



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Registration** August 9 and August 10 - Noon to 8 p.m.
Please Note Time Change.
- ◆ **Computer Rollout day** August 23 -9th thru 12th grade students & parents in the High School Gym - 6 pm
- ◆ **Open House K-8** August 23 5:30 -7 pm
- ◆ **Child Care Registration was done in the spring** – please contact Child Care at 319-695-5127 or 641-661-2028 with any questions
- ◆ **SCHOOL STARTS**
August 25, 2010

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK.....

Greetings and Welcome Back to the new school year! Summer is passing by quickly and before we know it we'll be back in school. It has been awfully busy around the school building this summer and it doesn't seem as though the work level has changed. The only difference is there are less people around in the building during the summertime!

There will be many new staff members at the start of the school year, in fact, too many to include in this newsletter as I wouldn't want to leave anyone out. Most of our teaching positions are filled now and I only have one position left to fill. In the first few days of school please come up and meet the new staff members and get to know them.

Our custodial crew has been exceptionally busy this summer with all of the work they have completed and still need to complete. They will be working right up to the start of the new school year to make sure everything is getting done. As you walk through the school building you will notice new paint in the hallways and classrooms in the high school section. Every classroom door in the high school has been replaced with new doors and hardware to comply with fire regulations and we paid for all of this through a grant that we received. Additionally the carpet in the hallway around the elementary and middle school wings has been replaced with tile so that it can be kept much cleaner than carpet. We have replaced the roof materials over the Library/Media Center and hallway because the old roof leaked quite a bit and was in need to being replaced.

Probably the most exciting news is that we are getting ready to take a huge step in to the 21st Century Learning Environment! Most of you know by now that every student in grades 9-12 will be issued their own Apple MacBook laptop computer to keep with them 24/7 throughout the school year. They will be doing a lot of their schoolwork and projects on these computers and using them as a resource to do their research on. In the lower grades we purchased portable computer labs to go in to each of the wings to improve the accessibility to technology for their classes. Additionally every teacher received a new MacBook and have, and will continue to, receive training on them to use them as an instructional tool. All of this is to improve our student's skills and better prepare them to go on in to the 21st Century Workforce. We have scheduled August 23rd as the night to roll out the computers to the 9-12 graders so if you will be receiving a computer on this night you will want to be sure to put this on your calendar. The rollout will begin at 6:00 p.m. and we are still working out the details. More information on the computer rollout will be coming out shortly but be sure to put it on your calendars!

All-in-all we're very excited about the changes for the upcoming new school year. Take some time to enjoy the rest of the summer because the start of the new school year is just around the corner! See you soon!

John A. Dotson,
Superintendent

Eligibility for Waiver, Partial Waiver or Temporary Waiver of Student Fees

Students whose families meet the income guidelines for free and reduced price lunch, the Family Investment Program (FIP), Supplement Security Income (SSI), Transportation Assistance under Open Enrollment, or who are in foster care, are eligible to have their student fee waived or partially waived.

Students whose families are experiencing a temporary financial difficulty may be eligible for a temporary waiver of student fees.

Parents or students who believe they qualify for any of the above waivers should contact the superintendent's office.

This waiver does not carry over from year to year and must be completed annually.

Fall Sports Physicals

Please note: All student-athletes who desire to participate in interscholastic athletics must have a pre-participation physical examination by a licensed physician/surgeon, osteopathic physician/surgeon, osteopath, advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), physician's assistant or qualified doctor of chiropractic prior to participation. The certificate of medical examination is valid for the purpose of this rule for one calendar year. A grace period, not to exceed 30 days, is allowed for expired medical certifications. [Article VII 36.14(1)] FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL AND FROM COACHES.

To download a copy of the physical form please click on this link:

http://www.iahsaa.org/resource_center/Sports_Medicine_Wellness/Injury_Prevention_Treatment/Preparticipation_Physical_Form_0509.pdf



Pekin Football Camps

With football season fast approaching, the Pekin Football coaching staff is preparing to host football camps. Those interested can sign up at the camp being held on the Pekin football practice field.

High School Football

Aug 2 - 6 High School Football camp
8 am - 11 am

August 9 - 12
High School Football practice
8 am - 12 pm

August 13 High School Football practice
7 am - 9:30 am

August 16 - 18 High School Football practice
8 am - 10:30 am

August 19 High School Football practice
4 pm - 6:30 pm

August 20 High School Football
BLACK/WHITE SCRIMMAGE - 7 pm

August 23-24 High School Football practice
4pm - 6 pm

Middle School (7th & 8th Grade) Football camp

August 16 11 am to 1:30 pm (fitting of equipment)
August 17, 18 12 pm to 1:30 pm

Middle School practice begins August 25th after school

4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Football camp

August 16 - 18 6 pm to 7 pm



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration will be held Monday, August 9th from noon until 8 p.m. and Tuesday, August 10th from noon until 8 p.m.

