

Amana Elementary

Newsletter

Friday, November 22, 2019



Thank You for Sharing Your Kids With Us!

Nearly every Friday, without fail, Ms. Colleen will ask, "Got your Friday Note ready to go?" Without fail, I smile, tap my forehead and assure her, "Yep, it's all up here." Over the years, I have learned to at least try and tell Colleen what she wants to hear. She has long figured out when I know what I'm talking about, or when I'm just bluffing! I have come to believe she has magical powers! But I digress.

Some Friday Note inspiration finds me and sometimes I have to go looking. This time of year, inspiration greets me every morning, gives me hugs, asks me to read, includes me in recess games, welcomes me in the classroom, and yes, asks me if I have my Friday Note ready to go! I am so overly thankful for the young people I get to see every day and the outstanding people I get to work with who provide such a high quality of care. It should not go without mentioning how thankful I (and the entire Amana Elementary community) are for the loving and supportive families who support us, our work and the children.

Thanksgiving is special because it is full of tradition. One of my all time favorite Amana Elementary traditions is the kindergarten project, How to Roast a Turkey. It's a project which taps into our young peoples' creativity, intuition and thoughtfulness. The staff eagerly await the project every year and Mrs. Hilton, never to disappoint, has the projects hanging in the halls well in advance of Thanksgiving. I encourage everyone to stroll through the halls and enjoy student work all through the year. Here are just a few of the highlights! Included this year is a new addition to the Thanksgiving tradition, projects specifically designed to have our kinders reflect, write and illustrate on what they are thankful for. Enjoy!

*Adriana suggests stuffing the turkey with salsa! (I like that idea!)

*Ava wants to stuff her turkey with a box and likes Thanksgiving because of rainbows (beautiful imagery!)

- *Audrey, always the practical one, suggesting stuffing turkey with a fork.
- *Olivia, as kind hearted as I have ever known, likes Thanksgiving because we get to make some presents. She also suggests stuffing her turkey with sugar. (I think that would actually be pretty good!).
- *Zayliegh has the idea of the century! She plans to stuff her turkey with french fries! (Personally I would take the fries over the turkey any day).
- *Jonathon will stuff his turkey with sprinkles. Jonathon goes on to write that he likes Thanksgiving because he gets to be with my whole family.

The mentions of family, mom and dad, puppies, small dogs, cats, grandma and grandpa along with the joy of sharing turkey, roast beef, chicken, pumpkins and unicorns and many more heart warming reminders of the joy young people have in their hearts, make this project as well as the other grade level projects on giving thanks, so special.

Thank you for sharing your children with us every day (a quote I lovingly attribute to Ms. Marla Austin, Amana Elementary alumni teacher, and current english teacher at CCA Middle School).

On behalf of Amana Elementary, I would like to wish you all a happy (and hopefully restful) Thanksgiving!

Ben Macumber, Principal



Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Nov. 27 - Friday, Nov. 29 - No School
- Tuesday, Dec. 3 - Decorating Trees at Tannenbaum Forest
- Monday, Dec. 16 - K-2 Concert, 6:30 PM; 3-5 Concert, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, Dec. 19 - Preschool Family Night
- **Friday, Dec. 20 - Two Hour Early Dismissal *this is a change from the 2019.2020 school calendar***
- December 23 - January 3 - Winter Break

CCA Quarter Notes Newsletter

[Click here to read the Amana Elem. Music Newsletter](#)

Dropping Off Students

Students who do not ride the bus should not be dropped off prior to 7:45 AM. We prefer to have students dropped off by the doors next to the cafeteria. Students should go directly to the cafeteria. This is an attempt to keep our students safe and supervised. At no time should students PreK through 3rd grade be heading to their locker unless accompanied by an adult.

Do not leave your car unless you are parked in a designated parking spot. Buses need to be able to pull through both the loop in the front of the building by the flag pole and the area near the cafeteria. If cars are parked in these areas the buses are not able to pull through and stay on schedule.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the drop off areas clear and safe when students are coming to school in the morning.

CCA Illness Policy

Please report your child's illness and please review the following guidelines about student illnesses:

- Please notify the school if your child is going to be absent or tardy for any reason.
- If the absence is due to an illness, please let us know your child's symptoms (i.e. nausea, vomiting, fever, headache, sore throat, cough, rash, body aches, etc.).
- If your child sees their healthcare provider for the illness, please let us know the outcome of that visit and if your child was diagnosed with a contagious disease. This will help us track illnesses, identify outbreaks, and allow us to notify the health department if a reportable communicable disease is identified.
- If your child is ill and has a fever (100 or higher), they should not return to school until they are fever-free for 24 consecutive hours without the aid of fever-reducing medications.
- If your child is vomiting, they should not return until they have not vomited for 24 hours.
- If your child is being treated for a contagious bacterial infection (i.e. strep throat), they should not return to school until 24 hours after antibiotics are started and until they are fever-free for 24 consecutive hours without the aid of fever-reducing medications.

The school nurse or office personnel will evaluate students who become ill at school. If it is determined that the child is too sick to remain in school, a parent/guardian will be called and asked to come and pick the child up.

Thanks for your help in adhering to these guidelines that will help keep our school healthy and decrease the risks of spreading contagious diseases.

Are you dressed for the weather?

<p>60° and Above No jacket.</p>	
<p>45° to 59° Jacket or sweatshirt only.</p>	
<p>25° to 44° Jacket, hat, & mittens</p>	
<p>24° and belowor Snow Jacket, hat, mittens, boots, & snow pants.</p>	

Art and Library Request!

Amana Elementary Families,

We need your help! In the next few weeks, we will be working on a collaborative project in art and library class. All students will be working together to create a 10-foot mural. We are in need of lots of MAGAZINES!! If you have magazines that you don't want, please send them to school with your child or drop them at the office.

Thanks so much!

Ms. Campbell and Mrs. Fox

The Backpack Program

We participate in a program called The **BackPack Program**. This is a partnership between HACAP and the CCA Community Schools. The **BackPack Program** provides a food pack of kid-friendly, non-perishable food for children on the weekends and during school breaks. This is a **FREE** program, without cost to families. It is also kept completely **confidential** – only the counselor will be aware of participating families. If this would be helpful for you and your children, please contact Kelsey Koffend by phone at (319) 622-3255 or by email at kelseykoffend@ccaschools.org. There is a limited number of spots available, so it is important that you call or email to get your child's name on the list.

Shoes That Fit

Shoes That Fit is a program that provides shoes to children in need. **If your child needs new shoes this year and this program would be helpful to you, please contact Kelsey Koffend** by phone at (319) 622-3255 or by email at kelseykoffend@ccaschools.org.

Help Support Our School

Please keep collecting, cutting and turning in..... Box Tops for Education and Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House and Register Tapes from the Big G dated 9/1/19 - 3/31/20!



**Ronal McDonald
House Tabs**



**Box Tops for
Education**



**Register Tapes for
Education**

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We are excited to inform you that we are participating in an incredible program that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies! Here's How You Can Help! • Shop at Big G Foods, Marengo from September 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020 • Save your receipts and send them to school with your child • Your receipts will earn us points for free classroom equipment, donated by the store!

InTouch

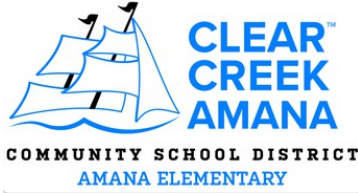
Lunch accounts and other payments.

Volunteering

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

Digital Backpack

Your connection to CCA and community events, camps, fundraisers and more.





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