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Maquoketa Valley Community School District's newsletter

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Change and Elementary Re-Alignment?

Maquoketa Valley Schools is a very special place. We are all a part of a school and community culture in which parents, teachers, and patrons truly care for our children. Our district proficiency scores on required state assessments are exceptionally strong year in and year out. We are building upon these strong scores by cultivating a stronger collaborative culture that has a laser focus on student learning. As a district we continue to define what is essential for our students to be successful academically and technically for the 21st century. Our district continues to refine an organizational response to help any of our kids that may struggle. We have long-standing tradition of excellence in our drama, speech, fine arts and activity programs. I realize that I am biased, but with our quality instructors, supportive parents, strong academic and activity programs working within a collaborative culture that puts our children first, we are the best school district in Iowa.

As much as we do not like it, at Maquoketa Valley we recognize that our students and their needs continue to evolve. To address and build upon the changing needs of our students, our district has spent the past three years during professional development and within our specific content and grade alike meetings developing clear learning goals and specific success criteria. This work has led to unit planning and now concept map development. Within our work, teachers have been defining essential learning, developing summative assessments aligned to the essential learning, developing rubrics, aligning resources and determining which literacy components can be weaved into their instruction. Formative assessments and assignments are now used as evidence of student learning and how the instructor can best adjust instruction or provide interventions before students get to the summative assessment.

We also recognize that our societal structure is changing and this has had an impact on our demographics. More of our students and their families are transient and there has been a steady increase in the number of families that fall below poverty levels. Due to these changes, one of the most noticeable changes within our schools has been the yearly fluctuation of our class sizes, especially at the elementary level. Due to these unpredictable student population variations, our school district has had to make the tough decision to maintain, increase or decrease the number of classroom sections every year for the past 6 years.

Because this issue has a direct impact on you and your children, it is our intent to be proactive by involving those parents in the decision making process that are directly affected by class section changes. The district has now formed a steering committee of approximately 50 community parents, teachers, administrators, and board members that will be meeting on December 3rd and January 7th to study this issue and help us determine the best course of action.

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**Maquoketa Valley Community School District
Ensures High Levels of Learning to
Empower All Students For Lifelong Success.**

DECEMBER 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL TODAY	2 CHICKEN NUGGETS WH. WHEAT ROLL MASHED POTATOES CHICKEN GRAVY CORN BROCCOLI FRUIT COCKTAIL PEACHES COMBO	3 TURKEY BURGER W/G. BUN FRENCH FRIES CARROT STICKS PEAS & CARROTS KIWI ORANGES CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE FRENCH TOAST	4 SPAGHETTI WH. WHEAT FRENCH BREAD ROMAINE LETTUCE CUCUMBER STRAWBERRY APPLESauce MANDARIN ORANGES OMELET/TOAST	5 TENDERLOIN/WH. WHEAT BUN NATURAL CUT FRIES CARROT STICKS BAKED BEANS PEARS BANANAS WH. WHEAT CINNAMON ROLL
8 CHICKEN STRIPS CURLY FRIES ROMAINE LETTUCE BROCCOLI PEACHES APPLES PUMPKIN BARS BREAKFAST PIZZA	9 SLOPPY JOE ON A WH. WHEAT ROLL NATURAL CUT FRIES SAVORY CARROTS KIWI STRAWBERRIES PANCAKES & SAUSAGE	10 HOT DOG ON A WH. WHEAT BUN FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS PEAS & CARROTS PEARS APRICOTS BREAKFAST CHOICE	11 SOFT SHELL TACO REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE PEACHES BREAKFAST BURRITO	12 SAUSAGE PIZZA GARLIC BREADSTICKS ROMAINE LETTUCE TOMATOES CUCUMBER APPLES FRESH PINEAPPLE SAUSAGE EGG MUFFIN
15 CHICKEN PATTY WH. WHEAT ROLL POTATO TRIANGLE WINTER MIX SAVORY CARROTS STRAWBERRIES APPLES BREAKFAST BAGELS	16 MR. RIB POTATO PUFFS BAKED BEANS CALIFORNIA BLEND PEACHES ORANGES BREAKFAST WRAPS	17 HAMBURGER GRAVY MASHED POTATOES BREAD & BUTTER SANDWICH COTTAGE CHEESE CORN MANDARIN ORANGES MIXED FRUIT BREAKFAST PIZZA	18 MEATBALL SUB FRENCH FRIES CARROT STICKS CELERY APPLES APPLESauce CARNIVAL COOKIE PANCAKE ON A STICK	19 HAM MASHED POTATO CHICKEN GRAVY SWEET POTATOES GREEN BEANS PEACHES BLUEBERRIES JELLO COMBO
22 CHILI WH. WHEAT CINN. ROLL ROMAINE LETTUCE STRAWBERRY APPLESauce ORANGES BREAKFAST CHOICE	23	24	25 ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY BREAK	26
OTHER BREAKFAST CHOICES INCLUDE: CEREALS CEREAL BARS YOGURT BAGELS MUFFINS FRESH FRUIT			ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME. PARENTS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP MONEY IN YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT.	MAQUOKETA VALLEY SCHOOL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER. EVERY MEAL IS SERVED WITH A 8 OZ. MILK

