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Tips for a successful school year

Encouraging Healthy Habits.

The healthier your child feels, the more likely he or she will attend school and be ready to learn.

Encourage your child to:

Get Plenty of Sleep

If your child doesn't get enough sleep, he or she may:

- Feel tired and struggle to pay attention
- Have trouble remembering things

Although everyone is different, most preteens and teens need 8-10 hours of sleep per night.

Eat Right

A healthy diet combines:

- Variety – different foods provide different vitamins, minerals, and nutrients.
- Moderation – Limit fats, cholesterol, salt (sodium) and added sugars. Make lean, low-fat or fat-free choices – for example,

with milk and meats. Reading food labels can help.

- Proportion – For example, serve more grains, vegetables and fruits than meats and high-fat foods.
- Activity – The key is to find a healthy balance between the calories your child eats and those our child burns.

Encourage your child to start the day off right by eating a healthy breakfast.

Get Enough Physical Activity

Children should get at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity on most – preferably all – days of the week. (Be sure to consult a health-care provider before your child starts an exercise program).

Avoid Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drugs

Be very clear about your expectations. For example, tell your child:

- He or she is not allowed to smoke, drink or use other drugs.
- The possible results of smoking, drinking or using other drugs.

Help your child practice ways to say “no” to tobacco, alcohol or other drugs.

Limit Screen Time

Make sure your child isn't spending too much time:

- Watching TV
- Using the computer (unless he or she is doing homework)
- Playing video games

Limit the amount of time your child can use the phone, too.

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Davis County Community School not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or marital status in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Right Act, Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, and Section 5004 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

It is also the policy of this district that the curriculum content and instructional materials utilized reflect the cultural and racial diversity present in the United States and the variety of careers, roles, and life styles open to women as well as men in our society. One of the objectives of the total curriculum and teaching strategies is to reduce stereotyping and to eliminate bias on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, religion and disability. The curriculum should foster respect and appreciation for the cultural diversity and in our country and an awareness of such individual as a member of a pluralistic society.

Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX, Title VI, or Section 504 may be directed to Linda Perry, 500 East North Street, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537, Telephone 641-664-2200, to the Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Des Moines, Iowa, or to the Director of the Region II Office of Civil Rights, De-



*Located at Boone Body Works on
East Franklin Street*

Help with homework. This is key to supporting your child's education.

In order to help, you should:

Be Positive.

- Acknowledge your child – and his or her efforts to complete homework – with a hug, a high-five or a few kind words.
- Reward your child when he or she completes a difficult assignment. For example, make your child's favorite meal or do something together that he or she enjoys.
- Talk about the importance of homework. Explain how homework helps students apply the material being taught in school.
- Don't criticize your child if he or she does poorly on a homework assignment. Instead, talk about ways your child can improve next time (by reading the directions more carefully, for example).

Create a study area.

With your child, choose a space that is appropriate for homework. This space should be:

- Clean and organized
- Stocked with supplies, such as pens, paper and a calculator
- Well lit
- Close to you or another family member, in case your child needs help
- Free of distractions, such as a TV or loud music

Encourage good habits.

- With your child, decide the best time of day for homework. Keep in mind that children and teens may need some "down time" between school and homework time.

- Decide together where good places to do homework are.
- Have your child take breaks if homework is lengthy.
- Encourage homework habits that work for your child. For example, does your child like to start with easy assignments and work up to harder ones? Or, does he or she like to get harder assignments out of the way?
- If your child does not have homework, have him or her read for about 30 minutes each day.

Be available.

For example, you can help your child:

- Track assignments (on a calendar or in a notebook)
- Create a study schedule
- Prepare for tests (by reading flash cards, for example)

Consider doing your "homework" in the same room as your child. For example, pay bills or read a book while your child studies.

Check your child's work.

Make sure:

- Assignments are completed
 - Handwriting is neat enough to be read
- Be sure you don't "correct" your child's homework. Otherwise, your child's teacher won't get a true sense of your child's understanding of the subject.

