



# Dallas Center-Grimes Community School Mustang Monthly



“Empowering Students to Take Charge of Their Futures”

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## Letter from the Superintendent

Dear DC-G Family,

Reflecting back on the start to the school year, listening to comments from staff, families, and students, the many things happening at DC-G have left me in awe. This is definitely an emotional high for me and illustrates what we are doing to keep our small school feeling while embracing our DC-G family. What I witness as I make my way around the district and communities has reassured of our commitment to maintaining a small school feel as we continue to grow. It is evident in so many actions we take with students and should be continually celebrated. Preparation in our classrooms, interactions with families and staff, and atmosphere in our buildings exhibits #DCGexcellence. The question I’m left with is, “How do we sustain this energy throughout the year?”

If I could bottle this energy, I’d call it a tonic that helps us have the heart to care for our students and staff, help us to have courage to do what is best for kids, fortitude to use our technology to express these positive stories to our many audiences, and the focus to keep our minds on learning. I’d like to hear from you about the great things your student(s) are experiencing at DC-G and welcome the conversation about that personal attention, care, and connection that make you a proud DC-G parent. We’re working hard on curriculum, environment, relationships, and technology, and incorporating all of these components into your child’s success.

Lately, when I need a recharge, I search #DCGexcellence on the Internet. I encourage you to search #DCGexcellence in order to feel as uplifted as I do to be a part of the DC-G family.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Scott Grimes

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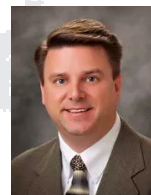
## School Board News

Thank you to our past members for their service. Dave Eilers served on the Board consecutively since 2004, and Scott Brown served consecutively since 2006. We appreciate all that you have done for Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District over the years. You have made a profound impact on education.



Mark J. Wills was elected for District 1. He served on the DC-G School Improvement Advisory Council from 2014-2016. While serving, Mr. Wills plans to challenge the district to continue to meet student needs in all academic areas, support administrators, faculty and staff to provide the best education and work environment possible, and drive the district

to exercise great stewardship with its students, staff and financial resources.



Doug J. Rants was re-elected for District-at-Large. He has served as DC-G CSD Board of Education Director since 2013. Mr. Rants’ priorities for the district in the face of rapid growth are to employ top notch educators across the district, execute on the board’s long term plan to provide facilities, hold to current class sizes as long as is fiscally responsible,

integrate technology into curriculum and expand our STEM programming.



Sarah L. Wilson was elected for District 2. As a proud DC-G alum with three children in the district, she is passionate about the success of our schools and sees our growth as an opportunity. As a board member, she will strive to communicate with families, administrators and the greater community. Seeking

feedback and maintaining transparency will be her priorities.

Thank you to all who voted! Your voice is important in continually improving education for all students of the Dallas Center-Grimes

## School Schedule at a Glance

Monday, October 2- No School (Professional Development)  
 Wednesday, October 11- 1 pm Dismissal  
 Friday, October 20- End of 1st Quarter  
 Monday, October 23- No School (Teacher Work Day)  
 Tuesday, October 24- 2:30 Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences  
 Thursday, October 26- 2:30 Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences  
 Friday, October 27- No School (Teacher Comp Day)

## **Nondiscrimination Statement**

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), or socio-economic status (for programs) in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities or hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), §504 or Iowa Code §280.3 is directed to contact: Mitzi Chizek, 1414 Walnut St. Suite 200, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063, telephone: 515-992-3866, 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.

## **Iowa Sex Offender Registry**

Many communities in Iowa, including Dallas Center and Grimes, have residents living in the community that are on the Iowa Sex Offender Registry. We are aware of residents living in Grimes and in Dallas Center that are on the sex offender register, although we no longer receive any official notification. We want to make you are aware of the situation so you can discuss it with your child(ren).

The sex offender register is available online at <http://www.iowasexoffender.com/>. Parents are encouraged to be aware of this information by accessing this website. If you do not have access to the Internet, or need assistance in accessing this information, please contact 992-3866. If you are unable to access this information, we will provide the information verbally or send copies of the information in the mail.

Please be aware that this notification is to serve only as a means for the public to protect themselves. Any action taken by anyone against these individuals, including vandalism of property, verbal or written threat of physical harm, or physical assault against these individuals or their family can result in arrest and prosecution.

