

Amana Elementary

Newsletter

Friday, December 20, 2019



From our family to yours

Ms. Colleen and I refer to each other as work wife and work husband (Colleen's husband Mike and my wife Susan would also agree). And so on behalf of me, Colleen, and the entire staff of Amana Elementary, we want to extend a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year to one and all! (Side note, much like my wife Susan, Colleen is right nearly 99% of the time, and maybe even higher than that! I'm sure Mike can relate).

Elementary is a magical time for sure! Christmas time never is dull. The excitement and joy (not to mention the goodies that get dropped off!). The memories created during this time of year will last forever. The Elementary concert on Monday (amazing). The 4th and 5th graders were scheduled to go caroling next door at Lakeview was cancelled at the last minute because of the flu bug going around, did not deter Ms. Collia, Ms. Hess and Mrs. Kula! We reorganized and were welcomed to Whirlpool to carol through their different departments! I can safely say, NEW TRADITION! Then we topped the week off last night with the preschool Family Night, Grinch style. What an amazing crew of educators. The students are the absolute sweetest, and it's always fun having families interacting. I think we can add this to our new tradition list as well.

And although a teacher's favorite Christmas lights are the red taillights on the school bus as it drives away on the last day before the break, we will be rested and ready to go when we come back on January 6th. And however, and whoever you celebrate this season, I hope you are able to spend some time with your family, relax, and have some fun!

We are Amana!
Ben Macumber, Principal



Upcoming Events

- December 23 - January 3 * Winter Break
- Monday, January 6 * Amana Elementary PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Monday, January 20 * No School
- February 18 - 20 * PLP's
- February 20 and 21st * No School
- March 16 - 20 * Spring Break

Amana Library Holiday Hours

Monday, December 23; 9 - 3

Tuesday, December 24; CLOSED

Wednesday, December 25; CLOSED

Thursday, December 26; 10-3

Friday, December 27; 10-3

Saturday, December 28; 9-12

Monday, December 30; CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31; CLOSED

Wednesday, January 1; CLOSED

Thursday, January 2; 9-6

Friday, January 3; 9-6

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 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.

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

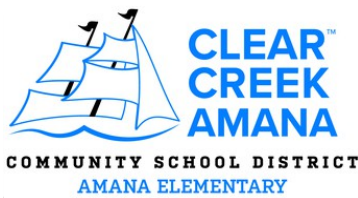
Lunch accounts and other payments.

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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