Get help, if needed.

If your child is struggling with a subject, talk to his or her teacher. He or she will be able to recommend other options that might be available.



High School Yearbooks

The 2010 yearbooks are in at the high school and may be picked up in Sandy Warning's room. If you didn't order a yearbook, you may purchase one for \$42. Make checks payable to DCHS Yearbook.

The 2011 yearbooks will be ordered in the same online process as last year. Mailings will be sent to all students at their homes during the week of October 4. The basic yearbook cost is \$41 and additional items can be added at an extra cost. Once you receive your offer from Jostens, you can order your yearbook online by logging on to Jostens web page, enter your order number and order your yearbook. You may also phone in your order, using the same order number.

**Jostens Website – www.jostensyearbooks.com
Jostens Toll Free Number – 1-866-282-1516**

Davis County Letter Jackets for sale.

All of the proceeds for letter jackets goes to DC Athletics. The price of a letter jacket is \$130. You can also buy your last name to put on the jacket. Call Mr. Graves at the high school if you are interested.

Regular School Attendance Is Key... to your child's success.

Students who go to school regularly... are more likely to feel connected to the school community. Students who feel connected are more likely to:

- Get good grades
- Have a positive attitude about school
- Graduate from high school
- Avoid risky behaviors (such as drinking alcohol and using other drugs)

Students who are absent a lot... are more likely to feel disconnected from the school community. Students who feel disconnected are more likely to:

- Get low or failing grades
- Have a negative attitude about school
- Use alcohol and other drugs
- Commit crimes
- Drop out

36th Annual DAVIS COUNTY FESTIVAL OF BANDS

Saturday, October 2, 2010



**FIELD COMPETITION
6:00 PM**

**DAVIS COUNTY
MUSTANG STADIUM
BLOOMFIELD, IOWA**

**ADMISSION:
\$5.00 Adults \$4.00 Students**



Middle School

Student share summer homework

Mrs. William's Extended Learning Classes started the year off by sharing their summer homework with their classmates. The sixth graders will begin a unit that revolves around the Yellow Fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793. Students had to research Yellow Fever and present their facts in poster form. The seventh and eighth graders were to select a current event and design a unique project that would enable them to teach

their fellow students about it. Projects ranged from power point presentations, to posters, to display boards, and models. Student were able to get a strong grasp on events impacting our town, country, and world.



Reading Recovery

-Susan Martin, Mandi Francis, and Linda Ferguson, Reading Recovery teachers

GOAL

The goal of Reading Recovery is to dramatically reduce the number of first grade students who have difficulty learning to read and write.

WHAT

Reading Recovery is a highly effective short term intervention of one-to-one tutoring for low achieving first grade students. The intervention is most effective when it is available to all students who need it and is used as a supplement to good classroom teaching.

HOW

Individual students receive a half hour lesson each school day for 12 to 20 weeks with a specially trained Reading Recovery teacher. As soon as students can meet grade level expectations and can demonstrate that they can continue to work independently in the classroom, their lessons are discontinued and new students begin individual instruction.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional development is an essential part of Reading Recovery, utilizing a three-tiered approach that includes teachers, teacher leaders, and university trainers. Professional development for all Reading Recovery professionals begins with an academic year of graduate level study and continues in subsequent years. Reading Recovery teachers develop observational skills and a repertoire of intervention procedures tailored to meet the individual needs of at-risk students.

PROVEN SUCCESS

A study of sustained effects in Davis County found that 92% of former Reading Recovery students in 2nd - 4th grades performed at the instructional or independent level in comprehension on the year end Basic Reading Inventory for 2010.

8-12th grade Choir News

Leah Archer, Director,

Davis County's 8-12 choral music department is off to a great start this year! Both ensembles were introduced and performed at Meet The Mustangs on Thursday, Aug. 26 on the Bloomfield Square. They sang The Star Spangled Banner and America-My Country 'Tis Of Thee. Both ensembles are showing a lot of potential to be fine choirs that they, their parents, peers, and community can be proud of.