Fee Schedule for registration:

Instructional Supplies (expendable): \$30.00 per student

Towel Fee (6 - 12 grade) \$10.00 per athlete

Photography Student will pay for color film

Shop Student will pay for eye/ear protection

Activity Pass - Student yearly pass \$15.00

- *Adult yearly pass* \$50.00

Instrumental rental fee \$25.00 per student
(\$20.00 per student, if a family has more than one student renting an instrument)

Lunch Prices: - Amount Charged to School Dining Family Account

Child Care/PreSchool	Elementary	MS/HS
Lunch: \$1.25	Lunch: \$ 1.35	Lunch: \$ 1.75
Breakfast: \$1.00	Breakfast: \$ 1.00	Breakfast: \$ 1.10
Milk: \$.25 ea	Milk: \$.25ea	Milk: \$.25 ea

Reduced student lunch all grade levels: \$.40

Reduced student breakfast all grade levels: \$.30

(Lunch price increase approved by Pekin School Board 7-12-10)

WEBSITE TO CHECK ON YOUR CHILD'S MEAL ACCOUNT IS:

<http://lunch.pekin.k12.ia.us>

For questions regarding hot lunch, breakfast or PAYSCHOOLS, please contact Ann Swanson, Sup't. Secretary, at 319-695-3707 or 641-661-2351.



HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP

High School Band Members - Please mark August 16, 17 and 18 on your calendar. We will be getting together from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the high school music room to work on the music for our marching show. We will be performing to the music of the Rock group **KISS**. Please bring your instrument, music and a great attitude. The marching show is two-thirds done, and will be shown to you at the camp. Looking forward to a GREAT year. Mrs. Hagedon

Volleyball Camp Info

MS Volleyball coach, Mrs. Crabtree, will be holding a camp for all 5, 6, 7 and 8th grade girls on August 10, 11, and 12th. Cost of the camp is \$20.00. 5th and 6th grade girls will have camp from 6-7 pm and 7th and 8th grade girls camp will be from 7-8 pm. T-shirts will be ordered at camp and handed out when school begins. For more information please contact: Lisa Crabtree, PO Box 278, Richland, IA 52585.



Cross Country Camp
Cross Country runners will be leaving Sunday, August 8 2010 for their annual XC camp at Camp Dodge. For more information please contact Davis Eidahl at 319-456-6111.



Daycare Supply List

- Backpack
- 1 box of 24 crayons (no jumbo)
- 1 (4oz) bottle of white Elmer's glue
- 1 glue stick
- (LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH CHILD'S NAME)

Preschool Supply List

- Backpack or school bag
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 (4oz) bottle of white Elmer's glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 pencils
- 1 pencil box



Pekin Elementary School Supply Lists

Kindergarten

- School box
- Box of 8 basic Crayola crayons
- Medium bottle of Elmer's glue
- Pair of scissors (Fiskars or Crayola work best)
- Tablet or scribble pad
- (4) Pencils
- Eraser
- Paint shirt
- Pair of gym shoes
- (2) Large boxes of tissues
- Beach towel
- Easy to get into backpack or bag

First grade

- Backpack (no wheels)
- Pencil box
- Box of crayons
- (4) #2 pencils (Ticonderoga or Papermate)
- Large box of tissues
- Pair of gym shoes
- (2) pocket folders (1 school, 1 take-home)
- Bottle of Elmer's glue
- Large eraser
- Pointed scissors
- (2) Manuscript writing tablets
- Paint shirt for art class

LABEL EVERYTHING WITH THE STUDENTS' NAME

Second grade

- 36 - #2 pencils (no mechanical)
- Erasers (big)
- Pointed scissors
- Box of 24 crayons
- 2 Bottles of glue (no glue sticks)
- Pencil bag (NO BOXES, PLEASE)
- Spiral notebook
- (2) Large boxes of tissues
- Pair of gym shoes (no slip-ons)
- Backpack

Third grade

- Large box of tissues - 200 count
- Pair of gym shoes (NO platform or slip-ons)
- Backpack - Tote bag (no wheels)
- 36 unsharpened YELLOW PENCILS
- (4) 70 sheet spiral notebook-WIDE ruled
- (5) folders - NO TRAPPER KEEPERS
- (2) Large pencil bags- NO BOXES
- (1 sm.) Pkg. pencil top erasers
- (2) red leaded pencils-NO pens/markers
- Box of 24 crayons only
- Pair of scissors
- (2) Glue sticks
- Ruler

