

Ames HSAP Newsletter

April 2024

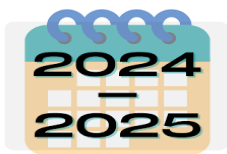
HSAP Website: ameshsap.org



The Golden Goose Come One, Come All!
A number of our 4th, 5th and 6th graders will be performing an original adaptation of *The Golden Goose*. We will have two performances:

- Friday night, April 19th at 7:00 pm
- Saturday morning, April 20th at 10:00 am.
- Performances will take place at Harvest Vineyard in their auditorium (320 S. 17th Street, Ames)

The running time for this production is approximately 50 minutes. We hope you will join us to support these hard-working performers. Come see what magic can happen when you find a golden goose! *No tickets are required for entrance.* Those who are interested can make a free-will donation.



2024/2025 Registration Information

A GIANT thank you to everyone who's already sent in your completed Form A for next year! [HERE](#) is a link to its contents In case your email from hsapregistration@ames.k12.ia.us got buried. Our HSAP registration consists of ONE document this year (Form A). We greatly appreciate receiving these completed forms before the end of the school year.

For Your Calendar

4th Quarter Enrichment classes	3.18-4.26
Mary Greeley Mileage Club	3.26-5.17
Record Keeping Methods Presentation	4.02
Salisbury House & Gardens Field Trip	4.05
Life United Food Drive	4.08-4.25
K-5 HSAP Classes Signup Opens	4.09
6-12 HSAP Classes Signup Opens	4.16
The Golden Goose Production	4.19-4.20
Final Week of Quarter 4 Classes	4.22-4.25
Nature Detectives Field Trip	4.26
Iowa History Day Field Trip	4.26
Iowa Assessments	4.29-5.15
Ice Cream Social Family Event	5.17



April 2: Methods for Record Keeping

Join us on Tuesday, April 2, for an evening where we will discuss record keeping methods for homeschooling during the high school years. We will meet in Room 111 at Harvest Vineyard (320 S. 17th Street, Ames) from 7:00 pm - 8:00/8:30 pm. Middle school parents are also welcome to attend as it is never too early to have a recordkeeping system in place. Topics covered will include:

- Creating a transcript
- Creating a resume, and
- General high school planning

For more information on this event please see [details here](#).

AHS Speech Club

We congratulate HSAP students Naomi Olinger (*After Dinner Speaking*), Adela Osmundson (*Original Oratory*), and Isaiah Riley (*Storytelling*) for their performance in the State Competition in March. They each received scores of all "ones" in their event, the best you can receive from the panel of three judges. We applaud your accomplishments.



K-8 Can Still Join Mileage Club

Mileage Club began on March 25 with 70 students signed up to participate. However, ***all interested K-8 students can still join us!*** The goal of this eight (8) week program is to encourage students to increase activity levels.

The 2024 Mileage Club takes place from March 25-May 17. Our HSAP has been given special permission for our parents to record the mileage covered ***via walking, jogging and/or running.***

- If you want to join us, please *email* Kathy Burns (kathy.burns@ames.k12.ia.us).
- Provide names and grade levels.
- Mileage is recorded based on a maximum of three 25 minute exercise sessions per week (or a total of 75 minutes), following protocol.
- Small prizes are recorded for every time five (5) miles are recorded. Those who reach 25 miles or more receive a free t-shirt. Additional information will be sent to you once you register.



HSAP Student is a Prime Problem Solver!

Rosalie White, one of our Ames HSAP Seventh graders, won the *first place individual trophy* in the central Iowa *MathCounts* competition. MathCounts is a national program that provides students in grades 6-8 the opportunity to compete in live, in-person contests against and alongside their peers. We commend your fine performance and are proud of what you have accomplished!



Live United Food Drive

As a part of the Mary Greeley Mileage Club, we have been invited to participate in an annual food drive for local Story County food banks known as the *“Life United Food Drive.* Area food banks are

Live United Food Drive (continued)

reporting increased needs in our community for food and hygiene items. Collection will take place beginning on **Monday, April 8 until Thursday, April 25.** *Participation is open to all our families and is voluntary.* You do not have to be a part of Mileage Club to be involved in this.

