

Irving Elementary Newsletter-8/4/23

Start Time **7:50 am**; Dismissal **3:00 pm (2:00 pm on Wednesdays)**
 500 West Clinton Avenue || 515-961-9560 || <http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us>



Please report all student absences, including the reason for the absence, by 8:00am. If emailing, please email both your child's teacher **AND** the Irving Secretary. Thank you!

Joanne Thessen, Irving Secretary:
 515-961-9560
joanne.thessen@indianola.k12.ia.us

As a courtesy, please call or email any changes to your child's pick-up arrangements for that day by 12:30 pm unless you have an emergency.

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Indianola Schools offer breakfast and lunch each day. [Irving Menus](#)
Breakfast starts at 7:30am. Students eating breakfast can enter through entrance 3 on the west side until 7:50 am.
 After 7:50 am, all students must enter through the main entrance.



The following options are offered daily:

- Breakfast: Assorted Cereals
- Lunch: Yogurt Meal
- Fat Free Milk, 1% White Milk, Chocolate Milk, and Water

Monday, 8/7	Tuesday, 8/8	Wednesday, 8/9	Thursday, 8/10	Friday, 8/11
Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Menus are subject to change without notice				
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Muffin Craisins	Breakfast Pizza Frozen Strawberry Cup	Assorted Pop-Tarts Frozen Peach Cup	Mini Donuts Banana	Confetti Pancakes Mixed Fruit
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit	Rotini Pasta w/Sauce Bosco Cheese Stick Spinach/Strawberry Salad Mandarin Oranges	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Cheetos Applesauce	French Toast Sticks Hash Brown Rounds Celery Sticks Diced Peaches	Pepperoni Pizza Round Green Beans Baby Carrots Diced Pears

If you need assistance, the free and reduced application is available here: [Free and Reduced Meal Application Information](#). Indianola Schools is an equal opportunity provider.

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[2023-2024 Year Round Calendar](#)

August 11.....PTO Back to School Bash 5:30-7:30 at the Blake Fieldhouse
August 18.....No School - District Day/Work Day for Staff
August 22.....PTO Meeting 6:30 pm - Irving Library
August 29.....Picture Day
September 4.....No School - Labor Day

-- Building Notes --

Reminder: Per Board Policy 903.3, All visitors must check in at the Irving office and receive a visitor badge before entering the building.

This includes before school as well, so please come through the office if you need to go to a classroom.

Thank you!

Student Drop-off and Pick-up Information

Dear Families:

Our student drop-off/pick-up procedures are designed to maintain a safe and orderly arrival and dismissal for you, our students, and our staff. The following guidelines provide a general awareness to all involved as well as provide information that will help expedite the process.

Safety Rules

- Vehicles MAY NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED in the “car rider lane” on Clinton Street from 7:30-8:20 AM and 2:40-3:25 PM. If you must leave your vehicle, please use an official parking space.
- Listen to school personnel for directions.
- Always be on the lookout for others.
- There will be one lane for pick-up/drop-off on Clinton Avenue. No double and triple parking.
- Students will not be allowed to go in-between cars to get to their own vehicle for drop off/pick-up.
- Students will not be allowed to load and unload in the intersection of Clinton and D Street or Detroit and D Street.
- Parents should not park behind the parked cars along the fence to the playground or on D Street to load or unload their student(s).

Student Arrival Directions

- Parents will not be able to enter the building at this time.
- All students must be supervised. Irving Elementary will provide supervision beginning at 7:30am.
- On Clinton Street, please pull all the way to the west end of the car rider lane and unload close to the ramp.
- Please have your student prepared to exit the vehicle at the appropriate time to keep traffic flowing.
- Students may not be dropped off from the street on Detroit or D Street. Please utilize the Simpson parking lots on the north side of Irving and have the students cross at the crosswalk.
- Students MUST be IN CLASS at 7:50am. They are tardy starting at 7:51am.

Student Dismissal Directions

- Dismissal for the bus begins at 3:00. Only bus students may be dismissed at this time.
- If you need to pick your child up early, you will need to park in an official parking place, come into the main office and sign your child out.
- Dismissal for car riders and walkers begins at 3:05.
- Dismissal areas-
 - North Door - 1st, 3rd and 5th grades
 - Southwest Door- Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades
 - Families with children in multiple grade levels may decide on one designated pick-up area. Please notify the classroom teachers of your decision.
- Please pull all the way up to the ramp area to allow us to load the maximum number of cars at one time. (All students will come from the ramp area on the west end of the building.)
- With proper flow, approximately 4-5 cars can pick up at one time, leave and then allow 4-5 more cars to pick up near the ramp.
- Teachers will be there to assist students to get to their car. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED IN THE PICK-UP LANE.

