

Irving Elementary

Start Time 7:50 AM; Dismissal 3:00 PM
 500 West Clinton Avenue || 515.961.9560 || <http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us>

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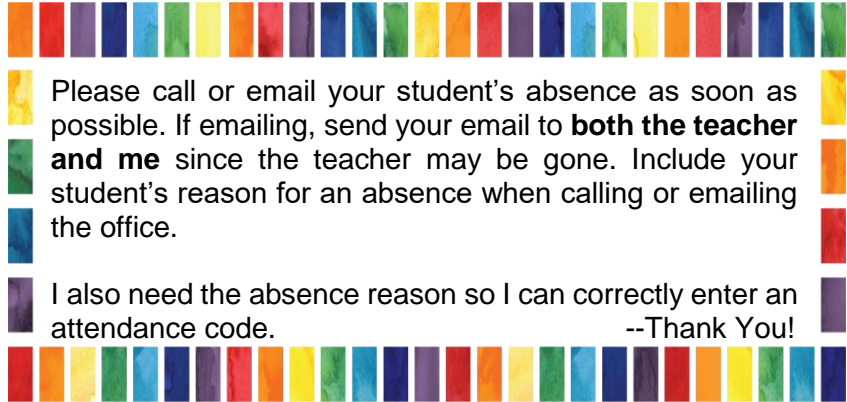
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Please call or email your student's absence as soon as possible. If emailing, send your email to **both the teacher and me** since the teacher may be gone. Include your student's reason for an absence when calling or emailing the office.

I also need the absence reason so I can correctly enter an attendance code. --Thank You!

Irving Strong--Neighborly

Our guideline-for-success focus for the month of March will continue to be Neighborly.

At Irving We Are...

- S** Safe
- T** Trustworthy
- R** Respectful & Responsible
- O** On Time & On Task
- N** Neighborly
- G** Growing



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Indianola Schools offers lunch and breakfast each day. Menus are available here: [Irving Menu](#).

The following options are offered daily:

- Breakfast: Assorted Cereals and Mozzarella Stick
- Lunch: Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Goldfish and Granola

Monday March 28	Tuesday March 29	Wednesday March 30	Thursday March 31	Friday April 4
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1
*** Menus are subject to change without notice. ***				
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
String Cheese Fruit	Apple Churro Fruit	Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit	Cinnamon Roll Fruit	Pop Tart Fruit
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Popcorn Chicken Roll Corn Fruit Fresh Carrots	Walking Taco Fiesta Beans Romaine Lettuce Fruit	Grilled Cheese Broccoli Fruit Fresh Carrots	French Toast Sticks Tater Tots Fruit Fresh Carrots	Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Fruit Cucumber

1% white milk, chocolate milk and water are always offered with lunches.

If you need assistance, the free and reduced meal application is available here: [Free-and-Reduced-Meal-Application-Information](#). Indianola Schools is an equal opportunity provider. || ***** Menus are subject to change without notice. *****

*FREE
LUNCH
ANY ONE?*

The USDA recently extended the Summer Food Program guidelines for emergency COVID meals for all school-aged children. Breakfast and lunch meals will be FREE TO ALL students **until funds run out**.



Not receiving text messages from the Indianola Community School District? You can opt-in by texting YES to 87569. (Standard message and data rates apply.) **If you still aren't receiving ICSD text messages, please contact your building secretary to confirm we have the correct contact information on file.**

fyi, Irving Events

Link to the Year-Round Calendar: [2021-22 Year-Round Calendar](#)

Newly added to the district website: [2022-23 Year-Round Calendar](#)



Every Wednesday..... Early Dismissal (2:00 for bus riders/2:05 for pick up/ walkers.)

- March 28..... Beginning of 4th Quarter
- April 4 PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. (in-person at Irving library and on Zoom)
- April 7 Elementary Honor Choir Students, Blake Field House
- April 22 1st Grade Field Trip to Annett Nature Center
- May 2..... PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. (in-person at Irving library and on Zoom)
- May 10..... 5th Grade Band, Orchestra and Chorus Concert; 6:00 PM; IHS.
- May 27 Last Day of School



2021-22 Irving Yearbook



Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of school.



Come see IHS's Production of The Sound of Music on April 28th, 29th, and 30th! Tickets can be found by following the link below!

vancoevents.com/BCCE

Student Classroom Placement for 2022-23

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 6, 2022**.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Mr. Timmerman, Emerson Elementary
Mr. Johnson, Whittier Elementary

Mr. Morris, Irving Elementary
Mrs. Naughton, Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary

District/Community Events



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 moved recently? If so, please complete and return the [Change of Address Form](#) with your proof of residence, as outlined below, as soon as possible to Denise Moss, District Enrollment Coordinator. You may drop them off at the District Office, email them to enrollment@indianola.k12.ia.us, or fax them to 515-961-9502.



A copy of **one** of the following documents will suffice as proof of residence, **as long as it is complete, and lists the custodial parent/guardian's current residential address:**

- Printed Verification Page from the [Warren County Assessor site](#)
- Current Mortgage Statement or Current Property Tax Document
- Lease Agreement with Term Listed, signed by Landlord and Parent/Guardian
- Settlement Statement or Warranty Deed from New Home Closing
- Purchase Contract with Possession/Closing Date, signed by All Parties; or
- Current Utility Bill or Utility Deposit Receipt with Service Address and Service Dates shown.