Meistersinger All-State Camp – Eleven students from the Davis County High School Choir traveled to Wartburg College in Waverly, IA on August 7-9 to attend All-State Camp. Directed by Dr. Lee Nelson, director of choral activities and associate professor of music, the camp's goal was to help students learn the required songs to audition for the All-State experience, which is considered the premier high school choral experience in Iowa. Besides being an incredibly enriching experience for all singers, it's a lot of fun too, with nightly activities led by student counselors. Participating students included: Courtney Hoover, Josie Fleetwood, Zoe McDavitt, Jessica Snyder, Kaitlin McNary, Katie Laux, Joshua Hawkins, Andre Chickering, Steven Nash, Christopher Gingerich, and Jacob Rush.

Upcoming Events Include:

Trash Pick-Up – For all music students grades 7 – 12. This year's event will occur on Wednesday, Sept. 8th, from 3:30-5 PM. There will be pizza & pop served in the Middle School Commons area from 5:00-5:30.

OPUS Honor Choir – Sponsored by the Iowa Choral Director's Association, students from grades 6 through 9 have the opportunity to prepare music and audition for this prestigious event. Choirs available for 8th graders include: A one hundred eighty voice select 7th & 8th grade boys honor choir, a one hundred eighty voice select 7th & 8th grade girls honor choir, and a one hundred eighty voice select 9th grade mixed honor choir. Auditions are submitted by tape/CD only and reviewed by a panel of impartial judges. If selected by the Opus committee, students will perform during the Music Educator's Convention at C.Y. Stevens Auditorium on the campus of ISU in Ames at 4:00 PM on Thursday, Nov. 18th. Accepted students achieve the excellence and pride that develops from singing in an honor choir, and further develop their musical experience through the learning, auditioning, and performance of quality music literature. Letters have been sent home with students about this event.

Waco Fall Vocal Festival – The Davis County High School Concert Choir will be travel-

ing to Waco, IA on Tues. Oct. 19 to participate in the Waco Fall Vocal Festival. Mass rehearsals will begin at 1:00 PM and last through the afternoon. Dinner will be served to participating students, and the evening's concert will begin at 7:00 PM. Concert Admission at the door will be \$3 for Adults and \$2 for Students.

8 – 12Choir Dinner & Concert - This year's annual fundraiser will occur in the High School Big Gym on Tuesday Nov. 9, with all Choir students grades 8-12 involved. There will be a mass rehearsal of the final combined song at 7:30 AM in the HS Music Room on that day. 8th graders can then walk down the Middle School. Students will be volunteering to bring food supplies in to school that day to be used to prepare the meal. The Davis County Music Boosters will serve the meal from 5:00 – 6:45 PM in the Concessions area, and the Concert will begin at 7:30 PM in the Gym. Diners will be able to eat a meal and listen to great music. Each choir will sing individual numbers; then everyone will sing a combined song at the end. Be watching for more information to come at a later date!

If you have any questions, please call 664-2200, ext. 1319 or refer to your students' Choir Handbook. It has an Activity Calendar for the entire year on the back page. Thanks!

DC Marching Band News

Davis County High School Marching Band has been going strong since early summer. This year's show is The Music of Elvis Presley. Selections include: "Can't Help Falling In Love", "Burning Love/CC Rider", "Hound Dog/Love Me Tender/Jailhouse Rock", and "Reprise: Can't Help Falling In Love". This year's Drum Majors are Demry Hill & Emma Griffin. The band rehearsed for six weeks in the summer working on the music. The band also kept busy marching at various local parades. DC band debuted their music at this year's Meet the Mustangs. The Band will perform at all home football games, Homecoming Parade, Pulaski Parade, Linn Mar Marching Band Festival, Marion Invitational, Kahoka Parade of Bands, State Marching Band at Pella High School and will host this year's Davis County Festival of Bands.



