EASTON VALLEY

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 1 - JH/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7
Oct 2 - Sophomore Career Day
Oct 3 - Homecoming Tailgate 5:30-6:30
Oct 10 - No Pre-School
Oct 22 & 23 - Elem Parent Teacher Conferences 2-7
Oct 24 - No School
Nov 4 - Fall Retake Picture Date
Nov 26-28 - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 3 - JH/HS Parent/Teacher Conference 3-7
Dec 22-Jan 2 - Winter Break
Jan 5 - No School
Apr 3-6 - Spring Break

REMINDERS

~School doors do not open until 7:45am. Please be mindful of this during the colder months when dropping your student(s) off.

~ The Leap After School program runs from 7am-7:50am and 3:30pm-5:30pm.

~ School is dismissed every Friday at 1:30pm for professional development.

~ Please call the office by 1:30pm if your child's after school plans change on any given day to eliminate confusion and school bus delays. Early out Wednesdays, please call by 12:00pm.

ATHLETIC PASSES

Family Pass - $200
~Family passes are only for immediate family living in the same household

Single Pass - $100

Senior Citizen Pass FREE
~ Age 60+
No Expiration

Passes required at all EV sporting events

Passes not accepted for any tournaments, regional or district games

Sophomores
Career Day at CCC
October 2, 2025

ACT
JUNIORS
October 22nd

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OCTOBER 2025

The Easton Valley Community School District is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action employer and does not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of age, color, creed, national origin, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status

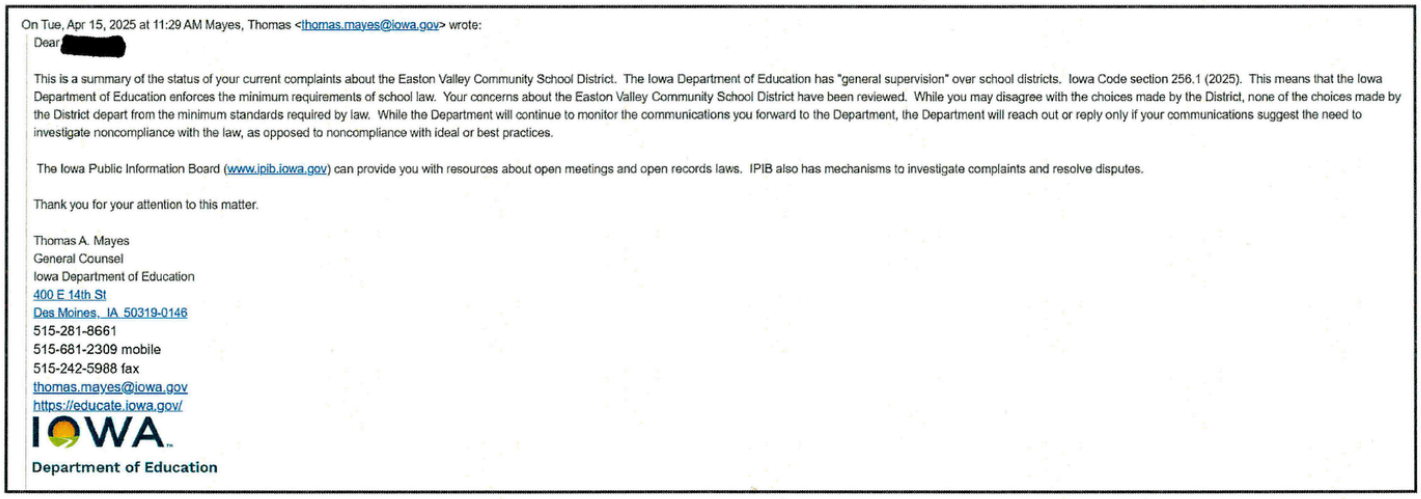
"EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY"

Dear Easton Valley Community,

For the past two years, Easton Valley staff, board members, and supporters have been the subject of false information that has been spread through our community by a resident of our district. This individual's actions have included the spreading of misinformation, personal character attacks, and deliberate attempts to damage the reputation of our school community. These efforts to discredit our schools have not only been shared locally, but have also been distributed to nearly every school leader and school board member in Jackson, Clinton, and Scott counties. This resident has also made every effort to share his false narratives with countless educational organizations and state leaders throughout Iowa, including the Iowa Association of School Boards, Iowa Association of School Business Officials, Iowa Department of Education, state legislators, and the governor of Iowa. Sadly, this individual's actions go well beyond any sort of constructive dialogue and make it clear that his only intent is to damage the credibility of our school community and its leadership.

Until now, our approach as a school district has been to rise above the false, yet harmful accusations, by not engaging with him publicly, believing that our time and resources are best directed toward serving our staff, students, and families. We have gone above and beyond to respond to him privately, repeatedly correcting his misrepresentations and providing accurate information. It was our hope that honesty and transparency would put an end to his persistent efforts to discredit and defame our school system. Unfortunately, these good faith efforts did not stop his pattern of spreading falsehoods, despite clear and accurate evidence that has been provided to him. When one allegation is proven to be untrue, it is quickly followed by another baseless accusation.

In April of 2024, this resident took his complaints to the Iowa Department of Education and received a clear and direct response from the lead attorney for the Iowa D.E., which is pasted below in its entirety.



On Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 11:29 AM Mayes, Thomas <thomas.mayes@iowa.gov> wrote:

Dear [redacted]

This is a summary of the status of your current complaints about the Easton Valley Community School District. The Iowa Department of Education has "general supervision" over school districts. Iowa Code section 256.1 (2025). This means that the Iowa Department of Education enforces the minimum requirements of school law. Your concerns about the Easton Valley Community School District have been reviewed. While you may disagree with the choices made by the District, none of the choices made by the District depart from the minimum standards required by law. While the Department will continue to monitor the communications you forward to the Department, the Department will reach out or reply only if your communications suggest the need to investigate noncompliance with the law, as opposed to noncompliance with ideal or best practices.