## **Student Assistance Program**

Free, confidential program for DC-G students! The Student Assistance Program has counselors available 24 hours/day and seven days a week for a phone consultation and extensive hours for in person sessions. A student and/or their parents can make the contact that allows for three visits per year per issue. Call 515-244-6090.

## **SchoolMessenger Notification Service**

The Dallas Center-Grimes School District is using SchoolMessenger as its Parent Notification system, a leading provider of notification services for parent outreach, emergency broadcasts, and other communications for education.

The SchoolMessenger system is designed to automatically notify parents for reasons that impact the safety and academic performance of students. SchoolMessenger will allow us to enhance our communication with additional features, such as text messages and individual parent control of who receives messages and how they are received.

## **Dallas Center-Grimes Community Schools Offices**

### **Elementary Offices**

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Fax Number: (515) 986-4532  
500 SW James Street, Grimes, Iowa 50111  
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

April Heitland, Principal/North Ridge Elementary  
E-mail: [aheitland@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us](mailto:aheitland@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us)  
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Fax Number: 515-986-5376  
400 N.W. 27th Street, Grimes, Iowa 50111  
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Diann Williamson, Principal/Heritage Elementary  
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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Deb Cale, Principal/Dallas Center Elementary  
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### **Middle School Office**

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Fax Number: (515) 992-4076  
1400 Vine Street, P.O. Box 608, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063  
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **Meadows Office**

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2555 W. 1st Street, Ste. 200, Grimes, Iowa 50111  
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **High School Office**

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2555 W. 1st Street, Grimes, Iowa 50111  
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### **Central Office/Business Office**

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1414 Walnut Street, Suite 200, P.O. Box 512  
Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## Fall Conferences

High school Parent-Teacher Conference dates are Tuesday, October 24 and Thursday, October 26 from 3:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Parents may attend conferences at any time during the scheduled hours to visit with teachers. You may stop at the office to pick up your child's schedule. Parents may conference with individual teachers in the gym and commons. We strongly encourage your child to attend these conferences with you.

## Blood Drive

The fall National Honor Society Blood Drive will take place in the high school band room on Thursday, November 2, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please contact Megan Curry, [mcurry@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us](mailto:mcurry@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us), if interested in donating.

## DC-G Pride

Students celebrated their DC-G pride at a pep assembly. We are proud of the sportsmanship these students have been showing.



## PSAT/NMSQT: Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

Test Date: October 11, 2017

Location: High School Media Center

Cost: \$15

Registration: Students may register and pay for the PSAT exam beginning Tuesday, September 25, in the High School Office

Testing Time: 2 Hours and 10 Minutes

PSAT/NMSQT Benefits Students:

- SAT Prep
- Enter Scholarship and Recognition Programs
- Plan for College and Careers
- Explore AP Course Readiness
- Information from Colleges
- Identity Skills for Improvement
- Additional Information:

Please visit the Dallas Center-Grimes High School Student Services Office, call us at 515-986-9747, email us at [mcurry@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us](mailto:mcurry@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us), [cbassett@dcgrimes.k12.ia.us](mailto:cbassett@dcgrimes.k12.ia.us), or visit [pathway.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) at <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>.

# MEADOWS NEWS

## Making the Most of Our Outdoor Classroom

We have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather by holding classes and meetings in our outdoor classroom. Students are able to learn about outdoor plant and animal life that grow in their natural setting. Teachers have been holding conversations about planting a butterfly garden in partnership with the Horticulture class at the high school. We will continue to explore new ways to help our students expand their learning environment beyond the classroom.



## Coming Together for a Good Cause

Students at Meadows have generously organized a fundraiser for the victims of the latest weather hardships. Students are specifically collecting school supplies to donate to middle schools in Houston and Florida. If anyone would like to donate funds for shipping costs, you can email Joel Rankin: [jrankin@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us](mailto:jrankin@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us). Thank you!



# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

## A New Look

This year, two classrooms at DC-G Middle School have been updated to better support our middle school students. These classrooms serve students with unique learning needs. The lead teacher, Becky Ladd, attended a five day course at Heartland Area Education Agency 11 to learn more about creating an engaging environment that supports communication, social skills, behavior, direct instruction, and collaboration. Based on her experience, she was able to plan for a redesign of the classrooms.

Both classrooms now have special sound reducing dividers to provide students with their own quiet working spaces. Work spaces have been personalized with visual supports to meet each individual student's needs. Each student has a visual schedule to promote independence throughout the day. In addition, visual supports for sign language and communication can be found throughout the classrooms to promote reciprocal conversation between staff and students.