Fourth grade

- Pencils (no mechanical)
- Red pens for checking papers
- Blue or black pens for writing
- **No gel pens**
- (2) Big erasers
- Crayons or colored pencils (no markers)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencil bag (no pencil boxes)
- Paper - spiral notebooks
- (4) Folders -any color
- OR 1 accordion style folder
- **No Trapper Keepers**
- Kleenex -200 count box
- School bag or backpack
- 2 GB Flash Drive

Fifth grade

- (4) Spiral notebooks
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue
- #2 pencils
- Pencil bag
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- Tennis shoes for P.E. to be kept at school
- Backpack
- Expandable accordion style file folder
- Red pens/pencils
- Optional school items:
- Colored pencils
- Markers/Highlighter
- Pencil-top erasers
- Large eraser

Middle School Supply List

- Blue/black/red ink pens (NO pastel or gel pens)
- 1 set of thin colored markers
- Several #2 pencils
- Large eraser
- Tape
- Scissors
- Calculator
- Flash Drive (can purchase at school)
- Notebook Paper
- Several spiral notebooks for Reading class
- Binder for 6th grade Study Skills class
- Glue or glue stick
- Book covers
- 1 or 2 boxes of tissues
- PE clothes/shoes
- 8 subject or more expandable folder
- Composition notebook for Science class



Individual teachers may require other items not listed.
ALL Math students need several pencils, spiral notebook & red pen.

REMEMBER SUPPLIES NEED TO BE REPLENISHED OFTEN OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR.

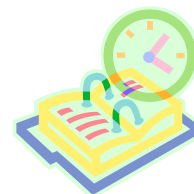
PLEASE BRING SUPPLIES WHEN YOU COME TO SCHOOL THE EVENING OF OPEN HOUSE, AUGUST 23, 2010 FROM 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

2010 -2011 Important Dates

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| Aug. 25 | School Begins |
| Sept. 6 | NO SCHOOL- Labor Day |
| 27 | Preschool Pictures |
| 29 | School Pictures K - 12 |
| Oct. 1 | Homecoming |
| 8 | NO SCHOOL In - Service |
| 26 | End of 1 st Qtr. |
| Nov. 1 | NO SCHOOL In-Service |
| 9 | P/T Confer. 4-8pm |
| 11 | P/T Confer. 4-8pm |
| 12 | NO SCHOOL |
| 24-26 | NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break |
| Dec. 6 | NO SCHOOL In-Service |
| 23-31 | Holiday Break |
| Jan. 3 | School Resumes |
| 10 | NO SCHOOL In-Service |
| 14 | End 2 nd Qtr/1 st Sem. |
| 17 | NO SCHOOL In-Service |
| 15 | Begin 3 rd Qtr/2 nd Sem. |
| Feb. 7 | NO SCHOOL In-Service |
| 22 | P/T Confer. 4-8pm |
| 24 | P/T Confer. 4-8pm |
| 25 | NO SCHOOL |

2010 -2011 Important Date (Con't)

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| Mar. 7 | NO SCHOOL In-Service |
| 22 | End of 3 rd Qtr. |
| 23 | Begin 4 th Qtr. |
| Apr. 15 | NO SCHOOL In-Service |
| 22 | Spring Break |
| 25 | Spring Break |
| May 2 | NO SCHOOL In-Service |
| 22 | Graduation |
| 26 | End of 4 th Qtr/ 2 nd Sem. |
| 27 | Teacher In-service |
| May 30 | Memorial Day |
| 31 | Teacher In-service |



Pekin Middle/High School News

Dave Harper, High School Principal

Wow! Where did the summer go? That seems to be a very popular question being bounced around the community this time of year. I hope everyone has had an eventful summer filled with quality time with family and friends. We've had quite a busy summer here at school finishing up the 2009-2010 sports season and preparing for the upcoming school year. Here's a little of what's taken place at Pekin School this summer and what you can look forward to this fall.

Summer Activities

Summer began with the 8th grade students taking a trip to our Nation's Capitol and New York City. Mrs. Black led the crew on a charter busses filled with 8th grade students and parents on a 7 day excursion to Gettysburg, PA, Washington D.C., and New York City. Students and parents all had quite an educational experience studying our Nation's history during this trip. Now's the time for our incoming 8th grade students to begin saving money so your parents won't be terribly shocked with the cost for your trip next spring. A good portion of the trip's cost is offset by middle school concessions that are conducted by 8th grade students and parents each school year. I'd like to thank all of the students, parents, and staff that help make this event a memorable learning experience for everyone. Mrs. Laurie Bennett is heading up the 8th grade trip for the 2010-2011 school year.

