

Irving Elementary- 3/31/23

Start Time **7:50 am**; Dismissal **3:00 pm (2:00 pm on Wednesdays)**
 500 West Clinton Avenue || 515-961-9560 || <http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us>



Please report all student absences, including the reason for the absence, by 8:00am. If emailing, please email both your child's teacher **AND** the Irving Secretary. Thank you!

Irving Secretary:
 515-961-9560
joanne.thessen@indianola.k12.ia.us

As a courtesy, please call or email any changes to your child's pick-up arrangements for that day by 12:30 pm unless you have an emergency.

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Indianola Schools offer breakfast and lunch each day. [Irving Menus](#)
 Breakfast starts at 7:15am. Students eating breakfast can enter through entrance 3 on the west side until 7:50 am.
 After 7:50 am, all students must enter through the main entrance.



The following options are offered daily:

- Breakfast: Assorted Fruit Juice, Cereals, and String Cheese
- Lunch: Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Goldfish, and Granola
- 1% White Milk, Chocolate Milk, and Water

Monday, 4/3	Tuesday, 4/4	Wednesday, 4/5	Thursday, 4/6	Friday, 4/7
No School	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Menus are subject to change without notice				
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
No School	Breakfast Pizza Raisins	Pumpkin Bread Mixed Fruit	Chicken Biscuit Applesauce	Confetti Pancakes Diced Peaches
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
No School	Walking Tacos Shredded Cheddar Shredded Romaine Refried Beans Diced Peaches	Pancakes Little Smokies Smiley Tots Cucumber Slices Applesauce	Turkey Italian Sandwich Green Beans Baby Carrots Frozen Juice Cup	Cheese Stuffed Breadstick Corn Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit

If you need assistance, the free and reduced application is available here: [Free and Reduced Meal Application Information](#). Indianola Schools is an equal opportunity provider.

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[2022-23-Year-Round-Calendar](#)

April 3.....No School (Teacher Professional Development day)
 April 10.....PTO Meeting 7:00 pm Irving Library or on Zoom
 May 1.....PTO Meeting 7:00 pm Irving Library or on Zoom
 May 29.....No School (Memorial Day)
 May 31.....Last Day of School - **11:30 Dismissal**

-- Building Notes --

Student Classroom Placement for 2023-2024

Assigning Students to Classrooms - Elementary teachers will soon begin assigning students to classrooms for next school year. Students will be assigned to classes for next school year by their current teachers and administrator, who are in the best position to make these recommendations. The teachers have worked with the children throughout the year and are able to identify their strengths and areas of needed support. Teachers consider many factors as balanced classes are prepared. These factors include:

- academic abilities
- social skills
- gender balance
- individual learning styles and needs
- student personality and interactions
- combinations of students to avoid
- class size

The Goal of the Classroom Assignment Process - The goal of the class assignment process is to produce a diverse combination of student groups who will work well together in the academic setting. This important task is vital to the creation of a positive class environment, which enables students to function to the best of their abilities. Students are assigned to classes based upon the best possible match of teaching skills and interpersonal needs of students.

Parent Input – We Need Your Support and Input! - Parents who feel the need to provide input about their child’s placement should contact the building administrator and request the Elementary Parent Input form from the school office. It is important to note that a request for a specific teacher is not appropriate. When providing input, please share your child’s strengths or weaknesses in writing to the administrator. The information will be considered during the class placement process. However, the act of submitting written information or a request does not guarantee placement in a particular class.

Please respect the teachers’ and administrator’s professional judgment. It is important to note that the teachers and administrator hand place every child. We have each student’s best interests in mind as class selections are made. Please have your input into the school by Friday, May 5, 2023.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

- Mr. Fitzpatrick, Emerson Elementary
- Mr. Morris, Irving Elementary
- Mrs. Mendoza, Whittier Elementary
- Mrs. Naughton, Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary



Notes from the School Counselor - Mrs. Puckett
emily.puckett@indianola.k12.ia.us or 515-961-9560 ext. 6104

- **Backpacks 4 Hunger** is a wonderful program that strives to help families fill in food gaps on the weekend. The food will be sent home with students every Friday. This program is available for all students at Irving. If you are interested in taking part in this program, please contact Mrs. Puckett (contact information above) or pick up a flyer from the office.
- Irving Elementary has partnered with **Big Brothers Big Sisters** to offer a school-based mentoring program. Each week, your child and their Big Brother or Big Sister will work on developing a strong relationship by doing fun activities together for 30 minutes during the school day. The Bigs are Simpson College students who want to be a positive role model for kids in the community. Each mentor is trained by the professional staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters and must pass a background check. If you are interested in learning more about this program or enrolling your child in the program, please contact Mrs. Puckett (contact information above).



-- PTO Information --

Indianola Hy-Vee: Save receipts from the Indianola Hy-Vee store and gas station. Hy-Vee makes a donation to the PTO after we collect a certain dollar amount in receipts. Send receipts in a marked envelope with your child to school, turn them in to the office, or bring them to a PTO meeting. Indianola Hy-Vee location only.

AmazonSmile: Choose "Irving Parent Teacher Organization (Indianola, IA)" as your charity.

Box Tops for Education: Download the Box Tops app, choose "Irving Elementary School (Indianola, IA)" and scan receipts to earn money for our school. Receipts must be scanned within **14 days** of purchase.

-- District/Community Events--

ICSD 23-24 Returning Student Re-enrollment began March 17th! Parents/Guardians will use the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) to complete online re-enrollment. Instructions have been emailed to parents/guardians of current Preschool through 11th grade students. All students who plan to return to ICSD must be re-enrolled for 23-24. This is separate from course registration at the High School and Middle School.

ICSD 23-24 New Student Enrollment began March 3rd! Parents/Guardians must provide all required paperwork to Denise Moss, District Enrollment Coordinator to enroll a new student. Please see the [District Enrollment](#) page for more details.

Please contact Denise Moss, District Enrollment Coordinator, with any questions:
enrollment@indianola.k12.ia.us or 515-961-9500 x1506.



You can search/subscribe to upcoming events in the District's Digital Backpack:

www.indianola.k12.ia.us/digital-backpack

Change of Address

Are you moving? Or have you recently moved? The parent/guardian needs to complete the Change of Address Form and provide acceptable proof of residency to the District Enrollment Coordinator. Please do so in a timely manner, as changes can take 2-3 business days to update. [Change of Address Form](#)

More information may be found here: [ICSD Change of Address](#)

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504 Coordinator
Specials Programs Coordinator
Sarah Baker
1301 East Second Avenue
Indianola, IA 50125
515-961-9500 ext. 3114

Title XI
HR Director
1301 East Second 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).