Individualized work schedules have been created based on student's learning targets and preferences. Each student has their own personal reading space for a quiet, comfortable place to read or be read to. One of the classrooms even has a ball pit for students to help promote physical and social skills.

Classes like Peer P.E. are available for students to engage with their peers in a supportive and engaging setting. Peer helpers frequently stop by and spend time interacting with the students in these new settings!

We would like to say a special thank you to the staff who helped in the renovation of these classrooms: Karen Boger, Kerri Hoover, Tina Kinney, Sharlene Knox, Nikki Reha, Tammy Tegtmeier, Becky Ladd and Principal Jerry Hlas.



## Partnering with Employee and Family Resources

DC-G Middle School is excited to be partnering with Employee and Family Resources to offer small groups to the sixth and seventh grade students. The groups may cover topics such as social skills, friendship, family changes, stress management, and more. Small groups will begin meeting in October for six weeks during lunch period. If you are interested in your child participating in a small group, please contact Julie Morgan Kopecky at 515-992-4343 or [jkopeccky@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us](mailto:jkopeccky@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us) for more information or to sign up!

## DC-G Mission Statement

Empowering All Students to Take Charge of Their Future!

The Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District is committed to developing positive, productive, and responsible citizens who are independent thinkers, value themselves and others, and have the knowledge, skills and desire to be life-long learners. Excellence in education comes from setting high expectations for all and providing the resources needed for every student to learn.

# ELEMENTARY NEWS

## North Ridge Elementary Wins Character Counts Award!

North Ridge Elementary recently received the 2017 School of Character Award from the Ray Center! North Ridge proudly works to build a culture based on the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS! which are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. Congratulations North Ridge staff and students on receiving this award!



## School Counseling at Heritage

At Heritage, all students K-5th grade have guidance class once per cycle. To kick off the school year, students have been learning about what a school counselor does and how a counselor can help each and every student. In the first guidance unit, all grade levels are working on social skills including following directions, listening, sharing, teamwork, and personal space. In October, the focus in guidance will be on how to manage our feelings and emotions.

Mrs. Anderson is also available to meet with students individually or in small groups. Often in individual or group counseling, students work on friendship, managing emotions, impulse control, social skills, self-esteem, and many other things. Students are able to fill out self-referrals if they would like to speak to Mrs. Anderson about a concern. Parents and guardians may also contact Mrs. Anderson if they feel their child would benefit from meeting with the counselor. Her phone number is 515-300-9627 or her email is [courtney.anderson@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us](mailto:courtney.anderson@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us). Mrs. Anderson is excited to work with all students throughout the great year ahead!

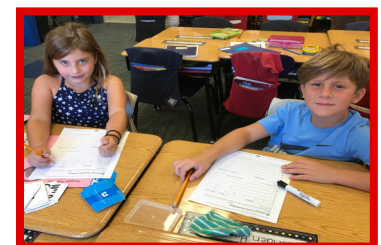
## Third Graders Visit Pioneer Research Farm

On August 28 and 29, all third grade students of Dallas Center-Grimes School District were able to attend a field trip to Pioneer's Dallas Center Research Farm. Students went through six stations to learn about corn; soybeans, canola, sunflowers, and wheat; insects; careers; farm equipment; and Earth as an apple. Each station was planned out by members of Pioneer's Research team to engage students in a fun-filled day of learning. Thank you to Pioneer for this valuable partnership!



## Working Together at DCE

Third-graders are the first group of students who have had "Bridges" at Dallas Center-Grimes since kindergarten. Students have started the year off by using fantastic mathematical thinking and discussion. We are beginning by reviewing addition and subtraction strategies. Students are filling in addition and subtraction tables and playing Work Place games that practice these skills. They work together to solve problems and share their thinking. This month in the Number Corner, we are previewing ways to represent multiplication problems. Students are doing an excellent job of recognizing patterns and expressing their thoughts.



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

## North Ridge “Only One You” Rock Garden

North Ridge students have been working on a very special project so far this year! Rochelle Biegger, the instructional coach at North Ridge Elementary, had an amazing idea that was able to be coordinated within the art room! Students are working on painting rocks that will be placed in a rock garden outside of North Ridge. Each rock will be as unique and special as each and every one of our students! This idea is based on the books “You Be You” and “Only One You” by Linda Kranz. They are both filled with the great message of how important it is to be yourself and to love yourself for who you are. We are excited about what is happening at North Ridge and cannot wait to see how the rock garden turns out!



