

Mt. Pleasant HSAP September Newsletter

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Enrichment Classes Are Coming Right Up!

Thursday, **September 14** – Thursday, **October 19**

Calvary Baptist Church 12:00 – 3:30

Elementary Classes: Art with Robin Fisher (owner and operator of the Art Nest)

Music with Sarah Zihlman

P.E. with Matt Reno

Iowa History with Lynne Haefner and Ashlei Venghaus

Spanish with Elizabeth Bohman

Book Club with Lynne and Ashlei

MAPS testing...

MAPS testing dates will be September 11, 13, 18, and 20 at the HSAP library. We are excited to be adding the science assessment this year. Each student will attend two half day testing dates. The dates will be assigned and we ask that you look for an email notifying you of the dates your child(ren) will take the tests. They will be administered in the HSAP library.

Family Night Family Night Family Night Family Night Family Night Family Night

Hayride and Weiner Roast @ Witte Farm

Friday, September 15th from 5:30 – 7:30

Join us at the Cathy Witte's farm for a fun-filled night!

Meet Ashlei and her family, catch up with Cathy, and enjoy some time visiting with other HSAP families!

1st Quarter Visits

Ashlei and Lynne will be contacting you soon to set up a home visit for the first quarter of the 2017-18 school year. Visits will be scheduled September 28 – October 6. Look for an email or text from us!

PSAT

(Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

What: The PSAT is offered once a year in mid-October. Students are required to register for the exam on or before **September 18th by 3:30**. Testing Fee is \$16.00 and is due when you register. The PSAT is 2 hours and 45 minutes long, tests your skills in Reading, Writing, and Math and is administered on October 11th.

Who: Sophomores can take the PSAT but will not qualify for scholarships. To qualify for scholarships the PSAT must be taken during your junior year.

See Kelli in Student Services at the high school to sign up.

***** Field Trip to Appleberry Farm and Harvestville Farm ----- Monday, September 25th *****

10:30-11:30 - Appleberry Orchard, Donnellson

11:45-12:30 - Lunch at Harvestville

12:30 – 2:30ish (BUT... you can stay as long as you wish.)

- Bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch at Pitchfork Cafe. They will have their regular weekly menu to purchase; you can view the menu online. <https://www.harvestvillefarm.com/pitchfork-cafe>

- 12:30 pm- Harvestville Farm, Donnellson

- Cost for both places: HSAP will cover the cost of school age students and 1 parent-educator is free.

- Contact us by phone or email about costs for under school age children.

- At Appleberry Orchard you will enjoy a wagon ride, pick apples, see the sorting room and hear about how apples grow. We will also see the bakery, enjoy some free cider and feed the animals if you wish. Preschool children and younger will be charged \$5.00 to participate with the group, and any additional adult is \$2.00.

- At Harvestville Farm, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a wagon ride, unlimited time in the play area, go through the small corn maze, jump on the jumping pillow, learn about the farm during their "talk time", and choose a small pumpkin to take home! If school-aged children want to partake in the large corn maze (takes about an hour), it is an additional \$5.00. Children under the age of two are free! Preschool age children will cost \$5.00 to participate and will get a pumpkin. For an additional \$1.00, preschool children can enjoy the jumping pillow. Another fun activity includes making a small scarecrow for \$7.00 or a large scarecrow for \$10.00.

Upcoming Events

September:

1st – 4th – Old Threshers

6th – **Return 1st quarter sign-up sheet**

7th – Kindergarten Activity

11th, 13th, 18th, & 20th - MAPS

14th, 21st, 28th – Enrichment classes

15th – Witte Hayrack Ride

18th – Deadline for PSAT test

22nd – School pictures @ Studio K

25th – Appleberry Farm and Harvestville

Farm field trip

27th – Teacher Workshop – AEA Media Class

29th – Mt. Pleasant Homecoming

October:

9th-13th Fire Prevention week

11th – PSAT testing

13th – Niabi Zoo

20th – HSAP State Meeting (office closed)

21st – IWU Homecoming

27th – End of first quarter

Kindergarten Activity

We have many wonderful opportunities for our kindergarten students this year! Join us on September 7th from 12:00 – 1:00 at the United

Through Play park at the old Saunders School. This is a time to get to know each other for both parents and children. We ask that parents please stay for this activity. Also, this event is for your kindergarten student and you, the parent. Please avoid bringing siblings or other children. If you cannot find a place for your other children, you may drop off your kindergarten student without a parent this time.

MAPS

September 11th, 13th, 18th and 20th

You will be asked to attend two testing sessions. The HSAP office will send an email to let you know the schedule.

School Pictures

Friday, September 22

You may go to Studio K at any time between **12:00 – 5:00** to have pictures taken. You will place your order at that time. Please stop in our office to pick up an order form!

Studio K

**2555 Lexington Avenue
Mt. Pleasant**

AEA Media Workshop

Who: All parents interested

What: Workshop designed to introduce you to the massive amounts of FREE resources available through the AEA media center and Iowa AEA Online.

When: September 27th, 1:00 – 2:00

Where: HSAP library

If you have not been introduced to this amazing resource, please plan to attend! Your classroom will not be the same!