

Ames HSAP Newsletter

December 2021
January 2022

HSAP Website: ameshsap.org



Iowa Assessments in January 2022

Students who are signed up for Iowa Assessments have been sent an email with their testing group and should expect more details about testing in a follow-up email by mid-December. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Stephanie Haila (stephanie.haila@ames.k12.ia.us).



Ames HSAP Resource Library

The library will continue to be open during our enrichment classes (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday).

- The HSAP Resource Library will *not* be open during the break.
- In January of 2022, the HSAP Library will be open during Iowa Assessment testing.
- You can also make arrangements with your supervising teacher if you need to look for resources.
- Once Quarter 3 Enrichment Classes begin on January 24, the HSAP Library will again be open during regular hours.

Final Week - Quarter 2 Enrichment Classes

Our final week of the second quarter enrichment classes takes place from December 13 – December 17. We enjoy seeing so many of you in person!

For Your Calendar

Qtr 2 Enrichment	11.29 – 12.17
Final Week of Qtr 2 Classes	12.13 – 12.17
Group A: IA Wk 1 Mornings	1.03, 5, & 6
Group B: IA Wk 1 Afternoons	1.03, 5, & 6
Group C: IA Wk 2 Mornings	1.10, 12, & 13
Group D: IA Wk 2 Afternoons	1.10, 12, & 13
Group E: IA	1.03 & 1.06
Graduation Planning Meeting	1.18
Spelling Bee	1.20
Ice Skating at Ames/ISU Arena	1.21
District Large Group Speech Contest	1.22
Quarter 3 Enrichment Classes	1.24 – 3.4
Shocking Developments Field Trip	2.4
Dem Bones Field Trip	2.4
Enviroscape Field Trip	2.4
Living History Farms Field Trip at HV	2.25
No Enrichment Classes	3.8 – 3.12
Junk Box Wars	3.09
Spring Break	3.14- 3.18
Quarter 4 Enrichment Classes	3.21 – 4.29



HSAP Curriculum Library

If you are interested in borrowing some of the additional resources we have, please contact Kathy Burns (kathy.burns@ames.k12.ia.us). She will let you know if the resource you're looking for is available, or place you on a waiting list, if desired. Our resources include:

- Barton (Level 1- Level 10)
- Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)
- Saxon Math for middle school and high school
- Teaching Textbooks for middle school/high school math.



"It was the kind of snow that brought children running out their doors, made them turn their faces skyward, and spin in circles with their arms outstretched."
Eowyn Ivey



Spelling Bee in 2022

Our HSAP "School Bee" (a local bee for the Scripps National Spelling Bee) will take place on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 6:30 pm at Harvest Vineyard (320 S 17th St, Ames). It will consist of two smaller bees, the first one is for K-3rd grade students and the second bee is for 4th-8th graders. Each bee will begin with several practice rounds in which no one is eliminated, to allow students to get comfortable with the process and to practice speaking out loudly and clearly.

All participants will get to choose a free Scholastic book. The winner of the 4th-8th grade bee will be eligible to go on to compete at the regional bee in Rock Island, Illinois, on March 19. Sarah Johnson has already sent out study lists to families. If you have any other questions, please email Sarah Johnson (sarah.johnson@ames.k12.ia.us).



PSEO Registration Forms for the 2022 Spring Semester ISU Classes

Our AHS Liaison, Sonia Harold, has notified our families that enrollment is now open for ISU Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) courses for this spring semester. She has developed an excellent resource for our families with high school students, and we encourage you to visit this website which outlines the procedure for registering for ISU PSEO.

[ISU PSEO Procedure](#)



Registration Forms for the 2022 Spring Semester DMACC Classes

Please note that the preferred deadline for registration for DMACC spring semester is December 1. Technically, registration can occur up to the first day of class, but the sooner you complete registration, the better the chance you will

DMACC Spring Registration (continued)

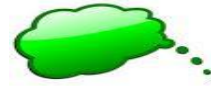
get a seat. Spring semester runs from January 10 - May 5, 2022

[This](#) document includes the registration forms and procedure for registering. As always, don't hesitate to contact Sonia Harold if you have any questions. (sonia.harold@ames.k12.ia.us)



Planning Meeting for the Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony

If you have a student who is interested in being a part of the 2022 Graduation Ceremony, please join other parents and graduates-to-be on Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm at Stonebrook Community Church (3611 Eisenhower Avenue in Ames). The graduates and parents will begin the process of organizing the spring ceremony at this meeting. If you have a student who would like to participate in the ceremony, but you are unable to attend and would like your graduate's name to be added to the list, email supervising teacher Joyce Bannantine (joyce.bannantine@ames.k12.is.us). This event is organized by the parents and graduates.