Pekin's high school softball and baseball teams had excellent seasons. When writing this letter they both were playing in district play. The kids have spent a multitude of hours on the ball diamonds this summer. Make to give them a pat on the back for the successful ball seasons.

One-on-one Computer Initiative at the High School



The upcoming school year the 1 to 1 computer initiative will be in full swing at high school. Each and every high school student will be able to receive a new Apple Laptop computer to use during the school year. The students will be able using the computers in their classes and will be able to take it home to help them with complete their academic assignments. Please keep your eyes on the webpage for more information on this initiative. We will be conducting our roll out at the high school on the evening of the 23rd of August.

Facility Improvements



Our custodial staff has been busy preparing the school for the upcoming school year. When the students clear out of the school at the end of the year the hallways receive a face lift. The improvements make our hallways brighter and a bit more cheerful. We have new tile flooring in the middle school hallway. The high school received new classroom doors, fresh paint on the hallways and the canopy in front of the school. Please feel free to stop in and see our progress.

New Staff

With each passing year we say goodbye to some academic scholars and welcome new ones. We have had several staff changes at the middle and high school. The following individuals are the new teachers hired to teach the Panther students:

Anne Craig – H.S. Art, 6-8 Student Assistance Team, K-12 504 coordinator
Tim Bartels – K-12 counselor
Amy Degen – H.S. English teacher
Joe Donovan – 6-12 P.E. teacher
Lisa Crabtree – 6-12 P.E. associate
Bill Dunham – 9-12 Welding, Construction Tech and Project Lead the Way
Tim Magill – H.S. Business teacher
Laurie Gann – Alternative School teacher
Ashley Aubuchon – 6-8 Social Studies

Please welcome them to the district.

Reassignments of positions:

Brian Stone – H.S. Principal, while Mr. Harper is on duty with the National Guard
Dawn Black - Special Education and Second Chance Reading in the M.S.
Ken Hutchinson - will be teaching 6-8 Reading and English classes.
Angie Arendt- 6-8 Reading and English classes
Christy Gambell – High School Secretary

6th Grade Orientation



We will be holding a 6th grade orientation meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 9th in the middle school gym. We will be welcoming new 6th graders and covering the rules and procedures in the middle school for the 2010-2011 school year. Administration will be discussing the following items at the meeting: Staff, After School Program, Activities and the Pekin Middle School Handbook.

Administration will discuss the importance of students staying organized. The students will have to manage 6-7 different classes and teachers. This will be a transition for the students from the elementary. The students will utilize two lockers, one in the locker room (P.E.) and the other in the middle school.

Freshman Orientation



The school will be holding freshman orientation at 6:00 p.m. on August 10th in the high school cafeteria. Parents and student will learn about graduation requirements, classes, activities and rules/procedures in the high school. It is critical that freshman students get their high school career started off on the right foot.

Cell Phones - Per the handbook, cell phones will need to be kept in either the student's locker or vehicle. Students found in possession of a cell phone will have the phone confiscated. The first offense – the student will be allowed to pick it up at the end of the day, second offense - the student's parent must come pick it up, third offense - the phone will be returned at the end of the school year. If parents are in need of contacting their child during the day, they may contact the building secretary to have a message given to them. There were too many issues last year with students' text messaging in class and not focusing on their academics.

Attendance – Parents and students need to look at the student handbook and read the school's policy on attendance and absences. Remember to call the school by 10:00 a.m. if your child is sick to avoid an unexcused absence being recorded. Students will be allowed to leave school only after a parent has authorized prior to the student leaving the building. All other departures will be treated as unexcused absences.

After school detention – Detention is held at least once per week. If your child should receive a detention they will be given a week's notice to serve the detention. Detentions usually held on nights that a late bus is available, although this is not always possible. Students will need to make arrangements to have someone pick them up if there are no late buses running. Parents will receive a discipline referral in the mail concerning their child's detention.

Lunchroom / Lockers - Students are reminded that the only authorized place to eat lunch is in the cafeteria. Students are also reminded to keep their locker clean and free of soda bottles and food wrappers. This will help keep the school free of bugs and rodents. Students are encouraged to use locks on their P.E. and hallways lockers. Each year we have students lose money or valuables due to theft.