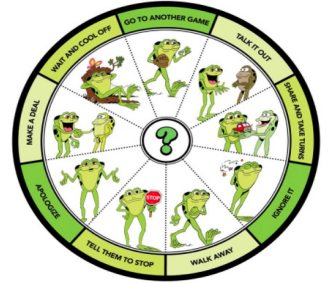
## Fifth Grade Math at Heritage

The first part of Unit #1 in math has 5th grade students considering the problem of how to pack 24 cubic boxes, each of which contains a single baseball. The scenario presented to them is about Brad, who owns an online baseball store that customizes baseballs. The class learns that Brad’s most popular order is 24 baseballs (2 dozen). This process helps them discover that they are identifying factors of 24. They also incorporate finding the volume of the 3D shapes.



## School Counseling at DCE

At Dallas Center Elementary, students are provided Guidance in their special schedule once per 6 day cycle. In the first unit of Guidance for our younger students, we focus on school appropriate behaviors such as following directions, using a quiet voice, and taking turns. For all K-5 students we review our conflict resolution skills that are called “Kelso’s Choices”. This gives the students the skills to solve their own small problems and learn how to ask for help when a big problem arises. Student are encouraged to use two different choices from the wheel to try and solve their problem. If that doesn’t work, then we can ask an adult for help. If you have a big problem, something that makes you scared or puts someone in danger, you get an adult you trust right away.



Our School Counselor, Mrs. O’Loughlin is available to meet with students individually or in groups to help support the social and emotional needs of our students. If you feel your student would benefit from counseling services, please feel free to contact Mrs. O’Loughlin at Dallas Center Elementary for more information or email at [mandi.oloughlin@dcschools.com](mailto:mandi.oloughlin@dcschools.com).

## Saddle Up For Success at South Prairie

South Prairie students learned about the South Prairie expectations of being respectful, responsible, safe, and caring at their first school assembly of the year. They are working together to earn a Pajama Party this year! Students were even invited to wear cowboy boots and hat as they Saddle-Up-For-Success!



## RevTrak

Your Campus Portal Account username (same as Infinite Campus) is used to access/create the account for RevTrak. RevTrak online payment can be found here: <https://dcschools.revtrak.net/>. If this is your first time using RevTrak, use the ‘Click Here’ link under Lunch & Fee Payments. This will ask for your Campus Portal account username and the date of birth of one of your students in the format of MM/DD/YYYY. If you are sure of your check-out information, enter that email address and password in the Quick Checkout box. Should you forget your account password, there are links on the Campus Portal Login screen which can be found at [https://infinitecampus.dc-grimes.k12.ia.us/campus/portal/dallas\\_center.jsp](https://infinitecampus.dc-grimes.k12.ia.us/campus/portal/dallas_center.jsp). Select the link if you have forgotten your password or separate link for forgotten username. You will need to have an email address entered in the Account Settings area of the Campus portal. You will be sent a password reset link.

# PTO NEWS

## Welcome Class of 2030!

The PTO was happy to provide a Mustangs t-shirt to all incoming kindergarteners. This is the third year the PTO has given out t-shirts so all of our newest Mustangs have a shirt to wear for Spirit Days to show their DC-G pride!



South Prairie Kindergarteners



DCE Kindergarteners

## Mark Your Calendar!

The PTO is sponsoring a district-wide movie night at South Prairie Elementary on November 3 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Bring snacks and a blanket, and come enjoy a show with all of your friends!

## Box Tops

Thank you to everyone who collected Box Tops and Tyson labels! Money earned from the collections goes directly to the schools. Classes who collected the most box tops will earn prizes!



North Ridge Kindergarteners



Heritage Kindergarteners

## Fundraiser

The DC-G PTO is excited to kick off our 2017 Fundraiser! We are doing a sales-free fundraiser to support our four elementary schools, teachers, and students. Our goal is \$35,000 to help provide new playground equipment, building grants, aid in social events to promote community at each school, \$100 teacher reimbursement for every teacher, and much more!

We are reaching out to our community to help us achieve this goal! If you would like to help support the DC-G PTO, please fill out the portion below and send it to the PTO. We appreciate your help in supporting our students, teachers and buildings!