High School Speech contest:

COVID-19 restrictions *may* once again shape the way in which the Iowa High School Speech contests are held. Practice for those competing in the Large Group Speech Contest begins this month, in December. HSAP dual-enrolled students who are involved in the Ames High School Speech Club are encouraged to remain updated by visiting the Ames High School website regularly:

- [AHS Speech Club](#) If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ripley or our own Mrs. Anderson (judy.anderson@ames.k12.ia.us).



Quarter 3 Enrichment Classes

Our third quarter enrichment classes begin on January 24 and will meet until March 4.



2022 HSAP Ice Skating

Although circumstances prevented us having this past January, our annual ice skating event has been a popular HSAP activity! We hope you can join us at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena (1507 Gateway Hills Park Drive) in the new year.

- Friday, January 21, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- The HSAP pays the admission cost for our HSAP students.
- HSAP students must pay for their own skate rental (\$2.00)
- Non-HSAP skaters (including adults) pay for their own admission (\$4.00) AND skate rental (\$2.00).
- All who attend should dress warmly because the ice skating arena is an open area and quite chilly. We suggest you dress in layers.
- No pre-registration required
- Please sign-in with a supervising teacher after arriving in the arena.



DMACC Partnership Programs

See how DMACC partners with these institutions to help you earn your four year degree.

<https://www.dmacc.edu/transfer/Pages/partnershipprograms.aspx>

General Field Trip Reminders:

Our HSAP “in person” field trips continue! This year all registration for field trips will take place through our HSAP website: ameshsap.org

- Under the Program Resources heading, choose Services; Scroll down to “In Person Field Trips”
- Field trips will be open for registration two months at a time. (Currently featuring January & February)
- 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 during our field trips.***
- HSAP Field Trip Coordinator is Carrie Pahl.
[Carrie Pahl](#)

February Field Trips



Shocking Developments

Grades: 2-3

Friday, February 4

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (12:45 pm check in)

Harvest Vineyard (320 S. 17th Street, Ames)

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 31

It's a shock where electricity can be found in nature! Learn all about electricity and do some amazing hands-on experiments. This is a Story County Conservation In-Class program.

- No fee for this event
- COVID Policy: Masks are required at this time.



Dem Bones

Grades: 4-5

Friday, February 4

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (12:45 pm check in)

Harvest Vineyard (320 S. 17th Street, Ames)

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 31

Through games and puzzles learn about the bones and skeletal systems of different vertebrates. Explore the unique similarities among them all. This is a Story County Conservation In-Class program.

- No fee for this event
- COVID Policy: Masks are required at this time.



Enviroscape

Grades: 6 & up

Friday, February 4

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (12:45 pm check in)

Harvest Vineyard (320 S. 17th Street, Ames)

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 31

Hands-on learning about water pollution connects what we do on land to what happens in our rivers, lakes, and oceans. This is a Story County Conservation In-Class program.

- No fee for this event
- COVID Policy: Masks are required at this time.



Living History Farms Ioway Crafts and Culture (In-class Program)

Grades: 2-3 Grades: 4-5

Friday, February 25

9:00 am – 11:15 am (8:45 am check in)

Harvest Vineyard (320 S. 17th Street, Ames)

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 18

Living History Farms will bring their program to us!
Ioway Crafts: Discover through hands-on activities how the Ioway made pots for cooking and storage, made rope with native materials, and created the tools that they needed in their everyday life. Each student will make a pot to take home!

Ioway Culture: What was life like for the Ioway on a daily basis around the year 1700? Find out as you learn how the Ioway prepared and preserved their food, built their homes, made their clothing, and traded with the French. Learn words from their language as you sing songs and experience their storytelling traditions. At the end of the program, enjoy a buffalo jerky snack.

- No fee for this event
- COVID Policy: Masks are required at this time.

Please note, although content may be similar, the students will be in separate rooms, according to their grade levels.



