

Camanche Elementary Newsletter

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BRAG TAGS

Camanche Elementary will be continuing our Brag Tag system next year! If your students in kindergarten through 3rd grade have any tickets at the end of the year, please encourage them to SAVE them to turn in next year! Also, please encourage your student to SAVE their ring and all of the brag tags they have earned so far to put on their book bags again next year.

SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

Students, up to the age of 18, have the ability to go to either Jefferson Elementary or Bluff Elementary schools in Clinton to participate in the summer meal program. There is no charge for these lunches. The program runs Monday through Friday from June 5th through August 4th (excluding July 4th) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

KIDS FIRST! BIG KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM

Come join Kids First! Academy this summer for "Summer Escape"! Starting June 5th, help us explore some of the great destinations in and around our area... pools, parks, playgrounds, recreational sites, and much more! Each exciting week will be filled with creative activities including arts and crafts, games, and lots of outdoor fun! Get your application at 706 13th Avenue in Camanche.

FROM NURSE KATHY

If your child has prescription or over-the-counter medication at school, it will be important to stop in and pick it up before or at the completion of the school year. Left over medication can't be sent home with students for the safety of them and others. If the medications are not picked up, they are automatically discarded. If you have questions regarding our medication policy, feel free to contact the school nurse.

AUGUST 23RD – INTAKE CONFERENCES

School will start for Camanche Schools on Wednesday, August 23rd. Students attending the elementary school will have an "intake conference" with their new teacher on their first day of school. This one-on-one time allows students to meet their new teacher, familiarize themselves with their new classroom, bring their school supplies in and put them away, thus alleviating some of the first day of school "jitters"! Parents are encouraged to sign-up for their intake conference time when they register during All School Registration on August 1st. This is considered to be an official school day so students unable to attend will be charged with one absence from school.

JUST 3 DAYS LEFT!

The last day of school is May 31st! As we enter into the "home stretch" we ask that all parents encourage their children to exercise their **best behavior and keep up with their assignments**. It's hard to stay focused with warmer weather and many times behavior and schoolwork become less of a priority. We'd like to ask parents to "back us up" and keep students' priorities in the right place. The end of the school year has many special events in store such as class picnics, field trips, and track and field days, etc. Classroom behavior and work completion will play a large factor in students' eligibility to participate in these special events.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance is currently 95.69%. We as a school have set a goal of 97%. Thank you for working with us to reach that goal, EVERY DAY Matters.

FEES & UNPAID BALANCES

With the end of the year just around the corner, please strive to get your students' bus fees, book fees, and library fees paid up. Some lunch accounts are also past due. Balances on all students' accounts *will* carry over to the following school year. Balances of 4th grade students *will* carry over to their 5th grade accounts at middle school. ***All unpaid balances that carry over to the next school year will show as additional amounts owed at fall registration.***

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

If you have had a change of address or phone number, please remember to contact Camanche Elementary with this new information so your child's records can be updated. If you are signed up for the Parent Notification System, it is imperative that we have your correct phone number in order to insure that you are notified in case of a school cancellation or other notifications.

FROM YOUR K-8 TEACHER LIBRARIAN – CHECK THIS OUT!

As our school year comes to a close, I would like to share my sincere thanks to you, the parents, for instilling and encouraging respect, responsibility and readiness in your children's character. We at Camanche Elementary School library have had a

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fun year exposing students to all types of reading materials, and technology tools. The students are helping to keep our library organized and materials in useable working condition. This summer, I encourage everyone to take advantage of all that is offered at the [Camanche Public Library](#), the [Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center](#) in Clinton, and our [AEA online](#) learning resources. If you are looking for a more structured summer learning program, you might try [Upper Iowa University's Summer Reading Skills Program](#). This is sponsored and implemented through Upper Iowa University and caters to the needs of readers from four years of age through adults. The programs are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. There are five weeks of instruction with lessons being held weekly. Between lessons, students are encouraged to continue to build skills through interactive online instruction. The program does require a fee, however there are scholarships available. Go to the FAQ's section of the website for more details.

Whatever you choose to do with your children this summer, remember to incorporate and infuse reading along the way. Happy Summer!

CLINTON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN

It's time to start thinking about the Clinton County Fair! Young ladies between the ages of 4 and 21 are invited to compete in the 2017 Lil' Miss Fair Queen, Junior Miss Fair Queen, and Fair Queen Contests.

More information and applications are available on the fair website, www.clintoncountyiowafair.com. Applications are due by June 23rd.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 26 th	4 th Grade Track and Field Day
May 30 th	2 nd Grade Picnic at Platt Park
May 31 st	1 st Grade Picnic at Platt Park
May 31 st	Last Day of School (provided we have no cancellations due to weather)
Aug 1 st	ALL SCHOOL REGISTRATION 1-7 p.m. @ Camanche High School
Aug 23 rd	First Day of 2017-2018 School Year
Aug 23 rd	In-Take Conferences for Elementary Students & Parents
Aug 24 th	First FULL DAY of School for Elementary Students

Yours in education,
Aimee L. Dohse – Principal

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