Please note that they can no longer accept donations of bottled water or bulk size items. Below is their advertised list of ***“most needed” items,*** but other pantry items are also appreciated:

- Canned fruit
- Cereal
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Canned beans or meat
- Rice
- Cooking/baking supplies (spices, oils, mixes, etc)
- Instant items (mashed potatoes, dried milk, etc)

- Diapers (need large sizes)
- Paper products (toilet paper, tissues, napkins, paper towels)
- Baby wipes
- Soaps (bar, hand, dish detergent, laundry)



Resource Center (formerly known as The Resource Library)

Yes, our name has changed. We have learned that a library can only be called a *“library”* if it is staffed with an official librarian with the proper degree to go with the title. We are all transitioning to the new title.

The HSAP Resource Center will be open again during our fourth quarter enrichment classes (March 18-April 25).

Mondays. 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesdays. 9:30 am - 11:30 am

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Thursdays. 9:30 am - 11:30 am

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Room 102 in Harvest Vineyard Church

The Resource Center will also be open during Iowa Assessment testing the weeks of April 29 and May 6.

Resource Center (continued)

Summer hours will be announced at a later date. *Please keep in mind that with our program moving to the Ames Center before the 2024-2025 school year, the Resource Center will be closed for several weeks.* Families may want to research and gather books and materials from our Resource Center by mid-summer.



Ames HSAP Field Trip Information

All registration for field trips will once again take place through our HSAP website: <https://ameshsap.org/>.

- Under the Program Resources heading, choose Services; Scroll down to “In Person Field Trips”
- Field trips will generally be open for registration one or two months at a time. (Currently featuring *April*)
- Updates and additions will be found on the website and sent via email.
- **Some of our students have severe nut and peanut allergies! Please do not bring or consume any products with nuts/peanuts.**
- HSAP Field Trip Coordinator is Carrie Pahl. carrie.pahl@ames.k12.ia.us

Please always use the link listed above to note all the specifics on each field trip, including registration deadlines, location, and updates.

Openings Remain in One April Field Trip

Nature Detectives

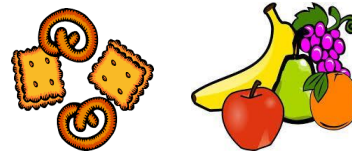
Friday, April 26

Event Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Grades: preschool to 1st grade

“Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat.”

Laura Ingalls Wilder



Stock the IA Snack Room 2024

Snacks are a big part of crafting a low-stress and fun experience for students taking a break during the Iowa Assessments in the Harvest Vineyard site. We invite all families who are interested to help us “stock the Snack Room.” If you are interested in providing a food item that will be shared with all of our test-takers during the breaks, please bring in those snacks on your student's first test session time.

Please note: All food items in the building must be completely nut-free. Please check labels carefully. We will not be able to include any items manufactured on equipment that has also been used for nut or peanut-products,

A Few Hints:

- Prepare your treats in snack-size bags (for example 2-3 small nut-free cookies, carrot sticks, raisins, pretzels, small bunch of washed grapes)
- Please stay away from “messy foods” or those that may stain fingers (*no Doritos, Cheetos, certain Pringles, etc*)
- Provide a gluten-free option (label if not easily distinguishable)

Popular items:

- Gummy bears, Twizzlers (pull & peel or regular), fruit snacks
- Washed grapes, individual fruit cups, carrot sticks, clementines, bananas, apples
- Unbuttered popcorn, pretzels, Pringles (non-staining), Goldfish (non-staining)
- Oreos, nut-free granola bars, crackers, rice krispie squares (*note: if using a generic brand, please check that nut-products were not manufactured on equipment*)
- String cheese, meats-sticks (can be cut into ½ or ⅓),
- Homemade nut-free cookies or bars

Please remind your child of any dietary restrictions. The snack room is a very busy and popular place during the breaks, and *one-on-one supervision of each child is not possible.*



End of the Year Ice Cream Social

The HSAP staff would like to invite your families to an end of the year Ice Cream Social. The teachers will provide the ice cream and toppings.

