

Amana Elementary

Newsletter

Friday, May 23, 2019



Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, 5/28 - K/1st Field Trip
- Tuesday, 5/28 - 5th grade Band Concert, HS
- Monday, 6/3- Snow Make Up Day
- Monday, 6/3 - 10:00 AM -12:30 PM Preschool Sports Day, at CCE (Oxford)
- Tuesday, 6/4 - Snow Make Up Day
- Tuesday, 6/4 - Preschool Graduation, 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, 6/5 - Snow Make Up Day FULL DAY
- Wednesday, 6/5 - Talent Show, 1:30 PM
- Thursday, 6/6 - Snow Make Up Day
- Friday, 6/7 - Last Day of School EARLY DISMISSAL (NEED SWIMSUIT AND TOWEL)

Let the countdown begin...

As I get older and wiser (or at least older) the more I strict I get with . I do need to preface the fact that I LOVE a good Christmas countdown. However, countdowns to summer, even though we're all thinking it, has some unintentional consequences. I've said it before, and I continue to celebrate it still, Amana Elementary teachers don't hit cruise control. My wife is a tremendous

educator at North Bend elementary teaching art. We had this countdown conversation as well. She has changed her thinking to instead of a countdown of days, she posts how many hours are left. Changed the mentality from coasting, to almost panic with all the things the students wanted to get done! I liked that idea!

I too am excited for summer, I won't try and mislead you. I'm looking forward to the office renovation. I'm excited to get my goals set and ready as we prepare for next year. I'm excited to get to work with Mrs. Trumpold again! (PE) and to get to know Ms. Colia (music) and Ms. Campbell (art) who I am very confident will continue to grow our tremendous arts programs here at AES. Next year marks my 11th year as principal and 20th year in the district. The greatest joy I have now is to look back at the different classes and celebrate their amazing growth. It is a joy to sit down in teacher meetings and reminisce of different students at different ages and grades. Amana is a unique place. And although far from perfect, I would not trade students, staff or buildings with anyone.

So, yes, we are in the homestretch. 60 hours ish left. In a blink of an eye (2,245 hours to be exact) it will be August 26th and the start of the 2019.2020 school year! Let the countdown begin.

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5th Grade Band Final Concert Update!

Hello all,

Time for one last blast concerning our final Band Concert on Tuesday , May 28th . It will be held at the H.S. Performing Arts Center (Auditorium) at 6:15 and will take about 20 min.

As you enter the HS, go straight ahead through cafeteria and you will head right into the PAC! There is a hallway to the left (I will have signs up) that students will travel through, leave their cases along the wall and head backstage, find their seat, sit down and get ready to play.

After the performance, students will return down that same hallway, put instruments away and meet their families in the cafeteria.

All four bands have been improving steadily and I know you will notice a big change from Monster Band- I can certainly tell! The year has gone by quickly and I hope these students will continue to grow in 6 th Band next year.

Thanks,
Mr. Flaherty

Head Lice Information

We have reported cases of lice in our school community. Lice are small insects or bugs that live on the human body. They are a grayish-brown in color and smaller than a sesame seed. The eggs of lice are called nits. Nits attach to hair strands. Nits can remain viable on clothing for about 1 month. Head lice can survive for about a week off of their human host. Lice are transmitted from person to person with close contact or by sharing personal items. Lice may crawl from host to host, but they do not hop, jump, or fly. In order to prevent the spread of lice, children should not share clothing, hats,

helmets, combs/brushes, or bedding. Please periodically remind your child of this. Various insecticide sprays are marketed to target head lice on inanimate objects such as helmets, furniture, and flooring, but these are very dangerous to children and . The district is using a new, all-natural environmental spray that has promising reviews. We are also continuously reviewing possible avenues of potential transmission at school and are promptly eliminating or fixing those.

“Current evidence does not support classroom or school-wide screening as a method to stop head lice transmission “ (IDPH). The Iowa Department of Public Health suggests that weekly screenings at provide the best opportunity for prompt recognition and treatment of head lice. These screenings take time (most resources say at least 15 minutes per child). I recommend that you screen your child at least once a week (more often if lice is present in your child’s classroom, home, or after-school activity environment) and if you find live lice or nits, follow the health department’s or your child’s healthcare providers’ treatment guidelines.

If you need help with treatment or product, please don’t hesitate to call me. Please remember, lice has no social or economical preference....they don’t care how clean a head is or how often someone bathes.....they just want hair and a scalp to call home. If you find lice or nits, PLEASE let the school know. We can’t help curtail the transmission if we don’t know. We will not single your child out or tell other parents about individual students. Per IDPH guidelines, students will not be excluded from school because of lice.

Feel free to contact Kathy Campbell with questions or concerns regarding this matter. You may reach Kathy by email at kathycampbell@ccaschools.org.

Kathy Campbell, RN, CCA District Nurse

Summer Reading Program at the Amana Library

The first program is Thursday, June 13th at 10:00 AM -Jester Puppets - New to the Library!

Come kick off a great summer of fun with our 1st special guests, Jester Puppets. Using their unlimited imaginations, kids travel through space with cadets of the Academy as they problem solve, overcome challenges and work together as a team. Incorporated into the voyage are elements of STEM, stimulating and encouraging young minds.



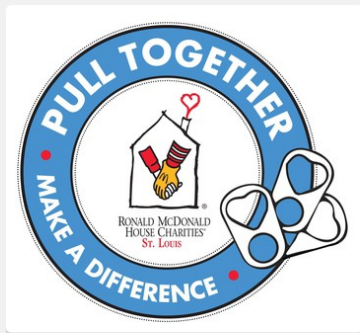
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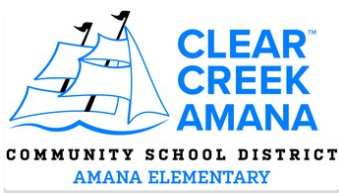
Lunch accounts and other payments.

Volunteering

We appreciate volunteers, please go this volunteer link for more information.

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