

# Ames HSAP Newsletter

May 2024

## HSAP Events For Your Calendar

Iowa Assessments	4.29, 5.1, 5.2 5.6, 5.8, 5.9
Resource Center Hours	4.29, 5.1, 5.2 5.6, 5.8, 5.9
AMS Dual-Enrollment Meeting	5.07
Ice Cream Social Family Event	5.17
Mary Greeley Mileage Club ends	5.17

Ames HSAP website: <http://ameshsap.org>



### Are You Considering Dual Enrollment at Ames Middle School (2024/2025)?

Join us on **Tuesday, May 7, from 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm** in Room 111 at Harvest Vineyard (320 S. 17th Street, Ames) to find out more about the option of dual enrollment at Ames Middle School (AMS). Topics that will be covered include:

- Available AMS classes and activities
- AMS Scheduling
- How to sign up for classes, clubs, and/or extracurricular activities
- Testing and acceleration
- Chromebooks
- Building Tour
- Fees
- Carpooling

If you are unable to attend the meeting but want more information, please reach out to our AMS liaison, HSAP staff member Stephanie Haila at:

- [stephanie.haila@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto:stephanie.haila@ames.k12.ia.us)

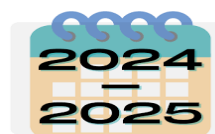


Dear HSAP family,

*I am retiring at the end of this school year. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to teach your amazing students. It has been a real joy.*

Judy Anderson

We will all miss you, dear Judy!



### Are You Ready for 2024/2025? Registration Information (and other cool details)

A GIANT "Thank you" to everyone who has already sent in your completed Form A for next year! In case your email became buried in your inbox, [HERE IS A LINK](#) to its contents (from [hsapregistration@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto:hsapregistration@ames.k12.ia.us)). Our Ames HSAP registration consists of ONE document this year (Form A). We greatly appreciate receiving these completed forms before the end of the school year. You'll also find other helpful links.



## **Stock the IA Snack Room for Week 2**

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. We are very grateful for all the contributions that we received on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> for this first week of testing.

**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 that equipment*)
- String cheese, meats-sticks (can be cut into  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{3}$ ),
- 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.*

## **Resource Center (formerly known as The Resource Library)**

The HSAP Resource Center will be open during the Iowa Assessments (Rm 102 in Harvest Vineyard)

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (4.29, 5.1, 5.2)  
9:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (5.6, 5.8, 5.9)  
9:00 am – 12 noon

Please feel free to keep materials that you are still working with at this time. There will be opportunities offered during this summer to return them, as well as choose new materials. Joni Gainer, our Resource Center Coordinator, will announce summer hours at a later date.

Our summer hours will probably only go through mid-July. Our staff needs to pack up materials for the move to our new location at the Ames Center. At this time a date has not been established for when we will open in our new location.



## **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 17th** from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- **Where:** Walnut Shelter at Inis Grove Park (Near the Miracle Playground - 2500 Duff Avenue)
- **What to bring (don't feel obligated):** 1 dozen cookies or bars to share (**PLEASE NO NUTS**)
- **Why:** To celebrate another year of learning and growing together!
- **Please note:** Our beloved Judy Anderson is retiring at the end of this school year, and we will have a basket available for any cards you would like to bring.
- We will bring our Lost & Found Box to this event.



### **Live United Food Drive was a Success**

**Thank you** to all in our incredible HSAP families who were able to participate in the *Live United* Food Drive. The food items and other products that we collected and donated were picked up on Friday, April 26. We received a big thank you from a local pantry that immediately added these items to their shelves. It's been a delight to work with our families on helping our community.



### **2024 Mileage Club**

Mileage Club began on March 25 and we are in our final phase (ending on May 17). The goal of this eight (8) week program is to encourage students to increase activity levels, and we have many “on track” to earn a free t-shirt by completing a total of 25 miles or more. Kathy Burns thanks you for your participation (especially with our often-changing Iowa weather)! All families with participants will receive future notice regarding how the remaining awards will be distributed. The t-shirts will not arrive until mid-to-late May.



