



HENNESSY



What's Happening at Hennessy

Free/Reduced Applications : A lunch application for Free/Reduced meals was attached to an earlier newsletter. We encourage all families who think they may qualify to apply. If you were eligible for free or reduced lunch last year, you get the first month of this new school year at the same rate, but you must reapply for the 2009-2010 school year. In June, the Board of Education increased all lunch prices to \$1.75.

All School Mass: Our All School Mass will be held in conjunction with our Back To School Faith Family Day on Tuesday, September 8 at SS Peter and Paul Church at 9:00 a.m.

School Pictures: School pictures will be taken on Monday, August 31 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Petersburg Center. Picture order forms will be sent home today. Students may be out of dress code that day.

Medicine distribution forms: In order for over the counter medication to be administered to students all parents must sign an annual Medical Distribution form. Please sign and return the attached form.

Volunteers are needed: If you are interested in volunteering at either the Petersburg or New Vienna Centers, please

complete the attached Volunteer sign up sheet. We appreciate all the extra help. These should be returned no later than Friday, August 28.

Mystic Grant (DRA grant): Hennessy School received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Dubuque Racing Association to be used for a variety of technology pieces at the Petersburg Center. These grants have made it possible for our school to buy many wonderful upgrades for our program.

Empowerment: All Kindergarten families are asked to complete the attached Empowerment survey and return to school by Monday, August 24.

Prudential CARES Volunteer Grant: Thanks to the efforts of employee/parent/volunteer Marianne Kluesner, Hennessy School received a grant in the amount of \$250 to be used for school purchases. We appreciate Mrs. Kluesner writing the grant on our behalf.

From the Principal's Desk

Iowa Core Curriculum (ICC) is a term you will be hearing a lot about this year and years to come.

What is the ICC?

- State of Iowa initiative designed to improve teaching and learning to ensure that all Iowa students engage in a rigorous and relevant curriculum

Who Does It Impact?

- All public and non public accredited Iowa schools

Why the Need for the ICC?

- Iowa is the last state to implement state standards
- Technology and the global nature of our world are changing the educational needs of our students
- Students need to be collaborative, problem solvers
- Hennessy School wants students to be Catholic, principled, collaborative problem solvers

Why is the ICC important?

- To set high expectations
 - for all students
 - for educators
- To attend to the learning needs of students
- To break through the achievement plateau
- To address global and local challenges

Upcoming Event

August 24-First Day of PreKindergarten

August 31-Picture Day

September 7-New Vienna Labor Day picnic

Book Club: To promote reading, Mrs. Palmer will be forming a Book Club at each center. During lunch, students will sit with Mrs. Palmer at the Book Club table and discuss their favorite books. The goal is to get students excited about reading and to share that excitement with others.

Friday Folders: Most Fridays a large envelope, "The Friday Folder" will be sent home with the oldest child at Hennessy. Please make sure to read and remove any papers that are in the folder. Tuition, lunch or milk money and other important signed papers may be placed in the Friday Folder and returned to school. We will use this folder throughout the school year to help communicate between home and school.

Local Businesses Support Hennessy: Remember to watch for Gomer's Pizza Week and J&D Chicken Week. Both of these businesses give back a portion of their sales to Hennessy School.

Trash for Cash: Remember to save those Box Top labels, Campbell Soup Labels, Our Family UPC codes, Kemp and Swiss Valley milk lids. Our school receives money for all of these items. We have earned over \$700+ a year with this Trash for Cash program.

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(Until Mrs. Palmer gets some school pictures, she thought she'd put a picture of her all time favorite MLB player!)



Our Mission

To create an active partnership between home and school to educate the whole child academically, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically within a Catholic values based program.