Please allow at least three business days for transportation changes, and contact Denise with any questions. Thank you.

Volleyball Advantage Indianola

What: Indianola School Volleyball Coaching Staff to provide experiences during open gyms for girls in Grades 3rd thru 8th! See the district's Digital Backpack for more information:

[Volleyball Advantage Indianola](#)

Visiting Volleyball Teams

University of MN and Kansas State Volleyball Teams will compete at Simpson College on Saturday, April 23rd at 1:30 pm.

Admission is Free! The U of Mn was an Elite Eight team in 2021 and the Kansas State team includes Aliyah Carter, a Dubuque Wahlert Native and Big 12 All-Conference 1st Team Performer in 2020 and 2021!

Building Notes

The bell rings at 7:50 AM. Your child will be counted tardy starting at **7:51** either as **excused**:

- illness,
- family emergencies,
- recognized religious observances,
- to accompany parents out of town, to attend funerals, etc.;
- appointments that cannot be scheduled outside the school day,
- school-sponsored or approved activities;

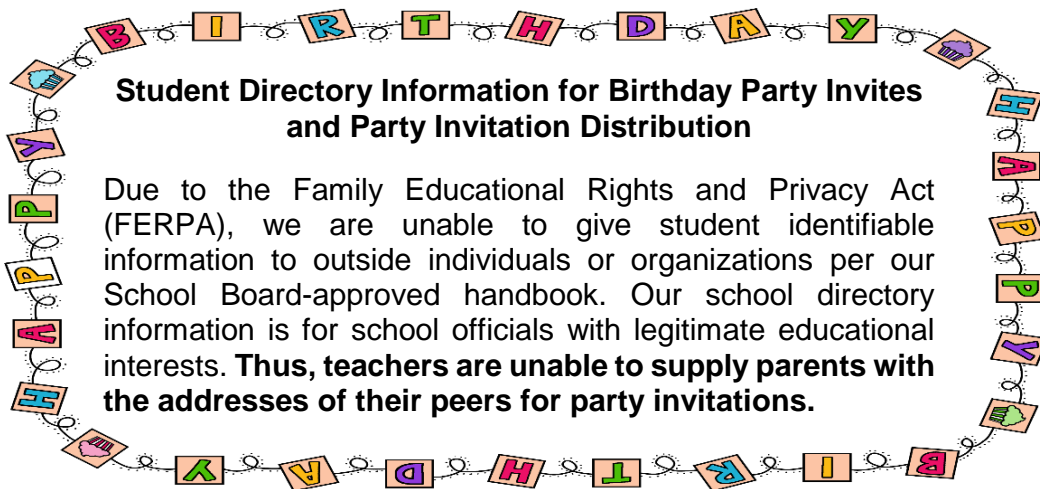
or unexcused with no note from the parent or for simply being late. Unexcused absences also include, but are not limited to:

- shopping,
- hunting,
- concerts,
- preparation/participation in parties/celebrations,
- and employment.

Tuancy will not be tolerated by the board. **Ref.:** **School Board Policies 501.3, 501.9, 501.10**

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

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.



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 per our School Board-approved handbook. 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.**

Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up Information

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 link provides a general awareness to all involved as well as provide information that will help expedite the process: [Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up Information](#)



Our Lost and Found rack is now in the hallway across from the gym for parents to check out.

Please put your child's name on the labels of coats, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, etc., so we can return the lost items—even if you only put the first name.

Exiting the Building:

- Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades will enter/exit through the **southwest doors**.
- 1st, 3rd and 5th grades will enter/exit through the **north door**.

Families with children in multiple grade levels may decide on one designated pick-up area. Please notify the classroom teachers of your decision.

Guidelines for Indoor Recess:

If the temperature and/or feels-like temperature is 10° or below or 100° and above, students stay inside for recess.

Students will also come into the building starting at 7:30 in the morning.

Recess and Lunch Time Reminders:

AM Recess

K	9:25-9:40
1 st /2 nd	9:50-10:05

PM Recess

3 rd /4 th	2:00-2:15
1 st /2 nd	2:25-2:40
K	2:40-2:55

Lunch	Time	Recess
1 st	11:05-11:25	11:25-11:50
2 nd	11:20-11:40	11:40-12:05
3 rd	11:35-11:55	11:55-12:20
4 th	11:50-12:10	12:10-12:35
5 th	12:05-12:25	12:25-12:55

Cell Phones/Electronic Communication Devices

Students may possess a cellular telephone or other electronic communication devices (ECD) in school and at school related functions provided that **during school hours and on school vehicles the cell phone or ECD is powered off, concealed and not in use.**

Students are prohibited from using a cell phone or having it powered on during the school day.

Notes from the Transportation Department:

All bus students are expected to wear their seat belt during their bus route. If your child is having trouble with the seat belt, please ask the bus driver for help.

The middle school is a transfer point **only** for before and after school. Parents should be dropping off and picking up their children at their attendance center if they have plans other than their typical bussing needs.

According to the Student Transportation Handbook (found on the Indianola website): ‘ . . . *Elementary parents cannot pick up or drop off elementary students at the Middle School for transportation.*’

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..... **Code No. 102.E3**

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..... **Code No. 102.E2**

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 Special Programs Coordinator Sarah Baker
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Title IX
 HR Director Mimi Kelly-Meyer
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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).