Homework and organization - It is vital that students remain organized and turn in their homework. Several students each year get into academic trouble by not completing and turning in homework in on time. Please encourage your child to utilize the planner that the school provides for academic success in their classes. If you have a concern about a class, please give the classroom teacher a call or send an email about the matter. Teachers will get back to you as promptly as possible. Communication is the key to solving a problem quickly and easily.

I'm looking forward to starting the new school year and welcoming everyone back from summer break. In addition to the dates for registration and open house are posted other areas of this newsletter

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Mr. Harper



BIG Things are happening at Pekin Schools

By Janice Dix, Technology Committee

Even though school has been let out for summer there are many things taking place at Pekin Schools. The school is busy with the hustle and bustle of preparing for the new year with deep cleaning, maintenance, and many projects. Among those projects, the technology team has been meeting to organize a BIG event coming to you on August 23.

This will be when every high school student has the opportunity to get their own laptop to use for the purpose of enhancing their education. Now some of you feel that this is an expense that the school didn't need to take on and others feel this is a great idea. No matter which side of the fence you are on, we all need to stop and look at the direction our world is heading. Could we teach with just text books? Yes. Could we teach with chalkboards and chalk? Yes. It is our job as a school district to prepare students to be successful in today's world and today's world is full of technology, so we must adapt to society. Is the computer the only way to learn? No. The computer will be used as a tool to enhance the students' education and with that should be some excitement!

Now just because the students are not in high school doesn't mean technology will not be used. The teachers were given a laptop with two days of training prior to the end of the year last year. The teachers will then have two more days of training upon return for the new school year with training throughout the year. Additional Promethean Boards will be installed in all general education classrooms Kindergarten through grade 12. The middle school will have two new laptop MacLabs with 30 computers in each. The elementary will have two additional laptop computer labs, one for each wing. A new back bone system to be able to have the computers have access to the internet where ever they are in the school is in the process of being installed. With all these new things, you may ask where are the others computer going? They will be utilized as well. Teachers are continuing to use the Accelerated Reader, Accelerated Math, Starrmatica, and Skills Iowa programs that are accessed through the internet.

More information about the BIG event will be given to you as plans are finalized, but for now mark August 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. on your calendars and plan to attend the day to see what the excitement is all about. We look forward to seeing you then.

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NEWS FLASH

PTO will be hosting a pork dinner during Pekin Open House August 23, 2010.



\$5.00 per meal. Includes sandwich, chips, cookie and drink.

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BACKPACK
BOOK
CLASS
COMPUTER
CROSS COUNTRY
DESK
FOOTBALL
GLUE
HALLWAY
LOCKER
LUNCH

MATH
MUSIC
PEN
PENCIL
READING
RECESS
RULER
SCIENCE
STUDENT
TEACHER
VOLLEYBALL
WRITING

Competent Private Instruction –Home schooling

If you are a resident of the Pekin School District and you are home schooling your child, this is a reminder that you must complete the Competent Private Instruction Report (form A). Please complete and return this form to the school district by September 15, 2010. This form can be found at:

<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/301/196/>.

If you do not have access to the internet, this form may be picked up at the school.

Your child will need to take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills or similar assessment if you are not working with a certified teacher. Your student may take the ITED (high school assessment) in November or the ITBS (K-8 assessment) in March at the school. Please contact me at the school to arrange a testing date for your child.

If you are interested in enrolling into the Home School Assistance Program (HSAP) or Dual Enroll Program for extra-curricular activities, please contact Dave Harper at 319-695-3707 or email me at dave.harper@gpaea.k12.ia.us.



Notice: Corporal Punishment, Restraint, and Physical Confinement and Detention

State law forbids school employees from using corporal punishment against any student. Certain actions by school employees are not considered corporal punishment. Additionally, school employees may use “reasonable and necessary force, not designed or intended to cause pain” to do certain things, such as prevent harm to persons or property.

State law also places limits on school employees’ abilities to restrain or confine and detain any student. The law limits why, how, where, and for how long a school employee may restrain or confine and detain a child. If a child is restrained or confined and detained, the school must maintain documentation and must provide certain types of notice to the child’s parent.

If you have any questions about this state law, please contact Dave Harper. The complete text of the law and additional information is available on the Iowa Department of Education’s web site: www.iowa.gov/educate.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD’S LIFE



Pekin Elementary School is looking for volunteers again this year to work with K-2 grade children who need a little extra attention. Volunteers in the “Friends of Education” program will read to a child or have a child read to them, play an educational game, or even help them put a puzzle together. All of these looking and listening activities will help develop or build language skills; this forms a solid foundation for later school success. The goal is to help the children realize their own self worth.