The Iowa Public Information Board (www.ipib.iowa.gov) can provide you with resources about open meetings and open records laws. IPIB also has mechanisms to investigate complaints and resolve disputes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Department of Education

The Department reviewed his concerns and confirmed that Easton Valley has met all legal standards. Their lead attorney stated plainly: 'While you may disagree with the choices made by the District, none… depart from the minimum standards required by law."

It is now clear to us that no amount of reasoning or even confirmation of facts from leading authorities, such as the Iowa Department of Education, will deter this individual from spreading misinformation. For that reason, we will no longer sit idle while one individual attempts to harm our school community. His actions erode trust, damage relationships, weaken partnerships, discourage enrollment, and undermine the dedication of those who work tirelessly for our students.

We strongly urge the public to look past the false information and continue to rely on accurate information from the school. We are incredibly fortunate to have a seven-member school board consisting of your neighbors, community leaders, and peers. Our community's school board members are not distant decision makers; they are people you know and respect – fellow parents, business owners, coaches, and volunteers who voluntarily stepped forward to serve. They, along with our team of Easton Valley educators, care immensely about our community, our schools, and most importantly, our kids.

To honor all the incredible community leaders who helped establish and build the Easton Valley Community School District, we ask for our communities continued support for the incredible work that is going on in our schools. When presented with outlandish information from disreputable individuals please seek clarification of the facts from the leaders in our community that you know and trust. We will remain committed to our mission of serving students with integrity, providing a safe and supportive learning environment, and working in partnership with our students and families. Together, we can rise above the ongoing attempts to divide and discredit us, by instead, drawing strength from the countless successes happening in our schools, programs, and classrooms. As "Former President" Theodore Roosevelt so famously reminded us in his "Man in the Arena" speech:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles,
or where the doer of the deeds could have done them better.
The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena,
...who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at worst,
...fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those
...who neither know victory nor defeat."

Our school board, our staff, and our community leaders are in that arena every day– teaching, learning, and working together for our children. We invite our families, neighbors, and community partners to stand with us in that arena, united by our shared belief in the power of education and our deep commitment to serving EVery student, EVery day.

Sincerely,

Craig Thines, Board President
Jodi Meyer, Vice President
Dana Olson, Director
Chris Matthiesen, Director
Joe Kilburg, Director
Walt King, Director
Dylan Meyer, Director
Chris Fee, Superintendent

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Making the Most of Fall Assessments-

Each fall, our students participate in benchmark assessments that give teachers a snapshot of where every child is in reading and math. These assessments are not about a grade or score — they are tools that help us better understand what each student knows and where they may need extra support.

Once the assessments are complete, teachers and school teams dig into the data together. They look for trends: Which skills are strong across the class? Where are there gaps? Most importantly, they identify how to adjust instruction so every student gets what they need to grow.

For families, this means your child's teachers have detailed information that helps them personalize learning. Some students may receive additional small-group instruction, while others may be stretched with enrichment opportunities. The goal is always the same: meeting students where they are and helping them move forward.

We believe assessments are most powerful when they lead to action. That's why our district invests time and resources into analyzing results, collaborating as staff, and communicating with families. Together, we can celebrate progress and work toward ensuring that every student builds the skills they need for success.

Thank you for supporting your child at home by encouraging good reading habits, practicing math in everyday life, and fostering a love of learning. When school and home work together, assessments become more than numbers — they become a roadmap for growth.

Our Daily Photo







Counselor Corner



"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are" by Theodore Roosevelt

October News



By Brooke Collister

During this month, communities encourage kindness, acceptance, and inclusion, often highlighted by Unity Day., a nationwide event on the third or fourth Wednesday of October where participants wear and share the color orange. The goal is to create safe and supportive environments for young people and to educate them on the impacts of bullying

Event Reminders



Sophomore Career Day 10/2
Homecoming 10/4
Day of Service 10/17
ACT for Juniors 10/22

- **Seniors: scholarship applications available in student services center.**
- **Sophomores and Juniors: ACT Practice Tests**
- **Freshman: four year planning meetings**



SPECIAL ED DIRECTOR
Mr. Trenkamp

Families can stay connected with the ACHIEVE Family Portal. ACHIEVE Family Portal is a secure and easy-to-use online platform that gives families direct access to view their child's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Program (IEP). Since the ACHIEVE Family Portal launched in February 2025, only 5% of Early ACCESS children and 8.5% of special education learners have at least one family member with an active account.

The portal gives families the ability to access their child's records electronically, track real-time progress toward their learner's outcomes and goals, view upcoming meetings and sign consent forms electronically.

Families should have received an email invitation to join the ACHIEVE Family Portal and can use the Quick Start Guide to help access their account. If you still can't access your account, please reach out to me.
I will be glad to help you get started.

Contact

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MEET YOUR EASTON VALLEY

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES



SETH LAWSON

AT LARGE



COREY DRISCOLL

AT LARGE



CHRIS MATTHIESEN

District 4



BRANDON MARBURGER

District 3

A Public Forum hosted by the Easton Valley Education Association will be held on Tuesday, October 14th in the Junior/High School Flex Room starting at 6PM. Doors will open at 5:30PM. If you'd like to learn more about each of our candidates, we are asking our community to attend this event. A moderator will ask the questions to the candidates, who will have one minute to answer. If you'd like to ask a question, you will be able to do so between 5:30PM and 6PM, by writing your question down on a piece of paper. One question per person.

This event is intended for the purpose of learning about these candidates, their viewpoints, and allowing them the time to answer your questions. There will be no time for public comments.

if you'd like to vote but are not registered, paperwork will be available for you to register at the forum. Absentee ballots will also be available.