Other Available Options

- There are two Simpson parking lots to the north of the building where you can plan to meet your child after school.
- Parking is also available on one of the side streets in the area. You may park and walk to meet your child at school.
- If your child qualifies for transportation services, they may utilize the District's busing.
- The Simpson parking lot on the south side of Clinton IS NOT available for parents to utilize before and after school for parking.

We ask for your focus and patience as all parents and students learn the new procedures. Please remember that traffic is always heavier at the start of the school year, so plan your time accordingly. The Indianola Police Department will be prominent during the first week and a half of school to help maintain procedures and traffic flow.

Derek Morris, Principal

Student Directory Information for Birthday Party Invites and Party Invitation Distribution

Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we are unable to give student identifiable information to outside individuals or organizations per our School Board-approved handbook. Our school directory information is for school officials with legitimate educational interests. **Thus, teachers are unable to supply parents with the addresses of their peers for party invitations.**



Notes from the Transportation Department 515-961-9592

All bus students are expected to wear their seat belt during their bus route. If your child is having trouble with the seat belt, please ask the bus driver for help.

The middle school is a transfer point only for before and after school. Parents should be dropping off and picking up their children at their attendance center if they have plans other than their typical bussing needs.

According to the Student Transportation Handbook (found on the Indianola website): '. . . Elementary parents cannot pick up or drop off elementary students at the Middle School for transportation.'

A Bus Pass is required for all students to ride the bus with another student, to ride a different bus, or to get off at a different stop.

Bus Passes must be approved at least three (3) days in advance by the Transportation Department. Please contact the Transportation Department at 515-961-9592 or wendy.gehringer@indianola.k12.ia.us.



-- PTO Information --

Back to School Bash

We are going to start the new school year off with a bang at the 2023 Back to School Bash on Friday, August 11, 2023 from 5:30 – 7:30 at the Blake Fieldhouse.

We'll have music, games, food and prizes, plus we are ending our night with something new - the Color Bash! Prepare to leave dirty as we will have purple and gold colored powder for everyone to toss outside and show their Irving Strong pride!

Pre-event ticket includes admission to the 2023 Back to School Color Bash, color packets for our end-of-night color bash and a t-shirt for the event to get covered in color! **Due to manufacturing timing, you must pre-order by July 28 to get a t-shirt!**

Visit www.IrvingPTO.org for more information or to order tickets.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need your help for the event! Visit IrvingPTO.org for info on volunteering the night of the event.

Indianola Hy-Vee: Save receipts from the Indianola Hy-Vee store and gas station. Hy-Vee makes a donation to the PTO after we collect a certain dollar amount in receipts. Send receipts in a marked envelope with your child to school, turn them in to the office, or bring them to a PTO meeting. Indianola Hy-Vee location only.

Box Tops for Education: Download the Box Tops app, choose "Irving Elementary School (Indianola, IA)" and scan receipts to earn money for our school. Receipts must be scanned within **14 days** of purchase.

-- District/Community Events--



You can search/subscribe to upcoming events in the District's Digital Backpack:
www.indianola.k12.ia.us/digital-backpack

Indianola Music Boosters Volunteer Opportunity

Students & Parents - How would you like to get a **free ticket to the Iowa State Fair**, while helping raise money for our school music programs? The Indianola Music Boosters has been asked to volunteer at the Chicken City concession stand at the fair during the final fair weekend (August 19th & 20th). See the Signup Genius link for more information and to sign up!

[SignupGenius - State Fair concessions with Indianola Music Boosters](#)

Change of Address

Are you moving? Or have you recently moved? The parent/guardian needs to complete the Change of Address Form and provide acceptable proof of residency to the District Enrollment Coordinator. Please do so in a timely manner, as changes can take 2-3 business days to update. [Change of Address Form](#)

More information may be found here: [ICSD Change of Address](#)

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Indianola Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Special Programs Coordinator, 1301 East 2nd Avenue, Indianola, Iowa 50125, 515-961-9500. sppcoordinator@indianola.k12.ia.us.....Code No. 102.E3

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Specials Programs Coordinator
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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 (2007).