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 I would like to support the students at DC-G Elementaries!

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 I appreciate not having to buy wrapping paper, pizzas, and trinkets so my donation can go directly to the schools!

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I am happy to enclose this amount to support our amazing teachers, fantastic students, and wonderful buildings!

Please send this form to:  
DC-G PTO  
500 S. James Street  
Grimes, IA 50111



## Thank You Lutheran Church of Hope for your Generous Donation!

Thank you to the Lutheran Church of Hope for their generous donations of backpacks this fall. We received over 35 backpacks that were distributed between each school. The backpacks were full of school supplies directly from DC-G's school supply lists. These backpacks were given to students who did not have school supplies to start the year!



## Stay Connected and Follow Us!

We encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to get the latest updates about the great things happening in our schools. See photos, get reminders about early dismissal and other important dates, and more! Handles for our accounts can be found below!

### Facebook:

Dallas Center - Grimes CSD  
Dallas Center - Grimes High School  
Dallas Center - Grimes Meadows  
DCG Middle School  
DCG South Prairie Elementary  
DCG North Ridge Elementary  
DCG Dallas Center Elementary  
DCG Heritage Elementary

### Twitter:

@DCGDistrict  
@DCGHS  
@DCGMeadows  
@DCGMS  
@DCGSPrairie  
@NorthRidge\_Elem  
@DC\_Elementary  
@DCGHeritageElem



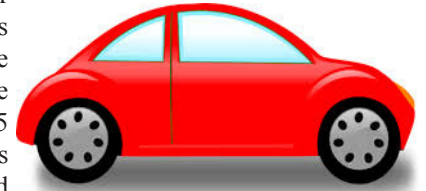
## DCG eBackpack

Can't find the bottom of the backpack for handouts? When are the athletic and fine arts camps? We have the answer!

A new link on the school website is DCG eBackpack. No longer will you wonder if your child has lost an important handout! All information regarding upcoming fundraisers, camp registrations, library programs, youth sports camps, and much more can be found by visiting the DCG eBackpack page for your child's specific school building. You can access the direct link from the right side menu or by clicking the "Parent Info" tab along the top of this page. You can subscribe to the eBackpack for your child's school to get automatic email updates every time new information is published.

## Driver's Education

We will continue to offer four sessions of driver's education each year, if we have enough interest. The cost at present time is \$325 for each session. Students must be at least 14 years old



and have a permit to sign up, as well as a signed parent permission slip. Eighth through twelfth graders may sign up for each session. Usually the fall and spring session are the busiest. Below you will find information regarding the fall and winter sessions. Fee's for out-of-district students are \$375.

Fall Session 2017: The fall program will begin in mid-October and end before winter break in December. There will be a meeting in early October to hand out information and collect payment if necessary. Please pay ahead if possible. Classroom days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:45 to 8:00 a.m. Most students will drive during study hall times. If this can't be worked out, before or after school driving may be arranged. All students who drive during study halls will drive at least once on Saturday for 2 hours downtown Des Moines. A shuttle bus service from Dallas Center will also be available in the morning to bring students in early for classroom. Class size is limited to 40 students. Home school students are welcome. Classrooms will be held in Meadows media center.

Winter Session 2018: The winter program will begin in early January and end before spring break in March. There will be a meeting in December to hand out information and collect payment. Classroom days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:45 to 8:00a.m. Most students will drive during their study hall times. If this can't be worked out, before or after school times may be arranged. All students who drive during study halls will drive at least once on Saturday for 2 hours downtown Des Moines. A shuttle bus service from Dallas Center will also be available in the morning to bring students to classroom. Class size is limited to 40 students. Home school students are welcome. Classrooms held in the Meadows media center. If we don't have at least 12 students sign up the session will be cancelled until spring session.

For more information regarding driver's education 2017-2018 sessions or to sign up for one of these programs, please call Meadows school office at 515-986-0105.





Don't forget to eat your vegetables.