TIMELINE: Early Voting Begins - Wednesday, October 18
Election Day - Tuesday, November 4

A TEAM OF EASTON VALLEY RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR OVER ONE YEAR TO DEVELOP A COST-EFFECTIVE PLAN TO MEET THE ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY.

All Members of the Easton Valley Community Are Encouraged to Learn About the Plan Firsthand

- **Join the Community-Led Facility Advisory Team Presenting the Details of the Plan**
- **Ask Questions to the Experts, Including the Lead Architect and Iowa Public Finance Expert**

MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

Thursday, October 9 at 7:15 pm - Held at Easton Valley JH/HS in Preston

Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 pm - Held at Easton Valley Elementary in Miles



The master plan recommended by our community facility committee and approved by our school board uses a multi-phase timeline aligned with financial resources. Our approach prioritizes critical needs first, maintains fiscal stability, avoids unnecessary tax burdens, and adapts to changing community and student needs. It ensures steady progress now while building lasting facilities for future generations.





Project Features Include:

- **A multipurpose facility for physical education, athletics, & large community events**
- **Modern, accessible space for all members of the Easton Valley Community**
- **Dedicating existing space for performing arts**

Financial Implications:

- **NO TAX INCREASE**

Easton Valley

ATTENDANCE

SENATE FILE 2435

PRE-K - 12TH GRADE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

3 DAYS	Courtesy Call
4-6 DAYS	1st Notice - Email
7-9 DAYS	2nd Notice - Email
9-12 DAYS	3rd Notice - Letter Home
15%	Family Engagement Meeting
20%	4th Notice - Letter home (cert)
20% +	Truancy Referral to County Attorney

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Meet Your New AmeriCorps Student Member



We're excited to welcome an AmeriCorps Student Member to Easton Valley High School this year, Keyara Zeimet!

Keyara is available to support academic success, help with college and career readiness, and connect students to opportunities and resources available to all students. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome as she begins her service with our school community!

A Message From Keyara

"As an AmeriCorps Student Member, I'm still figuring out my own path after high school-and that's exactly why I'm here to help. I know what it's like to juggle college, career, and future planning, and I want to share what I've been learning along the way. Whether it's reminding you about important deadlines like FAFSA, scholarships, and applications, exploring different college or career options, or checking out resources together, I've got your back. I'm also here as a peer you can talk to about your goals, worries, or just for a little encouragement. And if you ever need more support, I can connect you with a counselor, teacher, or our College & Career Transition Counselor. Think of me as a teammate-learning with you, supporting you, and celebrating your milestones as we all prepare for what's next. I'll be reaching out soon, and I'm excited to connect!"

Easton Valley LEAP



We love to dance!





Keeping the area clean!

Reminder

LEAP Pickup Reminder

Pickup Time: Please pick up your student by 5:25 PM.
Early pickups are welcome anytime during the program.

Late Pickup Strike Policy:
10+ minutes late → 1 strike
15+ minutes late → 2 strikes
3 strikes → student may no longer attend LEAP

We understand emergencies happen and will ensure your child's safety until pickup.
Thank you for helping us keep our program safe and on schedule!

— LEAP Coordinator, Elementary Principal



Winter Session
January 10th - February 13th, 2026

(Following Session starts March 28th)

** Open to Northeast, Easton Valley, Maquoketa, Marquette **AND** neighboring district students*
(Pickup / Drop-off at Northeast / Easton Valley / Maquoketa / Marquette High Schools)

** Hybrid (online/independent) class with **6 hours** of **instructor-taught** driving*

$355.00 per student
(Information available at reuterway.weebly.com)

Contact Craig Reuter : 563-219-3177 / reuterway@gmail.com

Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 22nd and 23rd

EV PAC 4 KIDS IS SELLING

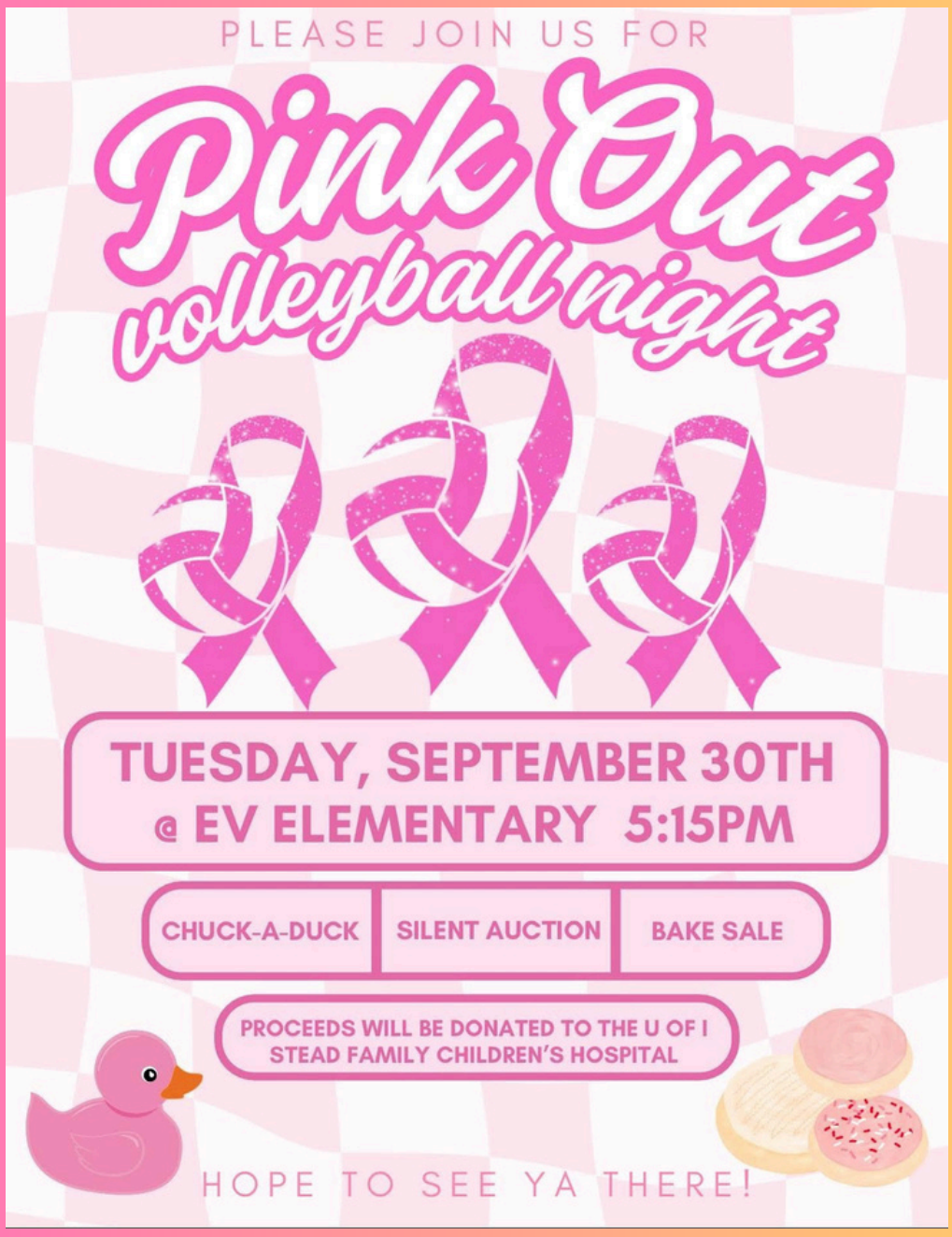
ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