Volunteers are also needed to listen to first grade children read. Reading aloud expands a child’s vocabulary and is a wonderful way to share the joy of reading. It is one of the best ways to create a love for reading. The child who develops a love for reading gains a lifelong desire to read and learn. These volunteers are called “Popcorn Readers.”

Being a volunteer is a wonderful way to help the children in our community. If you would like to participate in either the “Friends of Education” program or the “Popcorn Readers” program, please contact [Michelle Glosser](mailto:Michelle.Glosser@pek.k12.ia.us) at the Pekin Elementary School (319-695-3707 or 641-661-2351) or you may leave a message with Diana Parcell, the elementary secretary. Please let us know which program you would be interested in, and we will contact you with further information.

GREAT PRAIRIE AEA

Great Prairie AEA staff will be available to partner with district staff member to provide the best education possible for your child. These Great Prairie AEA staff includes, but are not limited to: audiologists, consultants, teachers for hearing impaired and visually impaired, occupational therapists, physical therapists, school psychologists, school social workers, and speech-language pathologists. Your child’s teacher may contact AEA staff for consultation or interaction with your child. If you do not want the above services, please notify the school *IN WRITING*.

If you have any questions and/or concerns about these services, please call [Bill Walters](mailto:Bill.Walters@gpaea.k12.ia.us), Regional Special Education Director at 800-622-0027, ext 5403 or email at: Bill.walters@gpaea.k12.ia.us.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Pekin CSD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast cost \$1.00 (PS-5th grade), \$1.10 (6-12 grade); lunch cost \$1.25 (Child Care/Pre School), \$1.35 (K-5), \$1.75 (6-12). Your child(ren) may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is .30 for breakfast, and .40 for lunch. Below is the chart for qualifying for reduced priced meals. All families will be given an application to fill out for our free/reduced lunch program at registration. If you have any questions, please contact the Pekin CSD central office at 319-695-3707 or 647-661-2351

Household Size	Federal Income Chart				
	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	20,036	1,670	835	771	386
2	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
For each additional person:	+6,919	+577	+289	+267	+134

Households: Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or if you list a Food Assistance number, or Family Investment Program number, or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S.

Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to *USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410*, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Dental Screening for Kindergartners and 9th grade students

Iowa House File 906 which was passed by the 2007 legislature and is effective July 1, 2008, requires all children entering elementary (K) and High school (9th grade) students to have a dental screening. The purpose of the dental screening requirement is to improve the oral health of Iowa's children. Dental screenings will facilitate early detection and referral for treatment of dental disease; reduce the incidence, impact and cost of dental disease; inform parents and guardians of their children's dental problems; encourage the establishment of effective oral health practices early in life; promote importance of oral health as an integral component of preparation for school nursing and learning and contribute to statewide surveillance of oral health. **Kindergarten requirements: The certificate of dental screening form must be completed by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant or nurse. A screening completed between the ages of 3-6 years of age is acceptable. If your student has had a screening during this time frame, take the form back to your provider for their signature and return the form to school. 9th grade/Out of state transfers requirements: The certificate of dental screening form must be completed by a dentist or dental hygienist only. A screening completed within one year prior to enrollment to 9th grade is acceptable. If your student has had a screening during this time frame, take the form back to your provider for their signature and return the form to school. Dental screening form can be found at this link:**

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/common/pdf/oral_health/cert_dental_screening.pdf

For Your Information-Asbestos Notification

Federal Regulations require that the Pekin Community School District inform all parents and guardians of students in the elementary-middle school and high school buildings that the buildings contain asbestos materials. The District has had a complete inspection for these materials and has a management plan in place to deal with these asbestos containing materials. The Inspection Report and the Management Plan are available for review by interested persons. A complete set of documents for all buildings is available at the District Office and each building has information at the Principal's office. These items are available during normal business hours.

Insurance Information

The Pekin Community School District does not purchase accident insurance to cover injuries incurred by your child at school.

We encourage all families to have accident coverage on their children prior to participation in any sports or school sponsored activity. Please review the following student insurance program.

