

Ames HSAP Newsletter

November 2021

HSAP Website: ameshsap.org



Quarter 2 Enrichment Classes

The week of November 1st marks the first week of our second quarter of HSAP Enrichment Classes. As always, we are looking forward to seeing our students in person. Please remember that the ACSD requires that students and teachers wear a mask, unless an exemption has been approved. We had an enjoyable first quarter of classes, and look forward to another round of joyful learning!



ACT/SAT Prep Class Sign Up Deadline

Attention students planning to take the ACT or SAT this fall: Mr. Webb and Mrs. Engelkes are offering an ACT/SAT Prep Class starting Monday, November 8th. The class will meet on three Mondays and one Tuesday for two hours each time (November 8, 16, 22, and 29). The cost for the class is \$35. [Detailed information about the class](#) is available. [Registration for the ACT/SAT prep class](#) is through this Google form. **Registration opened at 7:00 am on Monday, October 25, and will end on Monday, November 1, at 7:00 pm.** Payment is due by Friday, November 5.

For Your Calendar

Quarter 2 Enrichment	11.01-12.17
Daylight Saving Time Ends	11.07
Nov Field Trips Registration Deadline	11.09
Dr. Dirt Field Trip (Gr 2-3)	11.12
Circulation Spectacular Field Trip (4-5)	11.12
Endangered Species Field Trip (Gr 6+)	11.12
No Enrichment Classes	11.22-11.26
Final Week of Quarter 2 Classes	12.13-12.17



AHS Speech Contest November 1 Deadline

Please explore the Ames High Speech Club website to find out more details as *entries and sign-ups are due Monday, November 1*. Please use this link: [AHS Speech Club](#). Large Group practices beginning in December. The coaches are: [Chuck Ripley](#) and [Kate Engelkes](#)



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 October & November)
- 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](#)

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS



Dr. Dirt

Grades: 2-3

Friday, November 12

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (12:45 pm check in)

Harvest Vineyard (320 South 17th Street, Ames)

Registration Deadline-Tuesday, November 9

Dr. Dirt cooks up the recipe for Iowa's million-dollar soils, and students get their hands dirty investigating soil properties. Find out why our soil is eroding and how we can save it!

- No fee for this event
- COVID Policies: Masks are required by Ames School District mandate at this time.



Circulation Spectacular - In Class Field Trip

Grades: 4-5

Friday, November 12

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (12:45 pm check in)

Harvest Vineyard (320 South 17th Street, Ames)

Registration Deadline-Tuesday, November 9

Explore the circulatory systems of various animals. Dissected fish and mammal hearts will be brought into the classroom.

- No fee for this event
- COVID Policies: Masks are required by Ames School District mandate at this time.



Endangered Species

Grades: 6 plus

Friday, November 12

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (12:45 pm check in)

Harvest Vineyard (320 South 17th Street, Ames)

Registration Deadline-Tuesday, November 9

Understand why animals become endangered and discover ways to help them.

- No fee for this event
- COVID Policies: Masks are required by Ames School District mandate at this time.

Consider Virtual Field Trips

- Our HSAP Field Trip Coordinator Carrie Pahl has also developed a reference list for those who would like to take a "virtual field trip".
- Using our website (ameshsap.org), find the Program Services heading
 - o Choose Services;
 - o Scroll down and choose "Virtual Field Trips"
 - o Virtual field trips are divided into eleven (11) different topics
- *Note:* Please view virtual field trips first to see if they are appropriate for your children. Also, be aware there are simple crafts, lesson plans and activities that are included on many of the websites. The history sites have primary sources available such as letters and other documents. These are just a few suggestions of websites with great educational resources and virtual field trips. This virtual field trip list is meant to inspire, rather than serve as a complete compilation.



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 chance of getting 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)



GirlsCode++ A Free Virtual Event

While Computer Science is known to be one of the fastest-growing majors today, women make up only 18% of graduates. GirlsCode++ is hosting a virtual *free* hands-on experience on Saturday, November 13 to allow girls from 8th grade to 12th grade to dig deeper into programming. Mentors from the industry will guide students to learn HTML and CSS to build their own website. Register at newbo.co/girlscode for this virtual event that takes place from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.



