

## IOWA ELEMENTARY

16701 East Iowa Avenue Aurora, Colorado 80017

Mrs. Bonnie Wong, Principal

Absence Reporting: 303-326-1617 - Menu & Announcements: 303-751-3660 ext. 3 & 4 - Transportation: 303-326-1986 \*28811

Website: [www.aps.k12.co.us/iowa](http://www.aps.k12.co.us/iowa)



**B** - believe

**E** - engage

**A** - attitude

**R** - respect

**S** - safe

NAME THE IOWA BEAR!!! WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD NAME OUR BEAR?  
SUBMIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO THE OFFICE AND WE WILL VOTE AND THE  
WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

## WELCOME BACK

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017-2018**



## STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

Principal – Mrs. Wong  
Assistant Principal - TBD  
Preschool – Ms. Fisher  
Kindergarten – Ms. Smith, Mrs. Manhart, Ms. North  
First Grade –Ms. Salyer, Mrs. Kersten, Ms. Jones  
Second Grade – Mrs. Purnell, Ms. Sidebottom, Ms. Clark, Ms. Smith  
Third Grade- Ms. Munger, Ms. Kirkman, Mrs. Elkind  
Fourth Grade- Ms. Martens, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Thielen  
Fifth Grade –Ms. Castro, Ms. Leckie, TBD  
Special Ed – Ms. Kirkegard, Ms. Mariani  
ELA – Mrs. Jaramillo  
Specialists – Ms. Sowder, Mrs. Karner & Mrs. Burnes  
Tech EA- Mr. Araki  
Media EA – Mrs. Norton  
Preschool Para - Ms. Freeman  
Paras – Ms. Maes, Ms. White, Ms. Caciola, Ms. Lee, Ms. Claros, Ms. Rodriguez-Herrera  
Custodians –Mr. Leo & Mrs. Flores  
Nurse –Ms. Poticha  
Health Para – Mrs. Elliott  
Office Staff – Ms. Kickland, Ms. Meg

## SCHOOL HOURS

Our school hours for this school year are:

Grades K-5 9:10 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.  
Preschool 9:10 a.m – 11:55 and 12:55 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.  
Office 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Students should not be on campus before 8:50 a.m. Breakfast will begin at 8:50 am in the classroom. Students will line up at their assigned door. Every child in attendance will have the opportunity to eat. Breakfast will not be served after 9:20 a.m., so make sure your child arrives to school on time!

We will not dismiss children between 3:15 pm and 3:40 pm. If you need your child(ren) to be picked up early it must be before 3:15 pm otherwise they will be dismissed at 3:40.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES



Our hours are from 7:30 am to 4:00 p.m. Please make sure to have arrangements in place for picking-up your child after school, these arrangements should be made at home before your child arrives at school. The following procedures will take effect if your child has not been picked up by 3:45 and we have not received phone calls:

1. A parent will be called starting at 3:45
2. If unable to make a connection with a parent/guardian the emergency contacts will be contacted
3. Students will be taken to our daycare (YMCA) at 4 pm and a fee will be charged for the care.



## YMCA

YMCA is the before and after school program located on site at Iowa Elementary. Using structured activities and creativity we focus on movement, mindfulness and nutrition while providing a safe place for children to have fun in before and after school as well as on school breaks. If you are interested or have question please contact YMCA at 720-810-7258 or [tdixon@denverymca.org](mailto:tdixon@denverymca.org).

## DAYCARE PARKING



Have you noticed our new Daycare Parking Signs? This is for the convenience of our parents when dropping and picking up our YMCA students. YMCA parents, please only park in these reserved parking spaces.

## ATTENDANCE PROCESS



Please remember to call the attendance line at **303-326-1617** whenever your child will not be attending school. We would appreciate a message before the school day begins. This number is available **24 hours** for you to leave a message. When calling the attendance line please make sure to identify your child's name, room number and/or teacher.

Thank You for your cooperation!

Attendance Desk

## APPLY FOR FREE & REDUCED MEALS ONLINE!



We're excited to provide an online Free & Reduced Meal application!

The online meal application will be available starting

July 1, 2017 for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Go to [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com) to complete an application.

**It's very easy and convenient!**

## NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN



Iowa offers a free school breakfast program. Breakfast will be served in our classrooms starting at 8:50 a.m. The cost for the breakfast is free!