High School Band Events

Saturday, Sept. 25 Linn Mar/Marion Band Festivals

Saturday, Oct. 2 Davis County-Bloomfield Festival of Bands - Field show begins at 6:00 PM

Saturday, Oct. 9 Clarke County/Kahoka MO. Band Festival & Parade

Saturday, Oct. 16 State Marching Band Contest @ Pella High School

Saturday, Oct. 23 All-State Honor Band Auditions @ Fairfield HS

Saturday, Nov. 6 State Individual Indoor Color Guard Contest @ Pella H.S.

November 18-20 All-State Festival in Ames

Thursday/Friday, Dec. 2-3 State Indoor Color Guard @ Wells Fargo.

Monday, Dec. 20 High School Christmas Concert 7:30 pm.

Picture Day is
Thursday
October 21st.

Welcome New Staff and/or New Positions

- Kim Johnson, Superintendent
- Ryan Woods, Middle School Principal
- Jennifer Donels, Elementary Principal
- Richard Evans, High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
- Natalie Culp, HS Math teacher
- Tim McBride, MS Band Instructor
- Kim Byrd, Middle School/Elementary Art teacher
- Molly Greiner, Elementary teacher
- Heather Myer, Elementary teacher
- Jaclyn Redinbaugh, Elementary teacher

Reminder:

Please return your registration forms and fees for the 2010-2011 school year to your building secretary.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

HIGH SCHOOL

Phone: 641-664-2200 Extension 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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CENTRAL OFFICE

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WEB ADDRESS www.dcmustangs.com

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & EARLY DISMISSALS

641-664-5000



September Lunch & Breakfast Menu

Menu subject to change without notice. Chocolate skim milk available every day. Breakfast is served in the Elementary cafeteria starting at 8:00 a.m. Milk and (juice or fruit) served with all breakfasts. Please send Elementary lunch money in an envelope with student's name, teacher and amount on outside.

Cereal/Toast Crispito w/ Cheese, Vegetable Blend, Fruit w/Yogurt, Brownie	30	Ham & Cheese Biscuit Pizza, Coleslaw, Apple Slices, Breadstick	31	French Toast w/Syrup Chicken Strips, AuG-ratin Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Hot Roll	1	Cinnamon Roll/Ham Taco w/Cheese, Lettuce & Chips, Fancy Pears, Cookie	2	Sausage Gravy w/Biscuit Hot Dog on Wheat Bun, Broccoli, Banana Muffin	3
NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	6	Cereal/Toast Mr. Rib on Wheat Bun, Peas & Carrots, Cherries w/Cake	7	Donut/Ham Pizzatas, Lettuce Salad w/Lite Dressing, Strawberries & Pears, Cookie	8	Waffles w/Syrup Hamburger on Wheat Bun, Chop Chop Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Brownie	9	Cheese & Egg Biscuit Sliced Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Apple, Hot Roll	10
NO SCHOOL	13	Cereal/Toast Sloppy Joe on Wheat Bun, French Fries, Pineapple, Cake	14	Pancake on a Stick Popcorn Chicken, Pork & Beans, Peaches, Blueberry Brickle	15	Egg/Cinnamon Sprinkle Toast French Toast w/Syrup, Ham Slice, Hashbrown, Fresh Orange	16	Ham/Oatmeal Bar BBQ Chicken on Wheat Bun, Fresh Veggies w/ Lite Dip, Rosey Applesauce, Cookie	17
Cereal/Toast Sweet & Sour Pork, Rice, Peas & Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Oriental Roll	20	Ham & Egg Biscuit Pizza, Carrots w/Lite Dip, Fancy Pears, Cookie	21	Donut Holes/Ham Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Hot Roll	22	Grilled Cheese Chicken Alfredo, Lettuce Salad w/Lite Dressing, Raisins, Garlic Bread Stick	23	Breakfast Burrito Corn Dog, Coleslaw, Apricots, Cake	4
Cereal/Toast Chicken Patty on Wheat Bun, Mixed Vegetables, Apple	27	Pancakes w/Syrup Pizza Dippers, Carrots, Peaches, Brownie	28	Breakfast Pizza Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Hot Roll	29	Ham & Cheese Biscuit Taco w/Cheese, Lettuce & Chips, Banana, Cookie	30		1