# Dallas Center - Grimes

October

## Lunch Menu

2017

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily on the Fruit & Vegetable Bar

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**Farm to School Month** 2  
No School

3  
Beefy Nachos  
Homemade Cheese Sauce  
  
OR Turkey BLT Salad  
OR Deli Sub  
Black Beans

4  
Pizza Parlor Pizza  
  
OR Chef Salad  
OR Pretzel Bites/Cheese  
Cole Slaw

**HOM ApplesCinnamon** 5  
Golden Corn Dog  
  
OR Taco Salad  
OR Deli Sandwich  
Tater Tots  
\*\*Pumpkin Apple Muffin\*\*

6  
Chicken Bites  
Soft Pan Roll  
  
OR Yogurt Pack  
OR Crispy Chicken Salad  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

**School Lunch Week** 9  
Pancakes, Fruit Topping  
Sausage Patty or  
Cheese Stick  
OR Chicken Caesar Salad  
OR Deli Sandwich  
Tri Taters

10  
Diced Chicken and Gravy  
Soft Pan Roll  
  
OR Turkey BLT Salad  
OR Deli Sub  
Mashed Potato and Gravy

11  
BBQ Chicken on Ciabatta  
  
OR Chef Salad  
OR Munchable  
Calico Beans  
  
\*\*Birthday Cake\*\*

**Great Apple Crunch** 12  
Pizza  
  
OR Taco Salad  
OR Deli Sandwich  
Garden Green Beans  
Local Apple

13  
Classic Cheeseburger  
Basket  
  
OR Yogurt Pack  
OR Crispy Chicken Salad  
Oven Baked Fries

16  
Hot Dog with Chili  
  
OR Chicken Caesar Salad  
OR Deli Sandwich  
Tater Tots

**HOM Apples/Cinnamon** 17  
Chicken Tenders, Roll,  
Cinnamon Sweet Apples  
  
OR Turkey BLT Salad  
OR Deli Sub  
Mash Potatoes and Gravy

18  
Pulled Pork Sandwich  
  
OR Chef Salad  
OR Pretzel Bites/Cheese  
Creamy Coleslaw  
  
\*\*Chocolate Chip Cookie\*\*

19  
Walking Taco with Lettuce  
and Tomatoes  
  
OR Taco Salad  
OR Deli Sandwich  
Refried Beans

**National Fruit Day** 20  
Cheese Bread with  
Marinara  
  
OR Yogurt Pack  
OR Crispy Chicken Salad  
Garden Salad

23  
No School

24  
Soft Shell Tacos with  
Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa  
  
OR Turkey BLT Salad  
OR Deli Sub  
Spiced Pinto Beans

25  
French Toast Sticks  
or Sausage Patty  
  
OR Chef Salad  
OR Yogurt Pack  
Breakfast Potato

**HOM Apple** 26  
Chicken Nugget Basket  
  
OR Taco Salad  
OR Deli Sandwich  
Golden French Fries  
\*\*Brownie\*\*

**National Brownie Day** 27  
No School

30  
Sweet and Sour Chicken  
Bites over Rice  
  
OR Chicken Caesar Salad  
OR Deli Sandwich  
Green Peas

31  
Classic Cheeseburger  
Basket  
  
OR Turkey BLT Salad  
OR Deli Sub  
Golden French Fries  
  
\*\*Treat\*\*

Italian Pasta Bake  
and Cheesy Garlic Toast  
  
OR Chef Salad  
OR Pretzel Bites/Cheese  
Caesar Salad

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### PRICES

Regular	\$2.65
Reduced	\$0.40
Milk	\$0.50
Adult	\$3.55
Extra Entrée	\$2.25

### HARVEST OF THE MONTH



### EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.  
Entree Salads are served with Dinner Roll  
For questions or comments, contact  
Food Service Office at 515-986-9747 x162  
or email [dsevenich@dc-grimes.12.ia.us](mailto:dsevenich@dc-grimes.12.ia.us)