### **The Golden Goose was Grand!**

Congratulations on a job well done for all of those 4th, 5th and 6th graders who performed an original adaptation of *The Golden Goose* in April. It was very enjoyable and entertaining to watch! A special thanks to Judy Anderson, Jill Riker, and Stacey Trytek for their roles in producing, directing, and set design for this event. We also thank Becky Moe and student helper Naomi Olinger for helping adapt the story, and assisting in many ways. Numerous parents, students, and friends enhanced this experience with their contributions and we deeply appreciate you!



### **The Ames Center**

Our Ames HSAP will be moving to the AMES (*Ames Multipurpose Educational Services*) Center (1323 Northwestern Avenue) as soon as the renovation is complete (scheduled for July 31).

If move-in happens on schedule, there will be a few weeks at the end of July and/or the beginning of August during which time our Resource Center will be unavailable. We'll get it up and running in our new space as soon as possible and with as little inconvenience to you as possible! We'll keep you informed at that time.

We plan on hosting an open house of our new space in the AMES Center at the beginning of the 2024/2025 school year. The date and time have not yet been set.



### **High School Website**

For the *most current updates, and the best resources/helps* you can find, please consider visiting the website that HSAP SUPERvising teacher Sonia Harold has crafted. You may want to check out the additional information for Juniors (becoming a Mentor) and Seniors that can be found on the main page (new scholarship opportunities). You will also find relevant information for those in middle school who are planning ahead. <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.

## 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](#)



## Humor Me

Why did the bear eat the flashlight?  
*He wanted a light snack.*

Why did the man sit on a clock?  
*He was told to work overtime!*

How did the cyclist puncture his tire?  
*He ran over a fork in the road.*

Why did the vegetable house need a new roof?  
*Because it was full of leeks*

Why did the fungus want a bigger house?  
*He didn't have mushroom.*

Why did the bean run away from the farm?  
*The farmer was picking on him.*

## Please ...More Jokes

What did the dice say when the cards refused to shuffle?

*I'll deal with you later.*

How do fisherman catch virtual fish?

*Online*

Where do kittens play?

*At a-mews-ment parks*

Where do barbers keep their money?

*In a shaving account*

**Please contact our teachers by following this format:**

[first.name.last.name@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto:first.name.last.name@ames.k12.ia.us).

## **Specific HSAP Contacts:**

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<b>AMS Liaison</b>	<b>Stephanie Haila</b>
<b>Curriculum Center</b>	<b>Kathy Burns</b>
<b>Drama</b>	<b>Judy Anderson</b>
<b>Field Trips</b>	<b>Carrie Pahl</b>
<b>HSAP Coordinator</b>	<b>Kathy Geis</b>
<b>HSAP Website</b>	<b>Stephanie Haila</b>
<b>Iowa Assessments</b>	<b>Wendy Pixler</b> <b>Stephanie Haila</b>
<b>K-1</b>	<b>Diane Prescott</b> <b>Kathy Geis</b> <b>Ashton Riedell</b>
<b>Mileage Club</b>	<b>Kathy Burns</b>
<b>Newsletter Info</b>	<b>Kathy Burns</b>
<b>Resource Center</b>	<b>Joni Gainer</b>
<b>Scholastic Books</b>	<b>Wendy Pixler</b>
<b>Speech Contest</b>	<b>Judy Anderson</b>
<b>Spelling Bee</b>	<b>Sarah Johnson</b>



### **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](mailto: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

Cultivating Hope Farms just partnered with Learning Pearls to offer summer learning sessions on the farm. Please refer to the flyer in the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/cultivating-hope-farms-50633781663>

Parents can also register on our website at

- <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](http://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](https://reimangardens.org)

#### 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

One more production is scheduled for this school year.

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