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES</h1>			<p>1 Farm Progress Show @ Boone</p>	<p>2 7 am- 7-12 Marching Band Rehearsal 4:45 pm- B/G CC @ Corydon 5:30 pm- 9th/JV/V VB @ Grinnell 6 pm- Color Guard Practice</p>	<p>3 3:30 pm– Band Rehearsal 5 pm -9th/JV/V FB vs. Centerville 7:30-Dad’s Night 7-12 Marching Band Show</p>	<p>4 9 am– 9th VB @ Mt. Pleasant 9 am– Var. VB @ Cedar Rapids 11 am– B/G CC @ Pella</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY 4:30 pm– JV FB @ Centerville</p>	<p>7 6 am– FFA mtg. 4:15 pm 8th/7th VB vs. Centerville 4:30 pm– MS B/G CC @ Keosauqua 5 pm– B/G CC @ Keosauqua 5:30 pm– 9th/JV/V VB @ Chariton 6 pm– Music Boosters Mtg.</p>	<p>8 3:30-5 pm– 7-12 Music Students Trash Pick-up (5 pm pizza/pop at Middle School)</p>	<p>9 Girl Scout registration @ MS 5-6:30 pm; Cub Scout registration 7-8 pm. 4:15 pm– 8th/7th VB @ Blakesburg 4:40 pm– B/G CC Lake Fisher Invite. 5-8 pm– Football supper 6 pm- Color Guard Practice</p>	<p>10 5 & 7 pm—9th/Var. FB @ Mid-Prairie-Wellman</p>	<p>11 9 am—JV/V VB @ Chariton</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 NO SCHOOL Prof. Development 5:30 pm– 9th VB @ Eddyville-Blakesburg 6:30 pm– JV FB @ Mid-Prairie-Wellman</p>	<p>14 4:15 pm– 8th/7th FB vs. Putnam County 4:15pm– 8th/7th VB @ Albia 5 pm– 9th/JV/V VB vs. Centerville</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 6 pm- Color Guard Practice</p>	<p>17 OPUS audition tape deadline (9th gr. Only) 5 & 7 pm—9th//Var. FB vs. Albia</p>	<p>18 8 am– 9th VB @ Pella Christian 8:30 am—Var. VB @ Ottumwa 9 am– JV VB @ Mt. Pleasant 1 pm– Pulaski Corn Show Parade</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 7 am– Color Guard practice 5:30 pm- p9th/JV/V VB vs. Moulton-Udell 5:30 pm– JV VB vs. Albia</p>	<p>21 9th/JV/V VB @ Eddyville-Blakesburg</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 4:15pm– 8th/7th FB @ Centerville 4:15 pm– 8th/7th VB vs. Chariton 5 pm– CC @ PCM Monroe 6 pm- Color Guard Practice</p>	<p>24 4 pm– Walk for Life 5 & 7 pm—9th/10th/Var/ FB @ Sigourney</p>	<p>25 All day—Lin Mar/ Marion Band Festivals. 9 am– Var. VB @ Burlington 9 am– CC @ Lake Darling, Packwood</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 7 am– Color Guard practice 5:30 pm– JV FB @ Pella</p>	<p>28 4:15 pm– 8th/7th FB vs. Sigourney-Keota 4:30 pm– MS CC @ Osceola 5 pm—B/G CC @ Osceola</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Homecoming Coronation 4:15 pm– 8th/7th FB vs. Albia</p>	<p>1 Homecoming 1:30 pm Parade 5 & 7 pm- 9-Soph/Var. FB vs. Central Lee</p>	<p>2 6 pm—Festival of Bands</p>