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Change and Elementary Re-Alignment?

The steering committee's mission will be three-fold. First, to analyze the positives and negatives of either maintaining our current system of section restructuring based upon moving students from the elementary center with the fewest number of students to the other two elementary centers. Second, analyze the positives and negatives of restructuring our current three elementary centers into possible grade a-like centers. And finally, with the information discussed, come to a consensus of the direction our district could possibly take in regards to our community elementary schools.

If the steering committee does come to a consensus and recommends that our district should develop a plan to restructure the three elementary centers into grade-a-like centers, **NO** decision will be made to move forward without a number of community meetings to openly and honestly discuss the steering committee's recommendation. It will be through these community forums in which opinions and concerns will be heard. The feedback received from these community forums will be the foundational basis for the direction that the district moves in the structuring of our elementary buildings.

As stated earlier, our district is a great school district. It is our intent to continue to build on our established culture to ensure that all of our kids will be successful in the 21st century. As our mission states: Maquoketa Valley will ensure high levels of learning to empower all of our students for lifelong success.

Only with your input can we build upon our mission and make our district even stronger for our children. So as we move through this process, we will continue to keep you up to date.

Apology

As President of the Fine Arts Boosters, I would like to apologize to the generous donors that were omitted from the Fall Musical Program. Donors missing from the program include:

Lauri Westhoff
John and Vicki Zietlow
Kathy Sternhagen and Family
Jim and Paula Timmer
Doug and Sara Tuetken
Brett and Barb Wall
Jesse and June Wooten

We are sincerely sorry for this oversight.

Mary Kay McNamara

Attention MV Graduates

Want to earn extra college credits over the holidays? NICC is offering online Winter Break classes starting December 22 through January 9.

For more information visit www.nicc.edu/winterbreak or You can contact the Manchester Regional Education Partnership at [563-822-1016](tel:563-822-1016)

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Regular Board Meeting

November 17, 2014

Prior to the regular board meeting, the Board participated in a work session with Senator Zumbach and Representative Hein in attendance. Topics of discussion were state supplemental aid, expanded uses of PPEL and management funds, transportation costs, at-risk funding, mental health funding, NCLB, Iowa Core and SAVE funds.

The regular meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by President John Zietlow at 7:15 p.m. at the Earlville Elementary Center in Earlville, Iowa. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted. Five board members were present. There were six staff members present and one visitor present. The agenda and consent items were approved.

The Preschool Advisory Board met on November 4th. The members of the board consist of three parents representing Earlville and three parents representing Johnston. Topics of discussion included home visits, the preschool STEM grant, the BBQ, the upcoming field trip to Gallagher Bluedorn in January and communication between school and home. A survey will be sent home to all parents to complete in January.

The 2015-2016 SBRC Modified Allowable Growth for Dropout Prevention was approved. The Board approved the maximum amount allowed by state law.

The Board approved the following district depositories: Heritage Bank, Community Savings Bank, F&M Bank and Citizens State Bank.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Ron Besler – resignation as Middle School Baseball Coach
Dan Cassutt – employed as Middle School Baseball Coach

Two open enrollment requests out were approved.

Language changed to board policy 310.040R – Organizational Chart were reviewed and approved. The board policy series 300 was also reviewed and approved.

The Board approved the districts participation in the Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program designed for bus drivers.

A realignment steering committee of community members, Board, teachers and administration has been formed. The first meeting will be held on December 3rd.