When: During Parent Teacher Conferences
October 22nd and 23rd

$1 EACH

Money will help fund class trips









Volunteers needed

Service Learning Opportunity

In previous years, we've been thrilled to have many volunteers from Easton Valley help make our Halloween events a success. We're hoping that tradition continues this year! If you're interested in volunteering for Sabula's Trick-or-Treating, it's a great way to earn volunteer hours and have some fun along the way. Plus, pizza will be provided for all volunteers afterward! Sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAoFNk1vspE7K1ZFGCnwgPAIt4jurDgfhXwzlFJin2fOYPhg/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=114227862477032641582



Homecoming Court



Front: Keyara Zeimet, Bailey Sullivan, Chloe Bowling, Elezalyn Liles, Abby Felkey, Rylie Gillen
Back: Keegan Lee, Callan Messerich, Easton Rathje, Christian Bielema, Isaac Feller, Jacob Kyarsgaard

THE GREAT BIG CRUNCH

October 8th

Since 2014, National Farm to School and our local farmers have been highlighted with MILLIONS of Crunches across the region. This is an annual event that happens every October and celebrates local food and healthy eating. Easton Valley Schools will be crunching their way to help reach the nationwide goal of 1 MILLION CRUNCHES while promoting healthy eating habits and supporting our local farmers. Easton Valley will feature fresh apples for breakfast and lunch that will be procured locally from Gravert's Apple Orchard!

Graverts Apple Orchard has provided all our fresh apples featured on our menus during the summer and fall months

GREENHOUSE NEWS

From school greenhouse to school kitchen



Easton Valley students have been hard at work in our school greenhouse since the start of the year, and their efforts are already paying off! Inside the greenhouse, students are growing a variety of fresh vegetables that will be featured on the school salad bar.

The greenhouse features both traditional growing methods and hydroponic systems, giving students hands-on experience with multiple approaches to plant production. In addition, thanks to the generous donation of a vermicomposting unit from Marv and Sara Hankemeir, students are now composting some of the food waste from the lunchroom. The compost created will be used to enrich the soil for our spring plant sale and to help grow more vegetables for student meals.









We are excited to share these projects with our community! Please watch for details on our upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. Once students have completed some additional projects, we look forward to showcasing their hard work and inviting you to see our beautiful new greenhouse in action.









Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Schmidt

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE AG CLASSROOM



Our Agriculture Based Food Processing class is rolling up their sleeves and learning the art of making their own food! Students are discovering how to water bath can, freeze, dehydrate, and even ferment, all while gaining practical skills they can use for a lifetime.

From making fresh noodles to preserving their own produce, students are seeing how simple, wholesome foods can taste just as delicious (if not more), than pre-packaged options from the store.

LEARNING REAL-LIFE FOOD SKILLS

One of the best parts? We're focusing on healthier food choices, teaching students to make meals and snacks without all the extra ingredients and additives found in store-bought items.

By the end of the semester, they'll not only *know where food comes from* but also how to create it themselves, building confidence, creativity, and healthy habits that will last well beyond the classroom.

AG TEACHER: ALYSSA POLL



School Breakfast







FRUITS: Fruit is available every day in the form of 100% fruit juice, applesauce and sometimes fresh fruit. It is important for kids' health, such as potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin C and folic acid.

PROTEIN: Some breakfast menus may offer items such as eggs, nuts, or meats to pair with whole-grain products.
Check out what Andrew Schools serves as your protein every day.

MILK: Kids and teens need the calcium, protein, and vitamin D found in milk for strong bones, teeth, and muscles.
We offer 2 kinds of milk every day.
Choose one!!!!

GRAINS: Starting every day the whole grains way gives kids and teens B vitamins, minerals, and fiber to feel fuller longer so they stay alert to concentrate at school.



Free & Reduced Meal Benefits for the 2025-2026 School Year

Applications for Free & Reduced Meal Benefits for the 2025-2026 school year are available on our website at **eastonvalleycsd.com.**
All Free & Reduced applications are kept confidential.
You can apply for Free & Reduced benefits throughout the school year.

