

# Iowa Valley Tiger Tracks

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by Donita Joens, Iowa Valley CSD Superintendent

## **Welcome Back Iowa Valley Tigers!**

Welcome back to the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year! I hope everyone is optimistic for a rewarding school year. Summer staff members put in many hours hoping to make the start of the school year as seamless as possible because they truly care about your child(ren). The Tiger family will be working hard to provide a positive and caring learning environment for each of its Tiger cubs throughout the entire year. Welcome back to the best year yet!

## **Student Registration**

Student registration will continue to be online. You will find online directions on the district's website at [www.iowa-valley.k12.ia.us](http://www.iowa-valley.k12.ia.us). If you do not have access to a computer and/or internet, there will be computer stations available at the Jr./Sr. High School on Monday, August 13, from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

## **First Day of Classes**

School will begin for students on Thursday, August 23, 2018. It is always a good idea to begin planning for the earlier-than-summer wake-up hours a couple weeks before August 23. If your child(ren) having been getting up around 8:00 AM during the summer months, but need to get up at 7:00 AM during the school months, plan to have them go to bed 20 minutes early each week over a period of three weeks. That way, your child(ren) will be slowly adjusted to their new wake-up time. With planning, your child(ren) will be better prepared for a regular routine again and will have the rest they need for optimum

learning.

## **Welcome New Staff/Position Members to Our Tiger Family**

We are excited to have several new staff/position members this year and are still in the process of hiring staff for a few positions. Please take a few minutes to introduce yourself to new staff members and welcome them to our excellent school district.

- Janet Behrens- Jr./Sr. High School Principal/Head Girls Basketball Coach
- Lauren Ewing- K-12 Art teacher/Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach
- Abby Gard- Jr./Sr. High School Science Teacher
- Mike Healy- Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach
- Ross Karsten- Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach
- Tom Megchelsen- Model Teacher
- Ellen Young- Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

*Let's keep working together to make this a fantastic 2018-2019 school year for everyone at Iowa Valley Community School District!*

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## **Special points of interest:**

- Aug 13 walk-in registration 9a-7p @ Jr.-Sr. High
- Aug 21 Elem. Meet & Greet 5-6:30 pm
- Aug 21 7th Grade Orientation 6:40-7:30 pm
- Aug 23 1st Day of School
- Sep 3 Labor Day no school
- Sep 12:00 Early Dismissal
- Sep 26 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4-8 pm for grades 7-12

## Annual Notifications

Go to [www.iowa-valley.com](http://www.iowa-valley.com)

Click on the box at the bottom of the homepage that says

“Annual Notifications: Click here to visit the Iowa Department of Education website”

It will link to : <https://www.educateiowa.gov/annual-notices-public-school-districts>

Iowa Valley Community School District offers the following CTE (Career & Technical Education Service Area)

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Applied Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Manufacturing

Business, Finance, Marketing and Management

Human Services

## Multicultural and Nonsexist Equity Education Opportunity

At Iowa Valley Community School District, all children who are enrolled in the schools will have an equal opportunity for a quality public education without discrimination regardless of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, national origin, religion, personality traits, or physical and/or mental ability or disability.

The education program will be free of such discrimination and provide equal opportunity for the participants. Integration of minority populations will occur throughout the education program and the school system. The education program shall encourage knowledge of, respect and appreciation for, the

historical and contemporary contributions of diverse cultural groups as well as men and women to society. It shall also reflect the wide variety of roles open to both men and women while providing equal opportunity to both sexes.

Inquiries regarding compliance with equal education opportunity shall be directed to the superintendent, by writing or calling: 319-642-7714 Donita Joens, Superintendent

## Chapter 103

Notice: Corporal Punishment, Restraint, and Physical Confinement and Detention

State law forbids school employees from using corporal punishment against any student. Certain actions by school employees are not considered corporal punishment. Additionally, school employees may use “reasonable and necessary force, not designed or intended to cause pain” to do certain things, such as prevent harm to persons or property.

State law also places limits school employees’ abilities to restrain or confine

and detain any student. The law limits why, how, where, and for how long a school employee may restrain or confine and detain a child. If a child is restrained or confined and detained, the school must maintain documentation and must provide certain types of notice to the child’s parent.

If you have any questions about this state law, please contact your school. The complete text of the law and additional information is available on the Iowa Department of Education’s web site: [www.iowa.gov/educate](http://www.iowa.gov/educate).

## Special Needs Services

Additional support services are available to assist teachers and families when concerns arise with students. These services include our building staff (special education teacher, counselor, nurse, etc.) and Grant Wood Area Education Agency staff (psychologist, social worker, consultant, speech-language pathologist, occupational and physical therapist, work experience coordinators, etc.)

Teachers and families may use input on an informal basis or request formal assistance in identifying strategies to address a concern, in carrying out these strategies, or in monitoring individual student progress. These services are available for all students by teacher or parent request through the counselor at the student’s school.

## Open Enrollment Date Deadlines

There have been changes to the state regulations on open enrollment requests from parents. Parents of children who they are requesting to be open enrolled out of the school district must notify the sending and receiving district no later than March 1st of the school year preceding the first year desired for open enrollment. Parents of children who will begin kindergarten in the school district are exempt from the March 1st deadline. Parents of children who will begin kindergarten must file by September 1st. Open enrollment papers are on file at the district administrative office.

## Homeless Coordinator

The Homeless Coordinator for Iowa Valley CSD is Cindy Miller, Elementary Principal, for more information or assistance you may contact her at 151 E. May St., Marengo, IA 52301, telephone (319) 642-5422 .

## **IV Tiger Kids Club**

Throughout the summer Iowa Valley hosted the Tiger Kids Club for elementary students. Sponsored by Iowa/Benton County DCAT, students participated from 9-11 on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer in a variety of physical activities and games as well as crafts. A big thanks to Mr. Bowlin, Mr. Christner, Mr. Snitker and Ms. Thiessen for facilitating these sessions. The last session held on July 19th was an obstacle course challenge with the Marengo Police Department.