The 400 Board Policy series will be reviewed at the December meeting.

Suggestions for the featured speaker for the 2015 Academic Excellence Banquet were discussed and noted.

The Board discussed possible alternative meeting locations. It was tentatively decided that our January meeting would be held at the St. John's Church in Delhi.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Food Drive for the Delaware County Food Pantry



Maquoketa Valley will be spreading some good cheer this holiday season with a district-wide food drive! It will begin on December 8th and go through December 19th. I encourage you to bring in any nonperishable food items to donate to the Delaware County Food Pantry. This is a great way to help local families in need during the holiday season!

Middle School Language Arts

In Mrs. Grimm's 8th grade language arts class we recently finished a unit on historical fiction in which students read a historical fiction novel and a nonfiction article about the same time period or event in history. They used the two texts to write a compare/contrast paper. In writing our paper we focused on using a thesis statement, topic and concluding sentences, and transition words. We learned a lot from our reading of historical time periods and had valuable writing practice.

Currently we are working on a biography unit. We are reading about strong role models and studying their character traits. We will then be researching and writing about someone we admire who has made a positive impact on society.

We are continuing our Greek root word study. So far this year we have covered seven roots which should help us when we encounter words we don't know. We often find these words in our free reading and have a word wall where all these words are posted.

We have been busy building our vocabulary, and our reading and writing skills!



Fruits contain natural sugars. In fact strawberries are the lowest sugar containing fruit. Dried fruit however is condensed and therefore a much higher source.



Maquoketa Valley Elementary Music Programs



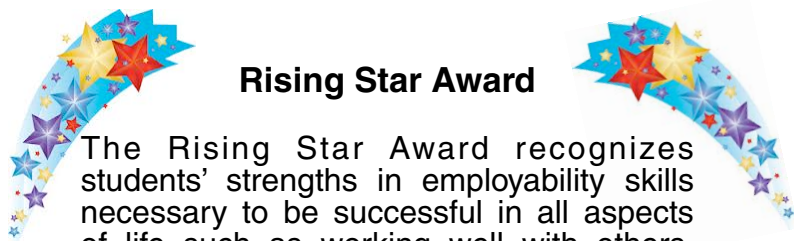
The elementary students at Maquoketa Valley are busy rehearsing for their upcoming Christmas programs. The programs will involve all students in preschool through fifth grade. Each class will sing songs to celebrate the holiday season. The fifth grade band will also perform.

The Johnston Elementary program is December 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Johnston multi-purpose room. The Earlville students will present their program on December 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the Earlville gym. The Delhi Elementary program is December 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the Delhi multi-purpose room. Everyone is welcome to attend this holiday celebration.

"Spread the Warmth"

"Spread the Warmth" this holiday season by donating hats & mittens. Again this year in all the Elementaries and the Middle School commons area, holiday trees will be set up ready to collect hats, mittens, and scarves for students who need a little extra warmth this winter season. Your child can bring the new hats & mittens and scarves to the office area or add them to the tree themselves. All hats & mittens will be donated to students and local agencies in the area to be distributed to children. We will be collecting the winter items until Friday, December 12th. Together we can "Spread the Warmth" this holiday season.





Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award recognizes students' strengths in employability skills necessary to be successful in all aspects of life such as working well with others, being prepared for class, and taking responsibility for their own actions. This award may also recognize students that demonstrate strong civic responsibilities. We are proud of these students who have demonstrated these important life long skills! Congratulations!

Gabe Halweg
Jaelyn Butikofer

Alaina Mead
Wyatt Mullis

WANTED: MALE MENTORS IN DELAWARE COUNTY!

Remember when you were 7? Who did you look up to? Who did you want to be like? Who taught you to bait a hook and gave you motorcycle rides? Who spent time with you just because? Perhaps you thought of four people, twenty, or maybe just one. You have the opportunity to be one of those adults to a youngster. How?

A youth is ready to spend a few hours with you. Are you ready?

That is just what mentoring is. As a mentor, you give a little help and show some attention to a youngster. By spending a few hours a month, you can create a healthy, encouraging relationship with a youth – a relationship that can bring out the 7 year old in you.

Who knows, maybe when that young kid eventually turns 40, he'll think back and remember that time he spent with you, talking about the future or baiting a hook, and he'll smile.

