

Emerson Elementary



April Menu

Student \$2.80 Adult \$3.55 Extra Milk \$0.40	16	17	18	19	20
	No School	Hamburger Patty Bun 1.25oz Oven Fries Mixed Fruit Fresh Carrots	Breakfast Pizza Tater Tots Pineapple Fresh Cherry Tomatoes	Turkey & Swiss Sub Green Beans Peaches Fresh Carrots	Stuffed Sticks & Dip Broccoli Applesauce Marinara Cup Celery Sticks
	23	24	25	26	27
	Pork Roast Bun 1.25oz Calico Beans Pineapple Fresh Broccoli	Nachos Fresh Romaine Lettuce Pears Fresh Carrots	Mini Corn Dog Peaches Tater Tots Fresh Cauliflower	Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Mixed Fruit Celery Sticks	Fish Sticks Dinner Roll Corn Applesauce Fresh Carrots

Upcoming Events

- April 13 - 5th Grade Lock in
- April 16 - No School
- April 17 - Food Pantry open 4 - 6
- April 26 - 3rd Grade to the State Capitol

Looking Ahead

- May 8 - 5th Grade Pioneer Day
- May 8 - Food Pantry
- May 15 - 2nd Grade to Annett Nature Center
- May 15 - 5th Grade Ensemble concert 7pm
- May 18 - 5th Grade to tour Middle School
- May 24 - 2nd Grade to Living History Farms
- May 28 - Memorial Day- No School
- May 29 - Field Day
- June 1 - Last Day of School! 11:30 Dismissal



Emerson Library News:

April is National School Library Month!

Important Dates include:

April 2- Children's Book Day-read a book to a child

April 4- School Librarian Day-thank a librarian today

April 8-14-School Library Week-visit the library and check out a book

April 10- School Library Workers Day-thank our library associate today

April 26- Poem in Your Pocket Day-carry a poem in your pocket today

April 27 - Tell a Story Day- tell someone a story today



2018-2019 Purple & Gold Registration

The district is pleased to offer online registration for all preschool and kindergarten students. Online registration will be available in early March via our website by clicking on the Enrollment link under District.

If you have a child who will be four years of age (preschool) or five years of age (Kindergarten) on or before September 15, 2018, please register beginning early March. The Indianola Community School District has four elementary attendance centers: Emerson, Irving, Whittier and Wilder. The district offers a full-day kindergarten program. Please see our [informational flyer](#) for more information.

Spring is coming and we all are excited for the warmer weather. Until then please be sure your student is dressing appropriately for outdoor recess. Coats are still needed!



Welcome to the Digital Backpack!

If you are looking for Indianola school and community events and information, then you have come the right place! To cut down on paper usage and the volume of materials sent home with students each week, nonprofit organizations are asked to submit their events, announcements, and flyers to our digital backpack. In accordance with board policy, here you will find information from school sponsored, affiliated, and supported organizations; nonprofit community organizations, programs, camps; and more. <https://www.indianolak12.iaus/digital-backpack/>

Beginning Orchestra Sign-up

Indianola Orchestra teachers, Mrs. Dittmer and Mrs. Terrell, have visited all of the 4th grade music classes and shared information about the orchestra program. Students have the opportunity to join orchestra in the 5th grade. The Indianola Orchestra includes violin, viola, cello and bass. The 5th grade ensemble meets one day a week and students will have a lesson on that same day. A letter of information and a sign up form were shared with all of the students. Extra copies are available from each of the elementary music teachers. If you need more information please contact Mrs. Dittmer at janice.dittmer@indianolak12.iaus, or Mrs. Terrell at heidi.terrell@indianolak12.iaus.

Student Classroom Placement for 2018-2019

Assigning Students to Classrooms - Elementary teachers will soon begin assigning students to classrooms for next school year. Students will be assigned to classes for next school year by their current teachers and administrator, who are in the best position to make these recommendations. The teachers have worked with the children throughout the year and are able to identify their strengths and areas of needed support. Teachers consider many factors as balanced classes are prepared. These factors include:

- academic abilities
- social skills
- gender balance
- individual learning styles and needs
- student personality and interactions
- combinations of students to avoid
- class size

The Goal of the Classroom Assignment Process - The goal of the class assignment process is to produce a diverse combination of student groups who will work well together in the academic setting. This important task is vital to the creation of a positive class environment, which enables students to function to the best of their abilities. Students are assigned to classes based upon the best possible match of teaching skills and interpersonal needs of students.