**2017-2018 School Calendar**

	<b>M</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>DAYS</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>
Aug	7	8	9	10	11		Aug 11,14,15	New Teachers Orientation
	:14:	:15:	<16>	<17>	18	0/0	Aug 16,17,21,22	All Day Staff Prof.
	<21>	<22>	23	24	25	3/3	Aug. 23	School Begins - Option K thru 12
	28	29	<30>	31		4/7	Aug 30	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
							Aug 31	1st Day of Preschool
Sept					1	1/8		
	4	5	6	7	8	4/12	Sep. 4	Labor Day - No School
	11	12	<13>	14	15	5/17	Sep. 13,27	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	18	19	20	21	22	5/22		
	25	26	<27>	28	29	5/27		
							Oct. 2	No School - Staff Development Day
Oct	<2>	3	4	5	6	5/32	Oct. 11	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	9	10	<11>	12	13	5/37	Oct. 20	End of 1st Qtr (42 days)
	16	17	18	19	20	5/42	Oct. 23	No School-Teacher Workday
	<23>	24	25	26	27	3/45	Oct. 24	2:30 Early Dismissal K-12 P/T Conferences
	30	31				2/47	Oct. 26	2:30 Early Dismissal K-12 P/T Conferences
							Oct. 27	No School - TchComp
Nov			1	2	3	3/50		
	6	7	<8>	9	10	5/55	Nov. 8	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	13	14	15	16	17	5/60		
	20	21	22	*23*	24	2/62	Nov. 22-24	No School-Thanksgiving Break
	27	28	29	30		4/66		
Dec					1	1/67		
	4	5	<6>	7	8	5/72	Dec. 6	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	11	12	13	14	15	5/77		
	18	19	20	21	22	5/82		
	*25*	26	27	28	29	0/82	Dec. 23-Jan. 2	No School - Winter Break
Jan	*1*	2	3	4	5	3/85	Jan. 10	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	8	9	<10>	11	12	5/90	Jan. 12	End 2nd Qtr (48 days) Semester (90 days)
	<15>	16	17	18	19	4/94	Jan. 15	No School-Teacher Workday
	22	23	<24>	25	26	5/99	Jan. 16	Beginning of 2nd Semester
	29	30	31			3/102	Jan. 24	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
Feb				1	2	2/104		
	5	6	<7>	8	9	5/109	Feb. 7	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	12	13	14	15	<16>	5/114	Feb. 16	No School - Staff Development Day
	19	20	21	22	23	5/119		
	26	27	<28>			3/122	Feb. 28	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
Mar				1	2	2/124	Mar. 6,8	2:30 Early Dismissal K-12 P/T Conferences
	5	6	7	8	9	4/128	Mar. 9	No School-Compensatory Day
	12	13	14	15	16	0/128	Mar. 12-16	No School - Spring Break
	19	20	21	22	23	5/133	Mar. 28	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	26	27	<28>	29	30	5/138	Mar. 28	End of 3rd Qtr (45 days)
April	2	3	4	5	6	5/143		
	9	12	<11>	12	14	5/148	Apr. 11	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	16	17	18	19	20	5/153		
	<23>	24	25	26	27	5/158	Apr. 23	No School - Staff Development Day
	30					1/159		
May		1	<2>	3	4	4/163	May 2	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	7	8	9	10	11	5/168		
	14	15	<16>	17	18	5/173	May 16	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	21	22	23	24	25	5/178	May 25	Graduation
	*28*	29	30	31		2/180	May 28	Memorial Day
							May 30	Last day with no snow days.
June					1		June 4	End 2nd Sem (90 days)/End of 4th Qtr(45 days)
	4	<5>	6	7	8		June 5	No School-Teacher Work Day
	11	12	13	14	15			

LEGEND	
::	New Teacher Days
┌───┐	Qtr. Begins
< >	Staff Prof.
└───┘	Qtr. Ends
**	Holiday
■	No School
▭	P/T Conf Early Out 2:30
═══	Early Out
SchoolTimes: Start Time 8:10 End Time 3:15	
Please Note	
Three "snow days" built into calendar. These three days are additional days included at the end of the school year, but are not included in the count for school days. If the three "snow days" are not used, students' last day would be Wednesday, May 30, 2018.	
Snow days after the built in days may be added to the end of the school year. The following are additional days that may be considered for snow make-up days (In no order of preference): April 23 - Staff Prof. days or Two days of planned spring break.	
177 student contact days, plus three Prof. Dev. days to provide for 180 school days.	
Graduation Date: May 25th	
Special Contract Days - Staff	
Aug. 16	Teacher Workday
Aug. 17	Staff Development Day
Aug. 21	District Meetings
Aug. 22	Collaboration Day
Oct. 2	Staff Development Day
Oct. 23	Teacher Workday
Oct. 27	Teacher Comp Day
Jan. 15	Teacher Workday
Feb. 16	Staff Development Day
Mar. 9	Teacher Comp Day
Apr. 23	Staff Development Day
June 5	Teacher Workday