If you have a plan with a Deductible, Co-Pay, or Limited Benefits, we encourage you to consider the Basic Plan. If you have a High Deductible or No Other Insurance on your child, we encourage you to consider the higher benefits of the Premier Plan. The options provided are:

Full-time Coverage PK-12 With NO Interscholastic Sports Coverage	Basic Annual Premiums \$89.00	Premier Annual Premiums \$180
Full-time Coverage 7-12 With Interscholastic Sports Coverage except Football Grades (9-12)	Basic Annual Premiums \$154	Premier Annual Premiums \$245
School time Coverage PK-12 With NO Interscholastic Sports Coverage	Basic Annual Premiums \$16	
School time Coverage 7-12 with Interscholastic Sports Coverage except Football Grades (9-12)	Basic Annual Premiums \$81	
Football Coverage Grades 9-12 (Major Expense Benefit does NOT apply)	Basic Annual Premiums \$219	
Extended Dental Coverage PK-12	\$9.00	

Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend a record should write the School principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using its own employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, Drivers Education contractor [Driving Miss Sue or Auto Right Driving School] or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. [Optional] Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. [NOTE: See Student Directory Information Published in this newsletter 8-2010]

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5920

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Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

• Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)–

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

•Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of –

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and

3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

•Inspect, upon request and before administration or use –

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer to from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Pekin CSD /has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The Pekin CSD will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Pekin CSD will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. The Pekin CSD will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-5901

KC STAAR PROJECT

Keokuk County Schools Tactics for Alcohol Abuse Reduction

“Reaching for the Future, Hands and Minds Unhindered.”

www.kcstaar.org

The KC STAAR Project is a Federal Grant through the US Dept. of Education, through its division of Safe and Drug Free Schools Program. It includes Keota, Pekin, Sigourney, and Tri-County School Districts. The Grant to Reduce Alcohol Abuse focuses on middle and high school students and aims to:

1. Decrease Binge Drinking
 2. Decrease the Acceptance of Alcohol Abuse
 3. Increase the Recognition that Alcohol Abuse is Harmful to One’s Health
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KC STAAR Projects:

- Reconnecting Youth/Life Connections Class—a semester-long class for any 9-12 grade student. Goals include improving school achievement, managing our moods, and seeking more control of drug use choices.
- Project Northland Curriculum for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students through their health, science or other classes. It teaches alcohol risks and encourages dialog between students and parents.
- Class Action Curriculum for any 9-12 grade student, taught in a health or social studies class. Similar to a “mock trial,” it puts students in the legal seat to stick up for the victim of an alcohol-related offense.
- KC STAAR Action Team—made up of about 50 adults and high school students who work on projects to raise awareness of alcohol-related issues and policies.
- KC STAAR Parents—NEW!!!! See back of this flyer!

KC STAAR’s Mission:

“To invest in the safety and well-being of the people of our communities by increasing awareness of and preventing substance abuse and related problems, especially among youth.”

KC STAAR’s Vision:

“Our *vision* is to create an environment where it would be unusual for youth to use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. “

For more information, contact:

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Sigourney, IA 52591

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641-224-2271 (call or text)

District Gives Annual Notice of Rights of Students with Disabilities

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires annual notification of parent/student rights in identification, evaluation and placement. The following is a description of the rights and options granted by Federal law to students with disabilities (handicaps). The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions. You have the right to:

1. ...have your child take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disabling conditions.
2. ...have the school district advise you of your rights and options under Federal law.
3. ...receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
4. ...have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the rights to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.
5. ...have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to non-disabled students.
6. ...have your child receive special education and related services if he/she is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-PL.101.476), and / or general education intervention/modifications outside of special education under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
7. ...have evaluation, educational and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the students, evaluation data, and placement options.
8. ...have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district.
9. ...have your child given an equal opportunity to participate in non-academic and extra-curricular activities offered by the district.
10. ...examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
11. ...obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
12. ...a response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.
13. ...request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child.
14. ...request mediation, an impartial hearing, or review (appeal) related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement. Hearing requests must be made to the building principals.
15. ...request a review (appeal) of the hearing should you prevail.
16. ...ask for payment of reasonable attorney fees if you are successful on your claim.
17. ...file a local grievance to resolve complaints of discrimination.

Student Directory Information

Student directory information is designed to be used internally with the school district to assist certified personnel. Student directory information will be provided to the public without written parental consent unless the parents have notified the administration by the first day of school (August 25, 2010) or within three days of registering a student (registration is August 9 and 10, 2010), that they do not want information or portions of it about their student to be released without their consent.

Directory information shall be defined as including but not limited to, the student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight, and height of member of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student and other similar information.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Reminder:

Parent/Guardian must complete an application form that is available in the central office of Iowa school districts. The complete form must be filed with both the resident and receiving district by **MARCH 1** of the year **preceding** the school year for which open enrollment is desired for students entering grades 1 through 12. The deadline for **kindergarten** students is **September 1**. (Iowa Code 281-17.3(2))

In most cases, a high school student who open enrolls is ineligible for varsity athletic competition during the student's first 90 consecutive school days of enrollment in the receiving district. For questions regarding eligibility, please contact the Athletic Association.