HSAP Library News

The library will be open during the times we are offering enrichment classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during Quarter 2:

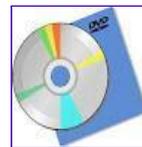
- Mondays 11:45 am - 2:45 pm
- Wednesdays/Thursdays 9:30 am – 11:30am and 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Joni Gainer is our HSAP Resource Librarian. The library is arranged so you can easily search for the types of resources you may want to borrow. There are also donations we've received on the "Free" carts. *Please "check us out"!*



Class of 2022

If you have a student who is a high school senior and you would like to help plan a graduation ceremony with other parents of seniors, please email joyce.bannantine@ames.k12.ia.us.



HSAP Curriculum Library

Please note that Kathy Burns will now oversee the HSAP Curriculum Library. You may inquire about availability of materials by emailing your request: [Kathy Burns](mailto:Kathy.Burns). Your options include: Saxon math bundles for upper level math, Teaching Textbook sets for upper level math, Barton reading, and IEW writing materials. She will notify you if they are available, and set them aside for pick up any time the library is open. If Kathy is not available when you are in the building, you will need to ask one of the HSAP teachers to retrieve it for you from our teacher's workroom. ***These materials must be returned to a teacher, and should not be placed in the return bin in the Resource Library.*** These sets can be checked out for the entire school year, if needed. We ask that you return materials to us as soon as you are finished with them, allowing other families an opportunity to use them.



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>



HSAP Student Writes & Publishes a Book

Congratulations, Erik Anderson! Erik, a tenth grade student in our Ames HSAP, has written a book and had it published! The book is titled “*The Map of Azoons*”. It is a fantasy. Nigeb Fortrute, a young flen living in secluded Ullantown, is invited with seven other flens by Dominum’s son to go on a journey that will make them a part of the battle against the evil Hondaloom. During their quest from Ullantown to Flenvinnum and from there to a hidden temple on a lonely island, the flens encounter opposition and are pursued by their enemies, the fearsome luns. But as the stages of their adventure unfold, Nigeb discovers the role that he has to play in history, and he has the key to the flens becoming Azoons, the mighty warriors of Old.

There will be a copy made available in the HSAP library. If you are interested in your own copy or the publishing site so you can write your own book here is the link:

WIPF and Stock Publishers
<https://wipfandstock.com/9781666717181/the-map-of-azoons/>



Gobble, Gobble, Giggle, Giggle

What sound does a turkey’s phone make?
Wing wing

Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey?
He sensed fowl play.

Why did the turkey join the band?
He had his own drumsticks.

What do you call a pumpkin that can slam-dunk a basketball?
Michael Gourdan

Final Giggle

If Pilgrims traveled on the Mayflower, what do college students travel on?
Scholar ships

What do Pilgrims bake with?
May Flour

Please contact our teachers by following this format: first name.last name@ames.k12.ia.us.

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Additional Activities/Groups to Consider

Please note: These are not sponsored by the HSAP, but may be of interest to you.

Ames Children's Choirs

Their choirs include boys and girls ages 7-18.

- Their 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)
- Ticket prices: Advance@Rieman Music-\$5.00 (stdt/srs)-\$8.00 (adults); \$6.00-\$12.00 at door
<https://www.ameschildrenschoirs.org>

Ames Public Library

Consider exploring the calendar of our local Ames library (515 Douglas Avenue). They have a monthly *Homeschool Book Club* (next meeting November 10 from 10:00am-11:00 am featuring historical fiction).

- Musical Interpretation and Style Saturday, November 6 at 10am (Frank Lévy)
- an Interactive Movie Experience on 11.13 at 2 pm (*The Princess Bride*)
- *Personalized Picks* (a librarian will suggest books based on your interests).
- There are also many other programs or resources you may find helpful or interesting for your family (including a "*Science at the Library*" on Friday mornings). Find out more on their website.
- <https://amespubliclibrary.org>

Blank Park Zoo "Homeschool Safari"

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 event is Friday, November 5.

Details for sign up and costs are on their website:

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

Book It!

Reading incentive program from October to March for students in K-6 grade (ages 5-12); Enrollment is accomplished online at their site. The award is a

one-topping personal pan pizza when your student reaches the requirement.