Junk Box Wars has become an annual event for our HSAP group, and you are welcome to join us on Wednesday, March 9, from 9:00 am until around 11:30 am. This activity provides an opportunity for students to invent an object that helps meet a challenge from a box filled with junk!

This activity is open to anyone in 3rd grade and up, as long as the student has an attention span allowing for 1½ hours of group project work. This year's specific challenge is..... not to be identified until the morning of the 9th! Students will use their time to plan, build, and practice. Students will be placed on a small team with others in their age range. More specific details and the opportunity to register will be forthcoming "next year"!



The Global Innovation Field Trip

The Global Innovation Field Trip (GIFT) is a "24-hour, multi-country collaboration, celebrating the young innovators (grades K-12) and those who educate, inspire, and sponsor innovation."

The next event takes place on January 15-16, 2022, at 12 Noon EDT/USA. Examine their website and see if this interests anyone in your family: <https://innovationworld.org/gift-home/>. You'll find a gallery of past winners (K-12), pictured with their innovations.



What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?

A meltdown!

What is Frosty's favorite Aunt?

Aunt Artica

What did the snowman and his wife put over their baby's crib?

A snow-mobile

What is the favorite spicy food of snowmen?

Brrrrr-itos

What do you call a slow skier?

A slope-poke

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party

"Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow"



Tongue Twisters

Try to say each one a minimum of three (3) times in a row. For a greater challenge, repeat the phrases or sentences as quickly as you can.

- Zebras zig and zebras zag.
- Greek grapes, Greek grapes, Greek grapes
- Kitty caught the kitten in the kitchen.
- Six slimy snails slid slowly seaward.
- Seventy-seven benevolent elephants
- If a dog chews shoes, whose shoes does he choose?



Additional Ideas, Opportunities to Consider

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

Ames Children's Choirs

Their choirs include boys and girls ages 7-18.

- The annual *Winter Concert* features three ensembles, and will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 4.
- Concert site: First United Methodist Church (516 Kellogg Avenue, Ames)
- *Masks will be required*
- Ticket prices: Advance@Rieman Music-\$5.00 (stdt/srs)-\$8.00 (adults); \$8.00-\$12.00 at door
- <https://www.ameschildrenschoirs.org>

Ames Public Library

Consider exploring the calendar of our local Ames library (515 Douglas Avenue)

- They hold a monthly Homeschool Book Club - next meeting December 2 from 10:00 am -11:00 am, and features a mystery (*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein).
- On December 11, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm they'll show "Elf" as an interactive movie experience for all who attend.
- December 22: Family event - A Christmas Storytime Special from 10:30 am - 11:30 am.
- On January 6, 2022, the genre for the Homeschool Book Club is nonfiction. Read your own selection and come ready to share about it. Participants will receive a free copy of the February selection.
- There are also many other programs or resources you may find helpful or interesting for your family, such as "Science at the Library" on Friday mornings. Check out their website.
- [Ames Public Library](#)

Ames TubaChristmas

- This event is free and fun for all ages!
- Only tubas, euphoniums, baritones, and sousaphones will be played by the musicians
- Saturday, December 4, at 3:00 pm (doors open at 2:30 pm)
- Held in Stephens Auditorium this year (ISU campus: 1900 Center Drive)
- No tickets required
- *Masks are encouraged*

Blank Park Zoo

This 2 ½ hour program, including hands-on learning stations, is for homeschool families with children ages 2-12 and takes place the first Friday of the month from September-April (exception is January).

The next two events are Friday, December 3, and Friday, January 14.

Details for sign up and costs are on their website:

- <https://www.blankparkzoo.com/education/commUnity-programs/home-school/>

ExerCYse Time

ISU will again offer ExerCYse Time for two more Fridays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Forker Gym #184 on the ISU campus. There is a parental permission form to be completed. Volunteers are highly encouraged to wear masks, and although this is not a requirement, you may decide whether you and your child will wear a mask.

- Friday: 12.3, AND 12.10
- You can fill out a parental permission form in person at the event.