If a parent/guardian qualifies for transportation assistance, application for that assistance should be filed with the resident district. For a full copy of Open Enrollment regulations, please contact the district office at: 319-695-3039

504 Child Find

Under Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, school districts have a duty to find students, not only within their district, but also within their jurisdiction. Districts must find and evaluate students suspected of having a disability. In this instance, a disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.

A recipient that operates a public elementary or secondary education program or activity shall annually: (a) Undertake to identify and locate every qualified handicapped person residing in the recipient's jurisdiction who is not receiving a public education; and (b) Take appropriate steps to notify handicapped persons and their parents or guardians of the recipient's duty under this subpart.

If you live within Pekin School District with a pre-school or school age child having a disability as described above, who is not enrolled in the Pekin Community School, please contact the school at 319-695-3707

Pekin Students Travel to the British Isles By Jim Higdon

June found four Pekin students, Nate Buch, Torie Hollingsworth, Ally Macala, and Talya Miller, in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. The four were on an EF tour led by their teacher Jim Higdon. The trip was the 2nd to the 17th.

Highlights of the tour included visits to Blarney Castle, The Ring of Kerry, Hadrian's Wall, Sterling Castle, Stratford on Avon, the Roman Baths, and stone circles at Avebury and Stonehenge. Cities visited included London, Dublin, Edinburgh, and the city with the longest name in the world. (It's in Wales, look it up!)

The trip featured many historical, cultural, and artistic events. In Dublin, students saw the Book of Kells, at Trinity College, and toured the Irish Historical museum. In Wales, they visited castles built by Edward I, the Longshanks. In Scotland, they attended at 21 gun salute to the Duke of Edinburgh at the castle. In London, the students saw the Crown Jewels at the Tour of London and attended "Wicked" in the West End.



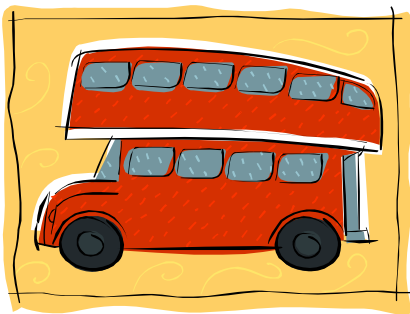
It was the first trip out of the country for all of the Pekin students.

Torie Hollingsworth said that her favorite part, "Was to be in the castles, to think about the people who lived there, and what their lives were like. It was cool to imagine what life was like for people hundreds of years before the United States."

The Pekin group joined a larger tour of students and adults from Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho. Many of the adults commented on what

fine students the Pekin kids were.

Mr. Higdon is in the early stages of planning a trip in 2012. If you are interested please contact him at school.



Pekin Corn Maze

Pekin Dollars for Scholars and several other Pekin School organizations have started to work on a new fundraising idea and a community project; a corn maze located just north of Pekin Community Schools. This venture began when Pekin Dollars for Scholars members felt Pekin School could provide the community a safe, family-friendly environment for creating plenty of fun and great memories. Margit Trautmann, a graphic designer from Ottumwa, designed the maze and JD Hollingsworth offered his expertise in getting the design cut into the corn with GPS. There are several organizations taking part in helping with the corn maze. This is a tentative schedule for the Pekin Corn maze:

Hours will be Saturdays: Noon to 6 p.m., Sundays: 1p.m. to 5 p.m. (October 9th and 16th the maze will be *haunted* from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.)

Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th the Pekin Childcare Center will be running the maze. The childcare center is also working on wooden cutouts to be used for photo-ops at the maze.

Saturday, October 2nd and Sunday, October 3rd the Pekin Music Boosters are in charge of the maze this weekend.

Saturday, October 9th and Sunday, October 10th the Pekin Sports Booster will be operating the maze. At this time Saturday, October 9th the maze will be "haunted" from 4 pm to 10 pm. Thanks to Connie Hammes for chairing the haunted maze.

Saturday, October 16th and Sunday, October 17th finds the Pekin PTO organizing the maze. Again Saturday, October 16th the maze is schedule to be haunted with ghosts and goblins from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Other organizations helping with this community endeavor are:

Pekin Ruritans will be in charge of maintenance for the maze. The Pekin Dollars for Scholars will be running a concession stand during the hours the maze is open. Pekin 8th grade will be selling pumpkins during the operating hours of the maze, with proceeds being used to defer costs for their annual 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.

Pictured below is the design of the corn maze.