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

ExerCYse Time

ISU will again offer ExerCYse Time on many 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: 11.5, 11.12, 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. Explore their website to see if there are programs or opportunities that may be of interest to your student.

- Contact mwilkins@iastate.edu.
- <https://www.extension.iastate.edu>

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 – starting with Goldie the eastern goldfinch, the state bird." Please investigate the website to find out what they offer ("*History Mystery*", a Storytime digital book recommendation) and other items in their archives). If you explore their website's education section, you'll find additional offerings for older students.

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

Hy-Vee Kids Fitness Program

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

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

ICAN

Features a variety of resources for college and career, including financial aid and helpful steps for success. They have a MyACT career assessment tool where you can explore careers based on your interests. *I Can Succeed. In Education. In Career. In Life.*

- <https://www.icansucceed.org>
- 1(877) 272-4692

Iowa Living History Farms

This is an interactive, 500-acre outdoor museum that tells the 300+ year story of Iowan farmers. Check out their website for upcoming events.

<https://www.lhf.org>

- 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale, IA

ISU Tumbling Class Offered

ISU Assistant Professor Janice Baker (Department of Kinesiology) is offering a tumbling class to home schooled students in October and November. *This is **not** an HSAP sponsored event, and there will **not** be any HSAP supervising teachers at these sessions. Please contact her to see if there are any November openings if you have not been attending.*

- Class is from 9:15 am - 10:15 am in Forker 196 on the ISU campus
- Remaining dates We will be having class for tumbling October 25 - Nov 17th. (11.1, 11.3, 11.8, 11.10, 11.15, 11.17)
- Closer fitting activity clothing should be worn, bare feet, and hair pulled back.
- Instructors will be masked.

There is a possibility she will also offer a dance session from 10:45 am - 11:15 am in Forker 198. To express interest or ask questions, please contact Janice Baker: mover@iastate.edu.

Octagon Center for the Arts

They are once again offering in-person classes, as well as affordable art kits for fun at home (contactless pickup).

- <https://octagonarts.org>
- 427 Douglas Avenue

Reiman Gardens

There are a number of different events that may be of interest to your family at this lovely site in Ames. A Winter Wonderscape Holiday Light Show begins in early December. It's an outdoor walk-through with a variety of immersive light displays.

- <https://www.reimangardens.com/events/>
- 1407 University Boulevard, Ames

Santa Express

The Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad offers the traditional holiday ride (beginning November 26-28, with additional dates in December). More details, including times and cost are on the website.

- <https://bsvrr.com/wp/>

Science Center of Iowa

Visit their site to confirm offerings and hours of operation. A Homeschool Science Series with hands-on workshops is offered this year (current theme: James Webb Space Telescope – two more

workshops on November 4 & 11). Please visit their website for the dates, details and costs. The IMAX remains closed following the damage experienced during the 2018 derecho.

- <https://www.sciowa.org>
- 401 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Des Moines

Story County Conservation Center-Mcfarland Park

Classes, workshops, hikes, activities, Story County park maps, nature center, and volunteering are all a part of what you'll find on their website. Check out their calendar of events.

- <http://www.storycountyiowa.gov/95/Conservation-Parks>
- 56461 180th street; (515) 232-2516

Story Theater Company

This company offers theatrical opportunities for area children, with an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of theater. They have a number of performances planned for 2021/2022, including *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (November 12-21) at the STC Black Box Theater.

- <https://www.storytheatercompany.org/>
- 615 S Dayton Ave Suite #133, Ames

Vision Homeschool Basketball

This is a homeschool program, and is faith-based. It's not too late to sign up for Vision basketball! Visit their website or contact one of the coaches listed below for more information. Practices have started.

- <https://www.visionbb.org>
- If you have questions, please email Jared Smeenk: jsmeenk@frontlinebioenergy.com, or call James Heintz (515) 450-4423 or email him at jh6heintz@gmail.com or call Brad Scandrett (515) 450-7130.

Youth Matinee Series at ISU

This program has returned this year, beginning in November. All performances will include grade level recommendations. Additional shows can be found on their calendar. All seats are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. Investigate their website for more details about the upcoming productions.

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