

# North Iowa Community School District

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featuring North Iowa High School, Middle School and Elementary School for 112 years  
*"Working Today To Prepare Students for All Their Tomorrows"*



## High School Classes Begin . . . Tuesday, August 19

K-5 . . . 8:20-3:28

6-8 . . . 8:25-3:30

9-12 . . 8:25-3:30

**K-Prep through 8th Grade  
 begin THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**



### OPENING DAY INFO

High school students will report for their first day of school on Tuesday, August 19. This will be a full day of school.

Students in Kindergarten-Prep through Grade 8 will take part in goal-setting conferences with their parent(s) and teacher on August 19 or August 20. The first day of school for elementary and middle school students will be Thursday, August 21.

### ACADEMIC DIRECTION

Our district is moving in an academic direction which centers on futuristic problem solving, cooperative teamwork within the classroom and active student participation. Every instructor works with students to help them become better communicators and life-long learners.

A friendly spirit and a warm welcoming atmosphere awaits prospective students and families. This is extended by fellow students, teachers, and patrons alike. Faculty members are always ready to discuss student progress and/or concerns.

Our faculty and staff are focused on "Linking Students With Success."

### CHURCH NIGHT

The North Iowa Community School District recognizes "It takes a village to raise a child." The school works very hard to cooperate with all community entities which impact the lives of children and families.

During the school year the district pledges to not schedule regular school events or meetings on Wednesday nights after 6:00 p.m. as a way to allow families to have a regular weekday evening together.

The district has no control over state events such as playoffs or tournaments. Those events are out of the district's control yet the administrative team will encourage those types of events be held to a minimum.

### BREAKFAST AND NOON MEALS

Beginning August 19 breakfast and noon meals will be served. A nutritious, balanced, and varied menu is prepared and published monthly in the district's newspapers and broadcast on area radio stations. The district has a very progressive Wellness Policy which influences school menus as well as food products and drinks sold on school property or are part of school functions.

### SCHOOL CLOSING

School announcements regarding late starts, early dismissal, or school cancellation will be made over the following radio stations: KJLY 104.5FM (Blue Earth), KLG 92.7FM 1800AM(Algona), KGLO 1300AM (Mason City), KIOW 107.3FM (Forest City), KBEW 98.1FM 1500AM (Blue Earth).

The district also offers parents immediate notification on your e-mail or cell phone through our Parent Alert System. Each family is expected to notify the school if they desire such a service.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Rande Giesking . . . . .President
- Julie Balvance . . . . .Director
- Andrea Bakker . . . . .Director
- Renae Sachs . . . . .Director
- Deidre Willmert . . . . .Director
- Matt Duve . . . . .Director
- Mike Holstad . . . . .Director

### BOARD MEETINGS

The North Iowa Community School District Board of Education holds regular monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month. Normally the board meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the Elementary/High School Commons. Over the course of the year the board will hold special meetings when necessary and workshop retreats to learn to be better school board members and use data to make good educational and student-centered decisions.

A special time is set aside at every board meeting to hear oral or written comments and compliments from the public. The board welcomes attendance at their school board meetings.

## NICS -- 2008-2009

### NORTH IOWA EDUCATIONAL TEAM

Superintendent ---- Larry D. Hill

#### North Iowa Elementary Buffalo Center ..... Principal: Larry D. Hill

- HEAD START ..... M. Webb
- Kindergarten Prep ..... M. Giesking
- Kindergarten ..... S. Sime,
- First Grade ..... L. Huntington, A. Twait
- Second Grade ..... M. Leerar, G.Eichenberger
- Third Grade ..... D. Jacobson, S. Keil
- Fourth Grade ..... C. Brooks, L. Hagedorn
- Fifth Grade ..... M. Andersen, M. Price
- Reading Specialist 1-5 ..... C. Lockrem
- Special Education ..... L. Oldenkamp, J. Jutting
- PE ..... A. VanderWilt
- Elem. Art ..... D. Swenson
- Media ..... A. Anderson
- Guidance ..... B. Huntington
- Vocal ..... C. Kettwick, A. Cook
- 5<sup>th</sup> Band ..... J. Cook
- TAG/Reading ..... S. Peake
- Reading Recovery ..... D. Hobbs
- Title 1 Reading ..... M. Webb
- Paraprofessionals ..... J. Heidecker, Z. Valvick, R. Swanson, K. Ostermann, M. Evans, S. Hippen, M. Berkland, T. Sabin, K.Kiewiet-Risius, S. Smith, L. Fromme
- Board Secretary ..... C. Benn
- Activities Secretary ..... S. Davids
- Elem. Secretary ..... S. Davids
- H. S. Secretary ..... V. Berschman
- District-wide Nurse ..... D. Aukes
- Cooks ..... F. Meyer, D. Ree, A. Boekelman, B. Brooker
- Maintenance/  
 Transp. Director ..... K. Davids
- Custodians ..... L. Wubben, D. Monson, N. Hassebroek, A. Boekelman, J. Kemnitz, P. Armstrong