4-H ISU Extension & Outreach

- If there are any of our HSAP students who are interested in participating in 4-H and Clover Kids, you can contact the ISU Extension Office at 515-382-6551 and also find more information on their website:
- <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/page/join-4-h>



Geocache Elf Hunt

- This public event takes place in McFarland Park (Story County Conservation)
- Sunday, December 12, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Learn how to use GPS, and search the woods to find stockings of goodies and elves hiding nearby. Bring back an elf to claim a special prize.
- Spots are limited (20 groups). Register by 4:00 pm on Monday, December 6; \$5.00 per collector (children 3-14 years old)
- [Geocache Elf Hunt](#)



Goldie's Kids Club

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has a program called Goldie's Kids Club "to introduce children aged 12 and under to Iowa history and its stars Goldie the eastern goldfinch, the state bird."

Additional Ideas, Opportunities to Consider

Goldie's Kids Club (continued)

Please investigate their website to find out what they have to offer (including "History Mystery", activities, a Storytime digital book recommendation, and other items that can be accessed in their archives).

- <https://iowaculture.gov/goldie>
- *History Mystery* at 10:00 am: December 4 & 28, January 8 (register the Friday before)
- *Innovative Iowans*-available starting December 4, date in January 2022 not yet specified
- *Storytime* - to be digitally released December 15, date in January 2022 not yet specified

Hidden Candy Cane Hike



- Sunday, December 19 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Oriole Ridge Lodge, 67464 250th Street, Colo
- Registration is required by 4:30 pm, Thursday, December 16; \$10.00 fee per family (up to 5 members with at least one adult)
- <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/95/Conservation-Parks>

Hy-Vee Kids Fitness Program

Includes a five week challenge, including videos, training tools, a blog, and more

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

ICAN

If you have a high school student, you may want to visit the ICAN website. It features a variety of resources for career planning, college planning, financial aid and helpful steps for success. They also have an ICAN Scholarship Database. Call to make a virtual or in-person appointment.

- www.icansucceed.org 1.877.272.4692

Octagon Center For the Arts

In-person classes are back! The Octagon Shop remains open, offering holiday hours.

- <https://octagonarts.org>

Paint a Holiday Birdhouse Gourd

Decorate your own pre-cut gourd with all supplies provided, and sip hot cocoa

- Tuesday, December 7, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm at the Story County Conservation Center (56461 180th Street, Ames)
- This program is best for ages 6 and over.
- Wear clothing that may get paint on it
- Fee of \$7.00 per gourd is required with online registration completed by 4:30 pm on Monday, December 6, 2021
- <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=2373&month=12&year=2021&day=7&calType=0>

Reiman Gardens

The outdoor walk-through holiday light show is back for its second year, and better than ever! This outdoor walk-through features a variety of immersive light displays throughout the 17-acre site. It will take place on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. They encourage you to pre-purchase your tickets for the *Winter Wonderscape Holiday Light Show*:

- <https://www.reimangardens.com>
- 12.2,3,4; 12.9,10,11; 12.16,17,18; 12.23,24; 12.30,31; 1.1,2.

Seven Oaks Recreation

- Their anticipated opening date is December 4th as they get ready for the Ski, Snowboard, and Snow Tube season.
- They offer eight (8) different *Home School Days on the Slopes* during the season on Fridays from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm (1.7, 1.14, 1.21, 1.28, 2.4, 2.11, 2.18, 2.25).
- On *Homeschool Days* – 50% off day & night rates for skiing & snowboarding.
- <https://sevenoaksrec.com>

Story County Online Learning Resources

The Story County naturalists have recorded parts of their in-class programs to be used by anyone as supplemental resources. They will keep adding to their list of resources. Here is the link:

- <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/1463/Online-Learning-Resources>

Story Theater Company

Offers theatrical opportunities for area children. 2022 will bring new productions, so visit their website for more information and details.

Vision Homeschool Basketball

This is a homeschool program, and is faith-based. Visit their website and check out their schedule if you would like to watch a game or find out more.

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

Youth Matinee Series

The admission for the Youth Matinee Series performances is \$4.00 for all attendees (students, parents, teachers, and chaperones). Seating is general admission and you are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes before curtain time.

- *Barjche – Orchesis I Dance Company* (2.4 at 10:00 am in Fisher Theatre, Grades: 3-12)
- *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* (2.14 at 10:00 am or 12:30 pm in Stephens Auditorium, Grades: 1-5)
- *Pout Pout Fish* (3.2 at 10:00 am or 12:30 pm in Stephens Auditorium, Grades: PreK-2)
- <https://www.center.iastate.edu/education/>



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