2025-2026 Meal Prices
Breakfast - $1.20
Reduced - $.30 cents
Lunch (JH/HS) - $2.50
(Elem) - $2.30
Reduced Lunch - $.40 cents

A La Carte items available at the JH/HS level only. Positive lunch accounts only will be allowed to purchase from the a la carte selection. A la carte selections are smart snack approved.



VEGETABLES: Every breakfast does not include vegetables, but schools may offer them in addition or in the place of fruit.

WAYS TO DEPOSIT FUNDS INTO YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNT
~ JMC
~ Check
~ Cash

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST EVERY SCHOOL DAY AT EASTON VALLEY SCHOOLS. BREAKFAST FUELS LEARNING, PROVIDES BETTER NUTRITION AND SAVES TIME.

Be A

School Wellness Champion



Parents, we need your help to make our school healthier!

Children spend most of their day at school. So, it's important that they have healthy foods and drinks while they are there. Good nutrition also helps kids learn better at school. Parents can help update the school wellness policy and put it into action.

4 ways parents can help:

1. **Join the school wellness committee.** The wellness committee meets once a year to discuss our current wellness policy and what we can do to make it better. You do not need any special training to be on the committee, just an interest in keeping our school healthy!



2. **Read the school wellness policy** at our website: **eastonvalleycsd.com**



3. **Support classroom and school events** to have healthy foods and get kids physically active. Keep the wellness policy in mind when planning what foods and beverages to have at events and celebrations.



4. For questions or to share how our school is doing with our wellness policy, please contact the school.



What is in our school wellness policy?

The full school wellness policy is online at: eastonvalleycsd.com

Interesting topics are:

- **Nutrition education** and **promotion**
- **Physical activity**
- **Other wellness activities** (walk/bike to school)
- **Nutrition standards** for all foods and drinks **sold** to kids at school
- Foods and drinks that may be **given** to students (such as at classroom celebrations or foods given as rewards for behavior)
- **Celebrations in the classroom** (healthy snacks vs unhealthy snacks)

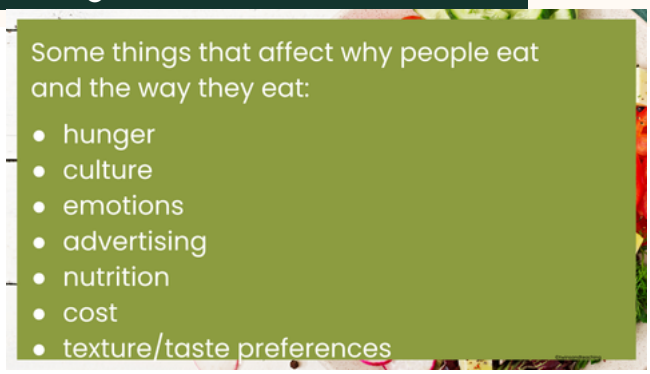
We are always looking for new ideas to ensure that we continue to keep our school healthy.

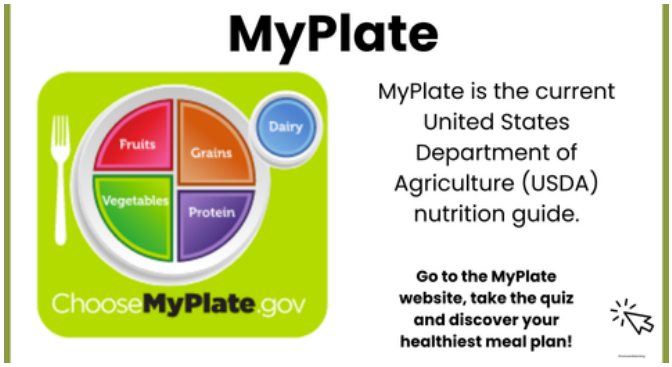
Better Health = Better Learners

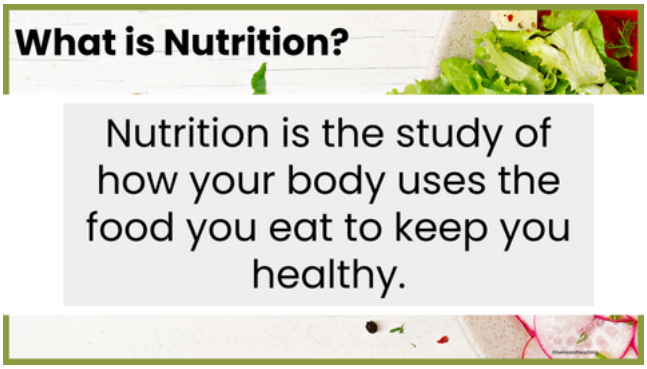
HEALTH MATTERS

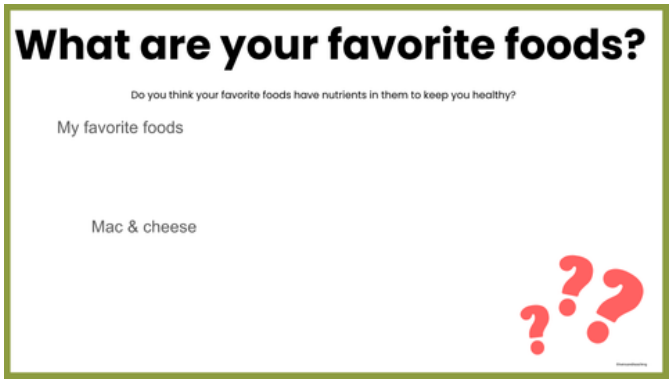
Ms. Mayer's Cooking Class













A balanced plate includes half fruits and vegetables, a quarter lean protein, and a quarter whole grains. Drinking enough water throughout the day also supports better digestion and focus