School Board Approved January 23, 2017  
 School Board Amended May 22, 2017



# October Activities Calendar

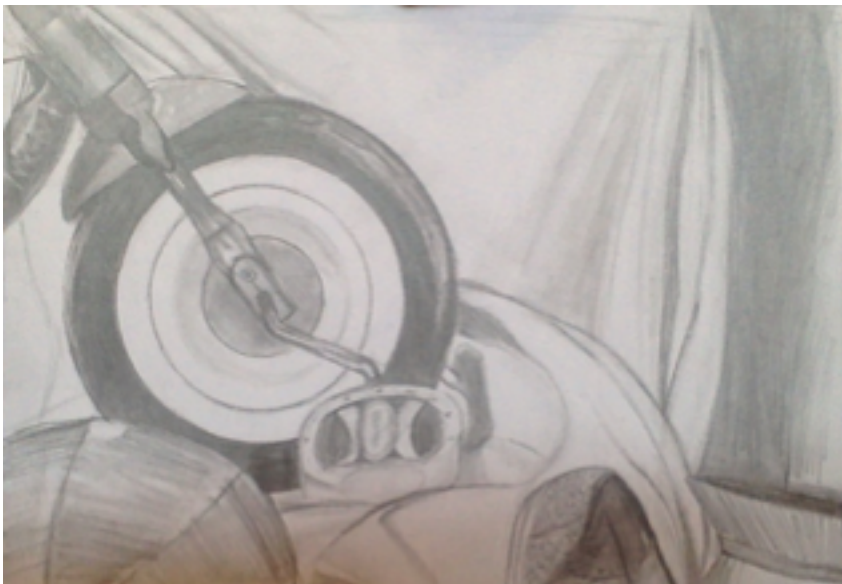


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>4:30pm</b> Volleyball-High School <b>North Polk</b> <b>5:00pm</b> Volleyball-High School <b>Dallas Center-Grimes HS vs. Multiple Schools</b> <b>Football (-) -High School - (Cancelled)</b>	3 <b>4:15pm</b> Cross-Country-Middle School <b>Ankeny</b> <b>4:30pm</b> Volleyball-G/7th Grade <b>Urbandale</b> <b>4:30pm</b> Football-B/7th Grade <b>Pella</b> More...	4	5 <b>4:30pm</b> Volleyball-G/8th Grade <b>Ankeny</b> <b>4:30pm</b> Cross-Country-High School <b>Atlantic</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Volleyball-High School <b>Adel DeSoto Minburn</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Football-High School <b>Des Moines Roosevelt</b>	6 <b>4:45pm</b> Football-High School <b>Iowa Falls-Alden</b>	7
8	9 <b>4:00pm</b> Cross-Country-Middle School <b>Newton</b> <b>4:30pm</b> Cross-Country-High School <b>Newton</b> <b>4:30pm</b> Volleyball-High School <b>Urbandale</b> More...	10 <b>4:30pm</b> Football-B/7th Grade <b>Norwalk</b> <b>4:30pm</b> Volleyball-G/8th Grade <b>Norwalk</b> <b>4:30pm</b> Volleyball-G/7th Grade <b>Norwalk</b> More...	11	12 <b>4:30pm</b> Volleyball-G/7th Grade <b>Boone</b> <b>4:30pm</b> Volleyball-G/8th Grade <b>Boone</b> <b>4:30pm</b> Volleyball-High School <b>Norwalk</b>	13 <b>4:45pm</b> Football-High School <b>Boone</b>	14
15	16 <b>6:00pm</b> Football-High School <b>Boone</b>	17	18 <b>7:00pm</b> Volleyball-High School <b>TBA</b>	19 <b>4:00pm</b> Cross-Country-High School <b>TBA</b> <b>Football (-) -High School - (Cancelled)</b>	20 <b>4:45pm</b> Football-High School <b>Gilbert</b>	21
22	23	24 <b>7:00pm</b> Volleyball-High School <b>TBA</b>	25	26	27 <b>7:00pm</b> Football-High School <b>TBA</b>	28 <b>12:00pm</b> Cross-Country-High School <b>TBA</b>
29 <b>7:00pm</b> Volleyball-High School <b>TBA</b>	30	31				

## POSTAL CUSTOMER

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### **Art Spotlight: Meadows**



Meadow's Art Spotlight this month is awarded to Erin McAninch and Olivia Murphy.

Erin (left) did an excellent job using value to show texture and create depth in her still life. Great attention to detail! Olivia (right) created a mandala around the sun, moon, and nature symbols, and added a sunset background to stick with the theme. Excellent use of value and blending, Olivia!