Aurora Public Schools is dedicated in providing nutritious meals to your children. We will still be offering milk for \$.90 cents for students with cold lunch.

Parents are always welcome to eat lunch with their child(ren). An adult meal is \$3.90. Please call 303-326-1117 by 9:00 a.m. to order a lunch. If you are eating lunch with your child please stop by the front office to sign in and receive a badge.

Nutrition Services has started offering the service of PAMS (Parents Account Management System). You may go on-line at [www.pamslunchroom.com](http://www.pamslunchroom.com) or call 1-888-994-5100 to open an account for your child. If you choose not to use this system we are still happy to accept cash or checks for your child's lunch account. Please put your child's first and last name on the check and keypad number if known. You may always call my office to inquire about your child's account balance. You can reach me by calling 303-326-1117 between 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Barbara Holter, Kitchen Manager

## **IMPORTANT AND HELPFUL INFORMATION!**



### **NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT RIGHTS**

By law, the District is required to allow non-custodial parents (those who do not have legal custody of their children) access to all records concerning their children unless there is a court order to the contrary. This means if you are divorced, separated or for some other reason your spouse is not living with you, and your spouse asks the school for any records concerning your child, the school is required to provide the records for your students. Please note that school records include names and addresses of spouse, unless there is a court order, which says they are not entitled to such records. When possible, court orders should be provided to the school office at registration or as soon as the court issues the order.

### **WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS ABSENT FOR TEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS**

APS School District procedure states, a student who has been absent for ten (10) consecutive days without parental notification to the school, can be withdrawn from school. It is important that parents notify the school of all absences. In addition, parents who voluntarily take their child out of school for extended periods of time longer than ten (10) school days will also have the student withdrawn from school. All books and materials are to be collected. The parent may re-enroll the student later as long as the student resides in the school's attendance area.

## ***SEVEN SECRETS TO STRESS-FREE MORNINGS***

It's the back-to-school scene every parent dreads: The alarm clock rings, but the kids don't get up. And when they finally do, the real craziness begins. According to a survey commissioned by Lands' End, many families try to cram a day's worth of activities, such as doing household chores, eating breakfast and watching TV, into the precious time before work and school. Simplify your morning routine and make getting up and out the door a little less hectic.

**Create a calendar central.** Nothing calms chaos like a one stop spot for family time management. Track appointments, school functions, scout meetings, music lessons, lunch menus and activities all in one place. Each morning before you head out the door, simply consult the calendar and feel confident you're not forgetting anything.

**Focus on the basics.** Children will have reduced stress levels as well as better overall health if they eat well and get plenty of sleep. Aim for 10 hours a night for elementary-age kids and 8-9 hours for teens.

**Simplify breakfast.** Set the breakfast table after you clear the dinner dishes. Always keep a stash of healthy foods handy, including quick-fix choices, such as granola bars, washed fruit and yogurt, for breakfast on the run.

**Solve clothing chaos.** According to the Lands' End survey, choosing the right outfit is the biggest morning time-waster. Things will go more smoothly if you plan clothing choices with your child the night before. Make sure everything is clean and ready to go for the morning.

**Take a team approach.** Ask each family member for ideas about how to cut down on morning mayhem. When children participate in coming up with solutions, they feel more responsible for the problem and its outcome.

**Get organized.** Designate a single, convenient location to contain all the out-the-door essentials such as backpacks, homework, permission slips, lunch money, keys and library books. Each family member should also have her own cubby or shelf.

**Set the example.** Keeping calm and cool is probably the most important thing a parent can do. If you're feeling stressed out, chances are your kids will be, too.

## UPCOMING DATES AND INFORMATION



August 7th & 8th Literacy Testing 1st through 5th Grades

August 8th, 9th, & 10th Kinder Testing



August 9th & 10th Pre-school Testing

August 8th Back-to-School Night 5:00 – 7:00 (1st – 5th Grades)

August 10th Back-to-School Night 5:00 – 7:00 (Kindergarten)

August 10th First Day of School for 1st through 5th grades!



August 14th 1st Day of School for Kindergarten and Preschool

August 29th Skate City - 6:00 – 8:00 pm



September 1st Professional Release Day - School ends at 11:50 am

September 4th Labor Day - No School