Even 30 minutes of moderate activity, like brisk walking or cycling, can improve heart health, strengthen muscles, and boost mental clarity. Consistency is more important than intensity



CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LIMIT SCREEN TIME TO UNDER 2 HOURS DAILY PERFORM BETTER IN SCHOOL AND SLEEP LONGER



COLD *vs.* FLU *vs.* COVID-19

	COLD	FLU	COVID-19
Onset of Symptoms	Gradual	Sudden	Gradual
Fever	Rare	Common	Common
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
Fatigue/Weakness	Mild	Common	Common
Muscle Aches	Mild	Common	Common
Stuffy/Runny Nose	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes
Sneezing	Common	Rare	No
Sore Throat	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes
Cough	Common	Common	Common
Shortness of Breath	Rare	Rare	Common
Diarrhea	No	Sometimes	Sometimes

NURSE'S HOURS

Elem: 7:45a-9a and 12p-3:15pm

JH/HS: 9a-12p

JOIN THE PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTERS – SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Did you know our school's Performing Arts Boosters directly support students in grades 6–12 who participate in band, theater, and choir?

The Easton Valley Performing Arts Boosters support our band, theater, and choir students by funding equipment, costumes, and unique experiences—and by organizing exciting fundraisers that build community.

☀️ Big News: We're planning a Summer 2027 Performing Arts Trip for all current Performing Arts 6th–11th grade students!
Your support helps make this unforgettable opportunity possible.

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 All parents & guardians are invited to join!
🗓️ **Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.**
(locations rotate)

🙌 Whether you can volunteer, share ideas, or simply stay informed, your participation makes a difference. Together, we can ensure all Performing Arts students have the tools and opportunities to succeed!

🎭 How Performing Arts Boost Academics
Improves focus & memory
Enhances language & literacy
Reinforces math skills
Builds confidence & teamwork
Encourages creativity & problem-solving
Supports college readiness

Join us and help our students' talents take center stage!

SERVICE LEARNING

Service Learning Requirement: Students will be required to complete service learning projects which constitutes the required hours of volunteer service based on your grade, to be served outside of school class time. These service hours may begin in May of your 8th grade Freshman, Sophomore or Junior year. The service learning requirements are as follows:

- 10 service hours Freshman year
- 10 service hours Sophomore year
- 20 service hours Junior year
- 20 service hours Senior year

These hours must be documented using the official service learning tracking form (available in the main high school office), signed off by the supervisor of the volunteer experience, and turned in to the main high school office no later than April 30th of each school year. ***SENIORS ARE REQUIRED TO TURN IN THEIR COMPLETED SERVICE LEARNING FORM NO LATER THAN APRIL 1ST IN ORDER TO MEET THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT. Late submission of these forms may result in a student not receiving their diploma until the school board meets to revisit the student's completion of the graduation requirement.

The high school principal will be responsible for ensuring the volunteer experiences meet the designated criteria in order for him/her to sign off on the completion of hours each year. Hours will be monitored quarterly. Students who are not on pace to complete their required yearly hours, will have a letter and email sent to their parents after the first and second quarter of the school year. A parent phone call will be made to parents if their child is not on pace to complete their required hours after the third quarter of the school year.

Students who do not submit documentation that they completed their required number of hours prior to April 30th, will be ineligible for extra-curricular participation the following Fall until their completed forms are turned in and signed off on.

Little River Hawks Daycare

Little River Hawks Daycare
A safe, fun, and educational environment
Accepts kids ages 6 weeks-12 years
Full time and part time options available
NOW HIRING!
Daycare staff's children attend free

Email today
taylor.olson@eastonvalleycsd.com



ATHLETIC PHYSICALS AND CONCUSSION FORMS

All students in grades 7-12 who plan on participating in any extra -curricular activities, MUST read and complete the HEADS UP-Concussion in High School Sports form annually. All athletes MUST also complete an annual sports physical before they are able to participate in any sports. Forms can be downloaded from our website or are available in the JH/HS office.

Kitchen Subs

Are you interested in subbing in our kitchens?
If so, give us a call to be on our call list.
563-689-3431 Ext: 2112

Yearbook

Order your yearbook online today for $45. Order forms are available in Ms. Ratermann's room and the JH/HS office.

HOSTED BY THE EV ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

HOMECOMING Tailgate

FRIDAY OCT. 3RD 5:30-6:30

EAST END ZONE OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD

FOOD, FUN & GAMES!

LET'S GO RIVER HAWKS!

COME CELEBRATE WITH CLASSMATES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY

PARTICIPANTS OF THE EV VOLLEYBALL TEAM, CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, CHEERLEADERS, AND MARCHING BAND WILL BE ASSISTING WITH ACTIVITES

ELLOUISES DRINK TRUCK 5:30-9

SPORTS NEWS

YOUR MONTHLY SPORTS INFO!

THANK YOU TO THE CORNIELSEN FAMILY FOR THEIR DONATION OF SIGNS AT OUR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS. THE SIGNS WERE DONATED IN MEMORY OF BERNIE CORNIELSEN. THEY ARE A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR FACILITIES AND A GREAT WAY TO REMEMBER A LIFELONG COMMUNITY FAN!





Commended for Superb Sportsmanship

Congratulations to Easton Valley student athletes, coaches, and families. Once again, the Easton Valley School District has been recognized by the Iowa High School Athletic Association for outstanding sportsmanship during the 2024-2025 school year. This places us among the top half of schools in the state who did not have a single student or coach ejected from an event during extracurricular activities last school year. To go an entire year without a single flagrant or unsportsmanlike act says a lot about the individuals who make up our school community and represent our programs.

An accomplishment such as this deserves to be celebrated on many levels. This type of honor reaffirms what we know about the students and families we are so lucky to serve. It also takes tremendous leadership on behalf of our coaches who model commendable behavior and set high expectations for our student athletes.