Parent Input – We Need Your Support and Input! - Parents who feel the need to provide input about their child's placement should contact the building administrator or pick up the Elementary Parent Input form from the school office. It is important to note that a request for a specific teacher is not appropriate. When providing input, please consider the items listed above. It is best to communicate a child's strengths or weaknesses in writing to the administrator. It is important to note that when providing input, the information will be considered during the class placement process. However, the act of submitting a written information or request does not guarantee placement in a particular class.

Please respect the teachers' and administrators' professional judgment. It is important to note that the teachers and administrator hand place every child. We have each student's best interests in mind as class selections are made. Please have your request into the school by Friday, April 27, 2018.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Mr. Fitzpatrick, Emerson Elementary
Mrs. Naughton, Irving Elementary
Mr. Johnson, Whittier Elementary
Mr. Timmerman, Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary

Please continue to send your Hy-Vee receipts and Box Tops to school for PTO!!! Watch for a new Box Top sheet to come home next week

*All Food Service menus are now accessible through the district website. Here are the direct links. The latest breakfast menus are available here-
HYPERLINK "%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/breakfastmenu.php" <http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/breakfastmenu.php> The
latest lunch menus are available here HYPERLINK "http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/lunchmenu.php" <http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/lunchmenu.php> Please note
that the online menus now allow you to view nutritional information for breakfast and lunch items.*

We are pleased to announce our new district website. Please check out the new site by visiting the same address - <http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us>.

You should notice the new site is a considerable improvement over our old one. We've spent a lot of time on it and we hope you enjoy the new look.

Note: If you click the link above and still see the same old site, you may need to [clear your web browser cache](#) and/or click your web browser's refresh button multiple times in succession to get the old/cached pages cleared off of your computer.



Please Bring Your License when you Visit the School

If you have been a visitor to any of our Indianola schools during a typical day, you have been asked to show your license the first time so that a sticker could be given to you before you walk around the building.

We will be getting an upgrade to this security screening system, which is a good thing. However, we will not have access to past visitor records, so we will need to scan every person's license/ID as if it were their first visit. This upgrade will take place over winter break, so, beginning January 3, 2018, every visitor will be required to show their license. Please keep in mind, if you are just coming into the main office you will not need to show your ID. If you are going anywhere else in the building during school hours, however, you will. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Announcement Regarding School Alerts:

Indianola Schools will no longer utilize Iowa School Alerts for emergency notifications. To learn more about this change and ensure you get alerts during the 2017-18 school year, please go

to
HYPERLINK

"<http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/emergency-announcements.php>"

<http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/emergency-announcements.php> OR HYPERLINK

"<http://goo.gl/EEu52B>" <http://goo.gl/EEu52B>

From the Health Office:

With cold and flu season upon us, you may want to check out the Student Health Services handbook.

<http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/handbooks.php>

You will find information on the duties of the health associate, symptoms that will require a student to go home/stay home, medication administration and much more.

Parents - Please review the 2017-2018 Indianola Community Schools Elementary Handbook available on the Indianola Community Schools website. HYPERLINK

"<http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/handbooks.php>" <http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/handbooks.php>

We hope that it will answer many of your questions about our educational policies and procedures. If you would like a hard copy of the handbook please contact Mrs. Menke in the office at 461-9550

Visitor Information to enter Emerson Elementary School

* Driver's License - Bring your driver's license to the office when you visit.

It will be scanned in order to issue a visitor's badge. This is a required step.

* Check out - You are required to check out of the building when your visit is over and return your visitor's badge to the office. The secretary will sign you out at that time.

* Allow Extra Time - The checking in process does take a few extra minutes, so if you want to be able to be in the building at a specific time, allow 10 extra minutes just to be sure. We don't want you to miss a classroom event or a visit with your child.