To learn more about the youth who are ready, to get an idea of Mentoring, or to get an application call: 563/379-3454 or visit www.helpingservices.org

6th Grade with Mrs. Jurgens

There are many super stars in Mrs. Jurgens' homeroom! Students are awarded stars for excellent work, for helping around the room, for showing deep thinking or good ideas, and for demonstrating good character by being honest, helping others, etc... We add our stars to our Super Stars bulletin board bag, and every two weeks we have a drawing for six winners of "fabulous prizes." Just like with the lottery, you can't win if you don't play so students try hard to add more stars to the bag in order to increase their chances of winning.

In the world of 6th grade Social Studies, we are finishing our studies of ancient river civilizations. Most recently students have learned a lot about ancient China and applied that knowledge to the construction of some terrific projects. Most worked with a partner to create a model of either the Great Wall of China, Qin's tomb, a display of Chinese inventions or innovations, Chinese dragons, or a physical map of China. They have done well in trying to impress me with their creativity and quality of work this time, and I hope it continues!

We are now ready to begin our studies of the ancient civilizations of Greece, Rome, and the Americas. So much history, so little time!



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Johnston Elementary and Earlville Elementary hosted book fairs the last week in October. Our Scholastic Book Fairs were reading events that brought the books kids want to read right to their schools. There were wonderful selections of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

The two book fairs were a huge success! Each building had sales totaling \$1000. Since all of these purchases benefit our schools, we were able to buy \$450 in books for each elementary. That means that these book fairs allowed us to add just over 100 books to our elementary libraries!

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and community members who supported our book fairs. We look forward to bringing more great Scholastic books to the Delhi Elementary and Middle School during the Spring Book Fair.

Jill Besler
K-12 Teacher Librarian



DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SOUP SUPPER

Mark your calendars now for the Dollars for Scholars Soup Supper on **Friday, December 12, 2014**, from 5-7:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

The menu includes chili, chicken noodle, cream of broccoli, and vegetable beef soup, sandwiches, and dessert. The cost is \$5 for ages 12 and up, \$3 for ages 5-11, and free for children under 5.

Dollars for Scholars provides scholarships to graduating seniors who submit a scholarship application and plan to further their education after high school.

Athletic Boosters Need YOU

The Maquoketa Valley Athletic Boosters are looking for members who would like to be involved in helping organize and run our events. The Athletic Boosters meet the **first Wednesday of every month** (except July) at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria. Please consider sharing your time & talents so that we may continue to provide the needed assistance to our athletic programs.



MV's Speech and Drama Department would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Winter Wonderland a success again this year.

Post Prom 2015 Update

Attention Junior Class Parents:

Post Prom fundraising efforts are in the planning stages & are coming together! We need volunteers...even for an hour here or there, any help you can give is greatly appreciated!

The **next Post Prom meeting** will be Wednesday, December 10 @ 6:00 pm in HS Commons.

We hope you can join us in the fun!

Please contact Ann Grant @ 563-920-6788 with any questions.



Homemade Pies

Post Prom will be selling apple pies for \$10 and strawberry-rhubarb pies for \$12. These are frozen and ready to bake. Pecan pies are ready to serve for \$15. Please get orders to Ann Grant at anndan@yousq.net or 563-920-6788. Order forms will be available in HS office too. These are great for the holidays!

SOUP SUPPER

Who: **Maquoketa Valley Speech and Drama**

Where: Maquoketa Valley High School Cafeteria

When: **December 19, 4:30-7:30 p.m.**

Cost: Adults- \$5

Children 5-11- \$3

Under 5- FREE



WHAT'S THERE:

- 1 - Chili
- 2 - Chicken Noodle
- 3 - Cheddar Broccoli
- 4 - Sandwiches
- 5 - Desserts

Your high school student has drama, don't you need some too?!

MV Fine Arts Boosters,

Welcoming ALL parents who want to be involved with their kids!

You are already a member and it is free!

Supporting kids from **Band, Choir, Speech, Drama,** and any other fine arts at Maquoketa Valley.

Wouldn't you love to help your child bring home The Eagle from Competition Speech, or win that State Jazz Championship?

We will not have a meeting in December.

Join us at the next Fine Arts Booster Meeting, Jan 12, @ 5:30 PM and see what we are all about!!