Please join us in thanking our student athletes and coaches for representing our school in such a positive manner. Let's Go Riverhawks!

Cross Country



UPCOMING

10/2 - VB @ HOME VS N.CEDAR(7/8/F/S/JV/V)
10/2 - GIRLS/BOYS XC BOBCAT INVITE
10/3 - FOOTBALL @ EDCO (V)
10/6 - GIRLS/BOYS XC - MARQUETTE INVITE
10/6 - FOOTBALL VS EDCO (8TH)
10/6 - FOOTBAL VS EDCO (JV)
10/9 - GIRLS/BOYS XC - DEWITT (V)
10/9 - VB VS LISBON (7TH/8TH/FS/JV/V)
10/10 - FOOTBALL VS CENTRAL ELKADER (V)
10/13 - VB TRI-RIVERS TOURNEY (V)
10/14 - BOYS XC TRI-RIVERS CONF (JH/JV/V)
10/14 - GIRLS XC TRI-TIVERS CONF (JH/JV/V)
10/16 - VB TRI-RIVERS BRACKET PLAY (V)
10/17 - FOOTBALL @ CALWHEAT (8TH/V)

Volleyball



Football



SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

NOW AVAILABLE!

Classroom Clinic



Classroom Clinic's telehealth services are now offered in your child's school!

- Psychiatric Evaluations
- Medication Management
- Individual Therapy

Contact your child's teacher, school nurse, counselor, or principal to refer your child for services.

info@classroomclinic.com

classroomclinic.com

PRESTON FARMERS MARKET

WANTED: PUMPKIN SPONSORS

THE FARMERS MARKET IS ENDING OUR SEASON WITH A PUMPKIN CARVING DAY ON OCTOBER 25TH AND WE NEED YOUR HELP PURCHASING PUMPKINS!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING A PUMPKIN(S) OR GIVING TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF THEM, MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK!

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

Jackson County

Jackson County 4-H Recruitment Night

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025

1102 E. Quarry St. Maquoketa, IA

3:30-6:00 pm

Learn more from 4-H youth & leaders, get help with enrollment, enjoy fall snacks, win fun prizes!







IOWA 4-H FISHING CLUB

ICE FISHING, BASS FISHING, AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT



Cost: $45 for one-year membership and includes eligibility for all tournaments.

Location: All tournaments are restricted to fishing in Iowa.

Ages: Open to youth in grades 4-12.

Prizes will be awarded to tournament winners. Each tournament entry nominates you for a chance to win the grand prize at the end of the year.

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Statewide Fishing Club with Iowa 4-H

Casting Across Iowa 4-H

The Statewide Fishing Club with Iowa 4-H is an immersive program designed to engage youth across Iowa in grades 4-12. This club focuses on Iowa's aquatic ecosystems, improving fishing techniques, and promoting environmental stewardship.

Whether you're looking to become a skilled angler or just want to try a new outdoor hobby, this program will enhance your connection to nature and foster a lifelong passion for fishing!



Membership is just $45, which includes eligibility to participate in all club tournaments. Please note, all tournaments are restricted to fishing in Iowa. Tournament winners will receive prizes, generously sponsored by the Iowa 4-H Foundation, and every tournament entry earns a chance to win the grand prize at the end of the year.

Beyond the competitions, members will gain access to educational resources, interactive challenges, and opportunities to connect with fellow youth who share an interest in the outdoors. So, grab your gear, cast your line, and get ready for a year of learning and fishing fun with Iowa 4-H!

Program Structure

The club consists of live webinars, self-guided tournaments and NEW this year: hands-on learning field day.

- **Engaging Webinars** – Prepares members with expert insights for each species, Iowa ecosystems and more.
- **Tournaments** – Four, species-focused competitions spanning over eight months of the year. Tournaments are self-led.
- **NEW Field Days** – in-person field days across the state in 2026.

What to Expect

Alright, anglers, listen up! Before casting the line, there's a few things to do first.
Register in 4-H Online as a member and register through the events tab to make payment.

- If you are under the age of 16 in Iowa, you are not required to have a fishing license but may need to purchase a trout stamp if fishing on your own.
- If you are 16 years or older you are required to purchase a fishing license and trout stamp (when applicable). For more licensing and permit guidance refer to Iowa DNR. https://www.iowadnr.gov/things-do/fishing/fishing-licenses.
- Next, you'll need to acquire the right fishing rod and reel for your fish and fishing style.
- Gather essentials like hooks, sinkers, and bait (live or artificial).
- Most importantly, always stay alert to your environment. Pay attention to water conditions like currents, and potential hazards like rocks or submerged objects. Take necessary precautions like wearing a life jacket if on water.
- Be mindful of weather changes. When it comes to sun safety, protect yourself from harmful UV rays by wearing sunscreen, a hat, and UV-blocking clothing, stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade.
- Tell a trusted adult where you plan to go, and when you plan to return.

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How to Join



Members enroll using 4-H Online. Enrollment and event registration is a two-step process and both are required to participate.

1. To join, enroll using 4-H Online. Help sheets for creating a profile are available https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4-h-online
2. Choose your county and "Statewide Fishing Club." If you are already an Iowa 4-H member, choose "Statewide Fishing Club" as a secondary club in your profile.
3. Choose "Outdoor Adventures" from the project list. Current members skip to step five.
4. Next a county Extension and Outreach staff will approve your enrollment (this may take a few days).
5. Once approved, login to your 4-H Online profile and choose events from the left-hand menu.
6. Find and select "Iowa 4-H Fishing Club" and complete the steps.
7. A $45 annual fee applies and will be assessed in the event tab. Financial support is available through the Iowa 4-H Foundation or contact your local ISU Extension and Outreach office.