- **When:** Friday, May 17, 6:30 pm - 8:00 PM
- More details to follow

Showstoppers

The Ames High School Choir Programs and the Ames Youth Choir are sponsoring a song and dance camp called Showstoppers this summer as a fundraiser. Registration is open for students in current grades K-8. This Show Choir Camp runs from July 15-19. Visit this site for details and registration.

[Showstoppers Camp 2024](#)



Planning Ahead

For the *most current and best resources* you can find, please consider visiting the website that HSAP SUPERvising teacher Sonia Harold has crafted. You will also find relevant information for those in middle school who are planning ahead. Some of this information may be highlighted at the April 2 event on record keeping.

- <https://sites.google.com/ames.k12.ia.us/hsaphighschool>

Open Enrollment for 2024/2025

Those who are open enrolled already do *not* need to reapply, *unless* they have a younger child who has *not* been open enrolled yet (*it is per person, not per family*). New students must submit their

own form even if siblings are already open enrolled into the Ames Community School District. Once a student is open enrolled, there is no need to fill out open enrollment forms for that student again. Both the district you live in and the district that you desire to open enroll in need to be contacted. If you know of others who wish to join our program from another district, please pass this information on to them.

- [Here](#) is a link for the 2024/2025 open enrollment application.



Humor Me

What do you call a cow eating grass?

A lawn moo-er

What kind of dog works in a hair salon?

A shampoole

Why don't grasshoppers cry?

Because they're always hoppy

When do birds go to the hospital?

When they need tweetment

Why do pirates keep soap under their hats?

To help them wash ashore

What goes up and down but never moves?

A flight of stairs

Did you hear about the shop full of overgrown trees?

They had to hire a branch manager

What has teeth but cannot eat?

A zipper



Please contact our teachers by following this format:

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HSAP Coordinator	<i>Kathy Geis</i>
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Iowa Assessments	<i>Wendy Pixler Stephanie Haila</i>
K-1	<i>Diane Prescott Kathy Geis Ashton Riedell</i>
Mileage Club	<i>Kathy Burns</i>
Newsletter Info	<i>Kathy Burns</i>
Resource Center	<i>Joni Gainer</i>
Scholastic Books	<i>Wendy Pixler</i>
Speech Contest	<i>Judy Anderson</i>
Spelling Bee	<i>Sarah Johnson</i>



Additional Ideas, Opportunities to Consider

These are not sponsored by our HSAP, but may be of interest to you and your family.

Ames Cyclone Aquatic Club

- <https://www.gomotionapp.com/About.jsp?team=iaacac>

Ames Youth Choir Note New Name!

- info@ameschildrenschoirs.org

The Ames Explorers Program

For more details, costs, and information:
<https://thecommunityacademy.org>

Ames Public Library

You may benefit from scanning the calendar of our local Ames library (515 Douglas Avenue).

- <https://amespubliclibrary.org>

Blank Park Zoo

You may want to check out all the activities and special events they offer at this time.

- <https://www.blankparkzoo.com/>

Cultivating Hope Farms

- <https://cultivatinghopefarms.org/>

4-H

- <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/>

Goldie's Kids Club

- <https://iowaculture.gov/goldie>

Hy-Vee Kids Fitness Program

- <https://hy-veekidsfit.com>

ICAN

- www.icansucceed.org

Iowa Living History Farms

- <https://www.lhf.org>

National Parks Service

- **Every Kid Outdoors**

Octagon Center For the Arts

- <https://octagonarts.org>

Reiman Gardens

- [Reiman Gardens](http://ReimanGardens)

Science Center of Iowa (SCI)ms

- <https://www.sciowa.org>

Seven Oaks Recreation

- <https://sevenoaksrec.com>

Story County Conservation

- <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/1579/Conservation-Parks>

- [Online Learning Resources](#)

Story Theater Company (STC)

- <https://www.storytheatercompany.org/>

Youth Matinee Series at ISU

- <https://www.center.iastate.edu/education/>