ATTENTION SENIORS

If you are planning to further your education next school year, you should have completed the following steps:

1. Visited the colleges you're interested in attending.
2. Sent in an Application for Admission to the colleges you are interested in attending.
3. Sent in a Housing Application (if applicable) to the colleges you are interested in attending.
4. Picked up a financial aid form (FAFSA) worksheet in the Career/College Center or completed the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA can be mailed or submitted online any time after January 1.

If you haven't done any of these steps, it's not too late. Stop in the Career/College Center and pick up the necessary forms.

ITEMS for SALE

Maquoketa Valley Community Schools has the following items for sale:

older model classroom microscopes

10 - IST Model K54 Bausch & Lomb microscopes. To be sold as is.

If you need more information, please call Cheryl Gates at [563-922-9411](tel:563-922-9411).

If you are interested in any or all of these items, please send a SEALED bid to Erika Imler at the Administration Office, P.O. Box 186, Delhi, IA 52223 by Thursday, December 11, 2014. The sealed bids will be opened on Friday, December 12th.

We reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Christmas Concerts

The High School Music Department will present its annual Christmas Concert on Monday, December 15th at 7 PM. This will take place at St. John's Church in Delhi and will feature the Maquoketa Valley Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Chris Hadley and the Maquoketa Valley Concert Choir under the direction of Mrs. Beth Mueller. Admission is free. The concert will be recorded and played on KMCH radio during the Holiday Season.



The Middle School Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 17th at 1:30 PM in the Middle School multi-purpose room. This program will involve all of the 6th graders, the 6th grade Band, 7th and 8th grade Band, 7th and 8th grade Boys Chorus and 7th and 8th grade Girls Chorus. Please join us for an afternoon of festive music making!

Thank You!

The MV Athletic Boosters send out a very big **THANK YOU** to all the students, janitors and many other people who helped with the Craft and Vendor Show.

They all did a wonderful job!

Items for Sale

Maquoketa Valley Community Schools has the following items for sale:

Pottery Turn Table
Powermatic Drill Press 1 1/2 hp 115/230 1 Phase
Dewalt Radial Arm Saw 2 hp 115/230 1 Phase
Powermatic Drill Saw 115/230 1 Phase
Grinder 2 hp 115/230 1 Phase
Hoist 2 ton Frame
Water Barrel

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Grinder 2 hp 115/230 1 Phase



Dewalt Radial Arm Saw 2 hp 115/230 1 Phase



Hoist 2 ton Frame

LOOKING for KINDERGARTNERS

We ask your assistance in compiling our list of children that will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2015. Remember a child must be five years old on/before September 15, 2015 in order to be eligible to attend Kindergarten or Junior Kindergarten next fall. Please list your own youngster and those of any of your friends or neighbors you believe may have not received this newsletter form. Please complete the form and drop it off or mail it to Maquoketa Valley Schools, P. O. Box 186, Delhi, IA 52223-0186. Thank you!

Child's Name _____ (Circle One)
Boy or Girl

Date of Birth _____

Parent's Names _____

Attendance Center _____ Delhi _____ Earlville _____ Hopkinton

Address _____

Phone _____

Child's Name _____ (Circle One)
Boy or Girl

Date of Birth _____

Parent's Names _____

Attendance Center _____ Delhi _____ Earlville _____ Hopkinton

Address _____

Phone _____



LOOKING for 4-Year Olds

We also need your assistance in compiling a list of children that will be FOUR years old on/before September 15, 2015 in order to be eligible for Maquoketa Valley's Pre-School program to start next fall. Please list your own youngster and if you know of any other families that have a 4-year-old, please contact them. Simply complete this form and drop it off or mail it to Maquoketa Valley Schools, P. O. Box 186, Delhi, IA 52223-0186. Thank you!

Child's Name _____ (Circle One)
Boy or Girl

Date of Birth _____

Parent's Names _____

Attendance Center _____ Delhi _____ Earlville _____ Hopkinton

Address _____

Phone _____

How to Talk with your Children about Ebola

With so much about Ebola in the news, chances are your children have heard about it. You can help your children understand what is happening here in the United States and in West Africa by talking with them directly. Not talking about Ebola can make it seem even scarier to a child. You can tailor these ideas for your child's age, development, and concerns

Children may react differently depending on their age and level of development. For younger children, it is particularly important to keep your answers simple and direct. But even for older children, who may be confused or worried, it is best to start simply. Then ask them what further information they would like.