2025-26 Schedule of Events			
Date	**Time**	**Topic**	**Location**
September 22	7:30 PM	Welcome and Tournament Kick-off	Zoom
September 23	12:00 AM	Bass Tournament Opens	Iowa, on your own
November 10	11:59 PM	Bass Tournament Closes	
November 17	7:00 PM	Iowa Ecosystems and Water	Zoom
December 29	9:30 AM	Ice Fishing and Tournament Kick-off	Zoom
December 29	12:00 AM	Crappie and Perch Tournament Opens	Iowa, on your own
February 23	7:00 PM	Habitat Highlights	Zoom
March 2	11:59 PM	Crappie and Perch Tournament Closes	
March 30	7:00 PM	Tournament Kick-off	Zoom
March 31	12:00 AM	Trout and Walleye Tournament Opens	Iowa, on your own
May 31	11:59 PM	Trout and Walleye Tournament Closes	
June 1	7:00 PM	Tournament Kick-off Webinar	Zoom
June 1	12:00 AM	Bluegill and Catfish Tournament Opens	Iowa, on your own
July 31	11:59 PM	Bluegill and Catfish Tournament Closes	
August 10	9:30 AM	Final Cast Year End Celebration and Grand Prize Drawing	Zoom

This program is supported by the Iowa 4-H Foundation, Iowa 4-H, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and Iowa State University. The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program.

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We want you to join the Easton Valley Trapshooting Team! Whether you're a seasoned shooter or a curious beginner, our team provides a welcoming environment for all skill levels. Trapshooting is not just a sport; it’s a discipline that sharpens your focus, enhances hand-eye coordination, and builds camaraderie among team members. Our experienced coaches are dedicated to teaching safety, technique, and the thrill of hitting that perfect shot. By joining our team, you'll have the opportunity to participate in local and regional competitions, representing Easton Valley with pride. Come be a part of our community, make new friends, and develop skills that will last a lifetime. We look forward to seeing you at the range!





BLUE CHIP
WRESTLING CLUB

Our Coaches

Coach Brandon, Coach Zach, and Coach Ripp are thrilled to bring Blue Chip Wrestling Club back to Bellevue for a second year! With infectious energy and a wealth of experience, these three have competed at every level—from pee wee to high school to college. Together, they bring over 50 years of coaching expertise to the mat.

The Blue Chip Standard

Empowering youth through the sport of wrestling by creating a safe, supportive environment where young athletes can build confidence, discipline, resilience, and strength—both on and off the mat.
BCWC is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to giving back to the community by making the sport fun, accessible, and affordable for all. There is never a charge to be a BCWC athlete!

Blue Chip Award Program

At BCWC athletes can earn Blue Chips during practices and competitions. These chips aren't just handed out—they're earned through hard work, attitude, and sportsmanship.
Blue Chips can be redeemed at participating local businesses for fun rewards like ice cream, pizza, and more, making our athletes' hard work pay off in and out of the gym!



BLUE CHIP WRESTLING CLUB

preseason schedule



MONDAYS

All Skill Levels

Focus on agility, coordination, wrestling basics & games!

K - 2nd Grade
5:30 - 6:30 pm

3rd - 6th Grade
6:30 - 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS

High Rollers

For wrestlers interested in competing at tournaments and taking their training to the next level.

2nd - 6th Grade
7:00 - 8:00 pm

7th - 12th Grade
8:00 - 9:00 pm

Open to all kids regardless of school! (Bellevue, Marquette, Andrew, Easton Valley)

Practices are held at the Bellevue High School Wrestling Room



Register by emailing BlueChipWrestlingClub@gmail.com

Preseason starts October 6th

Tournament season begins October 27th

The Leader in Me



Easton Valley Bus Expectations

I use the Seven habits when I Act, Talk, & Move on the bus.

#1 Be Proactive
I am a responsible person.

➡ I treat everyone on the bus with respect.

#2 Begin with the End in Mind
I look for ways to be a good citizen.

➡ I follow directions and make a good choice while choosing my seat.

#3 Put First Things First
I set priorities and am organized.

➡ I stay in my personal space and keep my belongings and body out of the aisle.

#4 Think Win-Win
I want everyone to be safe & successful.

➡ I follow the bus safety rules and adult instructions.

#5 Seek 1st to Understand then to be Understood
I listen to other people's ideas & feelings.

➡ I talk in a soft voice with appropriate language so others can hear directions from the adult.

#6 Synergize
I appreciate the differences in others & treat people the way I want to be treated.

➡ When I recognize a problem, I tell the adult.

#7 Sharpen the Saw
I take time to find meaningful ways to help others.

➡ I only visit with others seated near me while staying seated.

PRESTON FIRE DEPT

PANCAKE /OMELETTE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 12th



7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ADULT $12.00

6-10 YRS OLD $5.00

KIDS 5 AND UNDER FREE

14 N MITCHELL ST, PRESTON, IA 52069

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025

• 4PM - 6PM •

WESTSIDE PARK | PRESTON, IA



BETTY FARRELL MEMORIAL

HALLOWEEN PARTY

4:15PM COSTUME PARADE ALONG THE WALK PATH

FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE MUSIC BY MOMMA J, A PETTING ZOO, PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES & MORE!

FREE WILL DONATION MEAL AVAILABLE (HOTDOG, CHIPS, BANANA & DRINK)

LAWN CHAIRS ENCOURAGED

NO RAINDATE

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION CONTACT NANCY KIEFFER: 563-357-9083

Preston United Methodist Church

Soup Supper



Chicken Noodle - Chili -
Vegetable Beef
Potato - Taco Soup
Sandwiches - Dessert

At the Preston
Town Hall

Friday, October 24th, 2025

4:30-7:00 PM

~ Bake Sale ~

Adults - $12.00
Children (6-12 years) - $5.00
Ages 5 and under are FREE