#### North Iowa Middle School Thompson ..... Principal: Mike Evans

- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Soc. Studies ..... C. Hinders
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Lang. Arts ..... J. Schutjer
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Reading ..... J. Bidne
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Math ..... N. Sime
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Science ..... C. Blodgett
- Instrumental Music ..... A. Cook
- PE/Health ..... R. Steffensen,
- Vocal ..... C. Kettwick
- Cultural Arts ..... D. Coy
- Technology ..... R. Steffensen
- ..... C. Blodgett
- Guidance ..... C. Hinders/B. Huntington
- Home Economics ..... J. Larson
- Industrial Tech ..... B. Ewest
- Special Education ..... B. Ewest, T. Adams, L. Oldenkamp
- Media ..... A. Anderson
- Talented & Gifted ..... S. Peake
- Paraprofessionals ..... F. Florence, G. Goldtrap, D. Kozitza, K. Eichenberger, C. Mayland, H. Arnevik, L. Mathahs, H. Arnevik, F. Florence
- Cooks ..... J. Heyer, C. Flo, D. Kozitza
- Custodians ..... L. Lawson, N. Hassebroek
- Bus Drivers ..... R. Wubben, D. DeVries, K. Davids, D. Davids, D. Aukes, A. Dirksen, D. Monson, D. Mathahs, K. Ree, R. Wubben, C. VanHove, L. Wubben, J. Hagedorn, N. Hassebroek, D. Cooper, C. Miller, P. Jacobson

#### North Iowa High School Buffalo Center .... Principal: Michael Embrock

- Activities Director ..... B. Ewest
- Curriculum Coordinator ..... M. Evans
- Alternative School Instructor ..... E.J. Will
- Home School Assistance ..... B. Ewest
- Voc. Agriculture/Dr. Ed ..... D. Gerzema
- Media / Multi-Media ..... A. Anderson
- Art ..... D. Swenson
- Instrumental Music ..... J. Cook
- Vocal Music ..... C. Kettwick
- Physics/Chem/Phys. Sc. .... L. Torney
- Director of Technology/Networking ... B. Blodgett
- Consumer Science ..... J. Larsen
- Math ..... D. DeBoer
- Guidance ..... B. Huntington
- PE/Health ..... J. Pitt
- H.S. Reading Coach ..... J. DeBoer
- Health ..... J. Pitt
- Spanish ..... R. Salazar
- Biology/Adv. Biology ..... N. Hemiller
- Am. Govt ..... B. Ewest
- Wld. Hist/Geog/Am. Hist ..... J. Potter
- Business ..... C. Kettwick
- Language Arts ..... G. Recker
- Special Education ..... R. Kettwick, B. Ewest, J. Jutting
- Industrial Tech ..... J. Zenk
- Talented & Gifted ..... S. Peake
- Health Occupations ..... D. Aukes
- Paraprofessionals ..... S. Hippen, S. Eastvold, J. Ralls, V. Berschman, S. Krull, H. Jensvold



## 2008-2009 School Calendar

- Aug. 12 & 13... New Teacher Induction
- Aug. 14,15,18 Prof. Development Days
- Aug. 19 ..... First day for High School
- Aug. 19 & 20 .. Elem & MS Conferences
- Aug. 21 ..... First day for Elem. & MS
- Sept. 1 ..... NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- Sept. 9 ..... Annual School Election
- Sept. 24 ..... 1:30/1:50 dismissal Prof. Dev.
- Oct. 8 ..... NO SCHOOL  
 North Iowa Conference Prof. Dev.
- Oct. 22 ..... End 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. (45 days)
- Oct. 28 & 30 ..... P-T Conferences 4:00-8:00
- Oct. 31 ..... NO SCHOOL - COMP DAY
- Nov. 11 ..... Federal Election Day.
- Nov 26 ..... NO SCHOOL - Prof. Dev.
- Nov 27-28 ..... NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
- Dec. 19 ..... Last day for students
- Dec. 22- Jan. 2 Christmas Break
- Jan. 5 ..... Return to school
- Jan. 13 ..... 1:30/1:50 Dismissal - Prof. Dev.  
 End 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.(45 days+1Comp day)  
 End 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (91 days)
- Feb 13 & 16 ..... NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- March 4 ..... 1:30/1:50 Dismissal - Prof. Dev.
- March 19 ..... End 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. (45 days)
- March 24 & 26 .. P-T Conference 4:00-8:00
- March 27 ..... NO SCHOOL - COMP DAY
- March 30 ..... NO SCHOOL - Prof. Dev.
- April 9-13 ..... NO SCHOOL -Easter Break
- April 29 ..... 1:30/1:50 Dismissal - Prof. Dev.
- May 20 ..... Last Day for Seniors
- May 24 ..... Graduation
- May 25 ..... NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- May 27 ..... Last Day of School  
 1:30/1:50 Dismissal  
 End 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr.(43 days+1 Comp days)  
 End 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (89 days)
- May 28 ..... Professional Development Day

The mission of the  
 North Iowa Community Schools is:  
**"LINKING STUDENTS  
 WITH SUCCESS"**

**RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY**  
 Respect and Responsibility are two key character traits essential to success at all stages of life. Everyone is a role model when it comes to teaching life lessons around Respect and Responsibility. The district has made a commitment to place extra effort in teaching these two life skills to our students. The school can not be successful unless parents and the entire community are also placing an emphasis on respectful and responsible behavior by not only children but all those our children come in contact with daily.

**Four Communities Come Together Because "Kids Matter Most"**  
 \* Buffalo Center \* Rake \* Lakota \* Thompson  
*"In 1896 the people of Buffalo township went about the organization of the first consolidated school in the state, the farmers of the township uniting with the people of the village in a co-operative enterprise for a better school for their children."*