For more information on how to help your children cope with disasters or how to explain death to young children and help children of any age adjust to a loss, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics website and CDC's Caring for Children in a Disaster website.

Thanks to David J. Schonfeld, MD, FAAP, pediatrician-in-chief and director of the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, for his guidance on talking with children about their concerns. If you are concerned about how your child is coping, contact a pediatrician, other primary care provider, or a qualified mental health care specialist.

If children ask you a question that you don't know how to answer, look to reliable sources of information, such as the CDC website, your pediatrician, or the health department. Older children may wish to look for the answers along with you. Let children know that the government, doctors, and health departments are taking steps to try to keep everyone well.

Here are some questions children may ask and some possible answers.

Is it true Ebola is killing lots of people?

Ebola is a serious illness. Scientists are working to make medicines that can cure people who get Ebola or a vaccine that they can give to healthy people so they don't catch it, but we don't have them yet. But we do know a lot about how to keep people from catching Ebola and doctors in the United States can do a lot to help people with Ebola get better. There aren't as many doctors and hospitals in some countries in Africa. So in Africa, people with Ebola often don't get to the hospital until they are very sick or don't get to go at all, and many of them have died. There have been very few people who have caught Ebola in the United States.

Can I catch Ebola?

Ebola doesn't spread from one person to another unless the person who has Ebola is feeling sick – they may have a high fever, throw up, have diarrhea or a bad stomach ache, or have a very bad headache. (For older children: the Ebola virus

lives in blood and other body fluids, such as urine, feces, saliva, vomit, sweat or semen – for someone to catch the disease, one of these fluids from someone who is sick and has the Ebola virus has to get through a break in the skin or enter through the mouth, eyes or nose of the other person).

If someone is feeling well, they don't spread Ebola virus to other people. The virus doesn't spread through the air, water or food. The few people that caught Ebola in the United States are people at the hospital that took care of very sick patients with Ebola.

How do I know if I have Ebola?

The symptoms of Ebola, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or stomach ache are very common in children and adults. Almost all of the time, they are not caused by Ebola. Unless you have been around someone who was sick with Ebola, you do not need to worry about having Ebola. But if you feel sick or are worried you are getting sick, please let me know.

What can I do so I don't catch Ebola?


Even though Ebola is very rare in the United States, it's always a good idea to find out how to keep healthy. Make sure you wash your hands before eating, touching your mouth, eyes, or nose, or after touching someone who is sick. Don't touch blood or body fluids of someone else – call an adult to clean up blood or vomit

