girls in Grades 3 thru 8!

Location: North Gym at the High School

When: **3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** grade practices will be held from 6:45 to 8:00 PM on the following dates:

Thursday, March 14

Thursday, April 4

Tuesday, April 9

Monday, April 15

Tuesday, April 23

Tuesday April 30

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** grade practices will be held from 8:00 pm to 9:15 PM on the following dates:

Thursday, March 14

Thursday, April 4

Tuesday, April 9

Monday April 15

Tuesday April 23

Tuesday, April 30

**6<sup>th</sup> graders** can come to either practice!

- **KIWANIS TRIVIA—POSTPONED TO MARCH 16**

Saturday, March 16, beginning at 6:00 PM

Indianola Activity Center (2204 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue)

\$10.00 per person (includes hot dogs, chips and drink)

Register by calling Susan Glick at 515.961.3081 or 515.442.6804 or by email at

skcilg@hotmail.com

All proceeds go to help purchase all-inclusive playground equipment for Pickard Park.

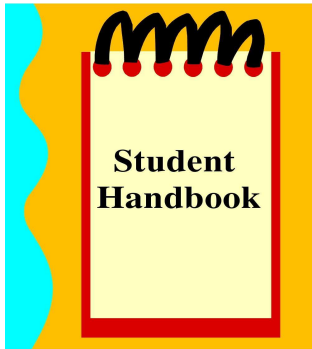
## Welcome to the Digital Backpack!

If you are looking for Indianola school and community events and information, then you have come the right place! To cut down on paper usage and the volume of materials sent home with students each week, nonprofit organizations are asked to submit their events, announcements, and flyers to our digital backpack. In accordance with board policy, here you will find information from school sponsored, affiliated, and supported organizations; nonprofit community organizations, programs, camps; and more.

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/digital-backpack/>

Subscribe to receive weekly updates from our Digital Backpack

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Have questions about other Elementary School Policies? Check the Handbook for Students and Parents on the district website:

[www.indianola.k12.ia.us](http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us), click on Students, then Handbooks.

### Absence from School

If your child needs to be absent or late to school for any reason, please notify the school office by calling between 8:00-8:30. If you do not have a telephone, please send a note with another student. If you do not notify the school, you will be notified of your child's absence. This policy has been established for your child's safety. If you know your child will be gone for

more than 2 days, you may notify the office the first day and then it would not be necessary for you to call daily.

There are limitations to students being excused from classes. Without exception, no student will be excused unless a telephone call is received or a note signed by the parent or guardian is presented to the teacher or principal..... Reference: School Board Policies 501.9, 501.10

### Attendance

The following procedures will be in effect as to when a child may be counted absent due to reasons such as dental appointments, excused to accompany parents out of town, funerals, etc.

Students will be counted tardy, but not absent, if they arrive by 10:15am, providing an excuse accompanies them explaining the delay in arrival. Students will be counted for a half-day absence if they arrive after 10:15am or leave before 1:30pm. .... Reference: School Board Policy 501.3

### The School Day

Instruction for Grades K-5 will occur from 8:10-3:00. ***The tardy bell will ring at 8:10 AM.***

### Emergency Information

If your child is ill or has an accident at school, you will be notified immediately. It is important that the emergency information be kept up to date. Parents should notify the school of any change in emergency information. No child is ever sent home until prior arrangements have been made.

### Student directory information for birthday party invites and party invitation distribution

Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we are unable to give student identifiable information to outside individuals or organizations. Our school directory information is for school officials with legitimate educational interests. Thus, teachers are unable to supply parents with the addresses of their peers for party invitations.

We also ask that party invitations not be distributed at school as it can cause hurt feelings for those not invited and disrupts the learning environment.

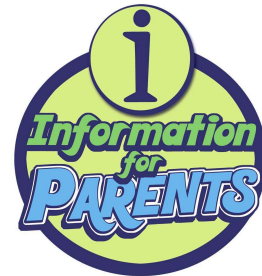
The Irving teachers and I greatly appreciate your understanding and support.

Derek Morris

### Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up Information

Dear Families:

Our student drop off/pick up procedures are designed to maintain a safe and orderly arrival and dismissal for you, our students, and our staff. The following guidelines provide a general awareness to all involved as well as provide information that will help expedite the process.



#### Safety Rules

- Vehicles may not be left unattended in the “car rider lane” on Clinton Street from 7:40-8:20 AM and 2:40-3:25 PM. If you must leave your vehicle, please use an official parking space.
- Listen to school personnel for directions.
- Always be on the lookout for others.
- Cross only at the cross walk if you are bringing your child into the building.
- There will be one lane for pick-up/drop-off on Clinton Avenue. No double and triple parking.
- Students will not be allowed to go in-between cars to get to their own vehicle for drop off/pick-up.
- Students will not be allowed to load and unload in the intersection of Clinton and D Street or Detroit and D Street.
- Parents should not park behind the parked cars along the fence to the playground or on D Street in order to load or unload their student(s).

#### Student Arrival Directions

- All students must be supervised. **Irving Elementary will provide supervision beginning at 7:50 AM.**
- On Clinton Street, please pull all the way to the west end of the car rider lane and unload close to the ramp.
- Please have your student prepared to exit the vehicle at the appropriate time in order to keep traffic flowing.

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- Students may not be dropped off from the street on Detroit or D Street. Please utilize the Simpson parking lots on the North side of Irving and have the students cross at the crosswalk.
- **We encourage students to be IN CLASS at 8:00 AM. They are tardy at 8:10 AM.**

#### Student Dismissal Directions

- Dismissal for bus begins at 3:00. **Only bus students may be dismissed at this time.**
  - If you need to pick your child up early, you will need to park in an official parking place, come into the main office and sign your child out.
- Dismissal for car riders and walkers begins at 3:05.
- Dismissal areas-
  - North Door—1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - West Door—Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade
    - Families with children in multiple grade levels may decide on one designated pick-up area. Please notify the classroom teachers of your decision.
- Please pull all the way up to the ramp area to allow us to load the maximum number of cars at one time. (All students will come from the ramp area on the west end of the building.)
- With proper flow, approximately 4-5 cars can pick up at one time, leave and then allow 4-5 more cars to pick up near the ramp.

#### Other available options

- There are two Simpson parking lots to the north of the building where you can make a plan to meet your child after school.
- Parking is also available on one of the side streets in the area. You may park and walk to meet your child at school.
- If your child qualifies for transportation services they may utilize the District's busing.
- The Simpson parking lot on the South Side of Clinton **IS NOT** available for parents to utilize before and after school for parking.

We ask for your focus and patience as all parents and students learn the new procedures. Please remember that traffic is always heavier at the start of the school year, so plan your time accordingly. The Indianola Police Department will be prominent during the first week and a half of school in order to help maintain procedures and traffic flow.

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#### NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Indianola Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities.

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability in admission or access to, or treatment in, its hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or Iowa Code § 280.3 is directed to contact:

504 Coordinator  
Indianola Community School District  
1304 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Indianola, IA 50125  
515 961-9500

who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 and Iowa Code 280.3 (2007).

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