~ December 2014 ~

January ►

un	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO SCHOOL (Teacher Prof Dev) JHGBB – Alburnett Home – 4:00 JVWR @ Nlinn – 5:30 VWR @ CPU – 6:00 FFA Officer Mtg – 7:00	2 JHWR @ Starmont (Star, Ed-Co) - 4:30 JVBB – Central City Home – 4:45 VBB – Central City Home - 6:15	3 Athletic Boosters Mtg 6:30 pm HSCafe	4 8thBB – CV Christian Home – 4:00 7thBB @ WDubuque 4:00 JV/V WR @ Midland (Mid, CC, EB) – 6:30 FFA Monthly Mtg - Beckman 7:30	5 JV/V WR @ Cascade 4:30 JHWR @ WDelaware 4:30 Dance Team @ State Comp. – Des Moines (12/5-12/6)	6 JVBB @ Cent Elkader - 2:00 VBB @ Cent Elkader 5:00
	8 JHGBB @ Springville 4:00 Fine Arts Boosters Mtg 5:30 pm HSCafe	9 JE Christmas Concert 1:30 JVBB @ Springville 4:45 VBB @ Springville 6:15	10 Post Prom Mtg 6:00 pm HS Cafe Nutrition 101 Program 7:00 pm Auditorium	11 EE Christmas Concert 1:30 JHGBB – Ed-Co Home – 4:00 JV/V WR – Cent City, Nlinn – Home – 6:30	12 DE Christmas Concert 1:30 DFS Soup Supper HS Café JVBB – Midland Home – 4:45 VBB – Midland Home - 6:15	13 JV/V WR @ WDubuque – 10:00
	15 HS Christmas Concert St. John's - 7:00 School Board Mtg 6:00 @ Johnston Elem	16 JVBB @ Lisbon 4:00 JV/V WR – ClRidge, Ed-Co, Postville – Home – 5:00 VBB @ Lisbon 6:15	17 MS Christmas Concert – MSMR 1:30	18 JV/V WR – Alburn, Ed-Co – Home – 6:30	19 Speech/Drama Soup Supper – HS Café 4:30 JVBB – EBuchanan Home – 4:45 VBB – EBuchanan Home - 6:15	20 JVBB @ Marquette Catholic – 2:00 VBB @ Marquette Catholic – 4:00
	22 Early Dismiss @ 1:05 (Christmas Break)	23 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)	24 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)	25 NO SCHOOL (Christmas) 	26 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)	27
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4	<p>5</p> <p>SECOND Semester Begins</p> <p>JV/V WR – Bellevue, Cascade, Starmont – Home 5:00</p> <p>FFA Officer Mtg – 7:00</p>	<p>6</p> <p>JVBB – North Linn Home – 4:45</p> <p>VBB –North Linn Home - 6:15</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Athletic Boosters Mtg 6:30 pm HSCafe</p>	<p>8</p> <p>JV/V WR @ Nlinn (NL, Cas, Durant) – 6:30</p> <p>FFA Monthly Mtg - MVHS 7:30</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Spanish Club Soup Supper HS Cafe 4:30-7:30</p> <p>JVBB – Alburnett Home – 4:45</p> <p>VBB –Alburnett Home - 6:15</p>	<p>10</p> <p>VWR – Maquoketa Valley Duals – Home 9:00 am</p> <p>JVBB @ W. Delaware 1:00</p> <p>VBB @ W. Delaware 4:00</p>
11	<p>12</p> <p>10th Gr. @ JREC, Monticello</p> <p>Fine Arts Boosters Mtg 5:30 pm HSCafe</p>	<p>13</p> <p>JVBB @ Central City 4:45</p> <p>VBB @ Central City 6:15</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>FFA Soup Supper 4:00-8:00 HS Café</p> <p>JVBB – Ed-Co Home 4:45</p> <p>VBB –Ed-Co Home 6:15</p> <p>JV/V WR @ Midland (Mid, Lis, NL) @ 6:30</p>	<p>16</p> <p>JVBB @ Monticello 3:45</p> <p>VBB @ Monticello 6:15</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Lg Gr TRC Speech @ Springville</p> <p>WR @ Cascade 9:00 am</p>
18	<p>19</p> <p>NO SCHOOL (Staff Prof Develop)</p> <p>HSBand @ TRC Festival Home</p> <p>JHBoysBB @ Cascade 4:00</p> <p>School Board Mtg 6:00 St. John's</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Preschool/JKdg @ UNI/Cedar Falls</p> <p>JVBB – Springville Home – 4:45</p> <p>VBB –Springville Home - 6:15</p>	21	<p>22</p> <p>JHBoysBB @ Ed-Co 4:00</p> <p>JVBB – Starmont Home – 4:45</p> <p>VBB – Starmont Home - 6:15</p> <p>JV/V WR @ Lisbon (Lis, EB) 6:30</p>	<p>23</p> <p>JVBB – Cedar Valley Christian - Home 4:45</p> <p>VBB – Cedar Valley Christian - Home 6:15</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Lg Gr District Speech @ Cascade</p> <p>AB Mini Cat Wrestling Tournament</p>
25	<p>26</p> <p>HSBand – State Jazz Band Festival</p> <p>JHBoysBB – East Buchanan – Home 4:00</p>	<p>27</p> <p>JVBB – Lisbon Home – 4:45</p> <p>VBB –Lisbon Home - 6:15</p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>JHBoysBB @ Nlinn 4:00</p> <p>JV/V WR @ Maquoketa (CPU, Maq, Mid) 6:00</p>	<p>30</p> <p>JVBB @ EBuchanan 4:45</p> <p>VBB @ EBuchanan 6:15</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HSVocal Jazz @ Meistersinger/Wartburg</p> <p>K-8 Dance Camp 8:00-12:00 HS Gym</p> <p>VWR @ TRC Tourney Midland – 12:00</p> <p>Dance Team & Camp Performance 5:30 pm HS Gym</p>