

# Ames HSAP Newsletter

February 2024

HSAP Website: [ameshsap.org](http://ameshsap.org)



## Resource Library...Changes are Coming!

Exciting changes are coming to the resource library. We are going to begin the process of digitizing the library. The end result will be that families can look up what is in our library on their phones or computers, place holds, view the resource library hours, and so much more. We hope to have it up and running for our 2024/2025 school year. This will be a long and involved process, but we are looking forward to the end results.

*In the meantime*, we will continue using the card and pocket system. We will be weeding out the old and unused materials while we add barcodes and spine labels in preparation for the switch to digital.

### **How can you help?**

- Please return any items that you are done using.
- Please be patient if a shelf of books is out being readied for the new system.

### Resource Library Hours for February:

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

## For Your Calendar

Quarter 3 Enrichment Classes	1.22-3.01
Ames Power Plant Field Trip #1	2.09
Ames Power Plant Field Trip #2	2.16
Final Week of Qtr 3 Classes	2.26-3.01
No Enrichment Classes	3.04-3.08
I-Excel Testing	3.08
ACSD Spring Break	3.11-3.15
Quarter 4 Enrichment Classes	3.18-4.26
Mary Greeley Mileage Club	3.25-5.17
Life United Food Drive	4.08-4.25
Final Week of Quarter 3 Classes	4.22-4.25
Iowa Assessments	4.29-5.12



**MILEAGE CLUB**



## 2024 Mary Greeley Mileage Club for K-8

Mileage Club will begin on March 25, but all interested K-8 students are invited to join us! The goal of this eight (8) week program is to encourage students to increase activity levels. **Participation is voluntary and there is no cost.**

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 know that you would like to have any of your K-8 students participate in this program, please let *Mileage Club Director* Kathy Burns know ([kathy.burns@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto: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.
- More details will be emailed to those who sign up or express interest.

As a part of Mileage Club, Ames HSAP is also invited to participate in the *Live United Food Drive* in April (8-25). *Participation is voluntary.*

## 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 February and March)
  - 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](mailto: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.*

### February Field Trips



#### **Ames Electric Power Plant (Younger Families)**

Friday, February 9  
Best for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up

#### **Ames Electric Power Plant (Mixed Older & Younger Families)**

Friday, February 16  
Best for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up

### March Field Trips



#### **Ice Skating (Rescheduled Event)**

Friday, March 1  
Event Time: 11:30 am-1:30 pm  
Family Event



#### **Broomball (Rescheduled Event)**

Friday, March 1  
Event Time: Refer to website for specifics  
Grades 4 - 12

#### **Traveling Trunk**

*This is a prerequisite to Iowa History Day in April*

Friday, March 22  
Event Time: 1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
Grades: 4-5



### HSAP Spelling Bee Results

We appreciate all students who participated in our 2024 Spelling Bee. Congratulations to fourth grader, Charlie Coatney, who finished in first place on Tuesday afternoon (January 30<sup>th</sup>). The runner-up was Christian Nielsen, a second grader. All participants received a Scholastic book for being involved in the Bee. To find out more about the Scripps National Spelling Bee, you can visit their website: <https://spellingbee.com/>

### Ames HSAP Student Wins Contest

We congratulate Erik Anderson, a high school senior who is part of our HSAP, for his 1st place award in the essay contest for Martin Luther King Day. He read his essay at the Martin Luther King Day Celebration at Ames City Auditorium. Here's a link to listen to the essay. We're proud of you! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2gGKrYPlos&t=3s>

### AHS Speech Club

HSAP students Adela Osmundson and Naomi Olinger competed in the District Speech Contest in January. Adela has moved on to the state competition that will be held in Ankeny on February 3. We appreciate the variety of gifts and abilities our students demonstrate, and are proud of their performances.



### **For Families with Junior High & High School Students**

For the *most current and best resource* 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.

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



There was “*snow stopping*” those students who participated in our annual HSAP Junk Box Wars event in January. We appreciate all the students who joined us and how well they worked together in their small groups to complete the challenge.

### **Iowa Assessments Days and Times**

Families of students who will be registering for the Iowa Assessments can expect to receive an email within the next week or two with information explaining testing days and times. *Please watch your inbox!*

As a reminder, these tests will be available remotely and on-site at Harvest Vineyard (320 S. 17th St.) during the first two weeks of May. Both testing location options use online tests (not paper and pencil).

If you have questions or need assistance, contact either Stephanie ([stephanie.haila@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto:stephanie.haila@ames.k12.ia.us)) or Wendy Pixler ([wendy.pixler@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto:wendy.pixler@ames.k12.ia.us)) (515-520-0872).

### **A Second I-Excel Testing is Scheduled**

We will be hosting another I-Excel testing time for students who weren't able to make the one in January. It takes place on Friday, March 8 from 9:00 am-11:30 am. The I-Excel is a test normally given to 8th grade students, but is given to 4-6th grade students to identify giftedness. If you want to enroll your child the registration link is: <https://i-excel.org/register/?T=3035> . If you want more information, please contact Wendy Pixler: ([wendy.pixler@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto:wendy.pixler@ames.k12.ia.us))

### **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.

### **Scholarship Opportunity for High School Senior Students**

The Ames Rotary Scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 school year are now available for a senior in the Ames/Story County area who plans on attending an in-state college or university. The deadline is March 22, 2024.

Qualifications and the application can be found on the site through this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/233478759459174>



## Humor Me

Why was the meatball tired?

*Because it was pasta its bedtime*

What do elves do after school?

*Their gnomework*

Have you seen the new onion website?

*Yes, it's a SITE for sore eyes!*

Did you hear about the plumber who couldn't fix the pipes?

*The business went down the drain.*

Where do astronauts keep their sandwiches?

*In a launch box*

**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)**

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### **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!***

- Open rehearsals are being held in February to give singers the opportunity to check out the fun for free at The Plex (5501 George Carver Ave)
- Mondays: Prep Choir (7-8 yrs) 4:30-5:25 pm  
Chorale (9-11 yrs) 5:30-6:45 pm  
Tuesdays: Concert Choir (12-18 yrs) 5:30-7:30 pm
- Top level instruction, community outreach and travel opportunities

#### **The Ames Explorers Program developed by The Community Academy**

- 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](http://www.icansucceed.org)

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#### 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](#)

#### Science Center of Iowa (SCI)ms

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

#### Seven Oaks Recreation

- <https://sevenoaksrec.com>

#### Story County Conservation

- [Story County Conservation](#)

#### Story County Online Learning Resources

- [Online Learning Resources](#)

#### Story Theater Company (STC)

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

#### Vision Homeschool Basketball

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

#### Youth Matinee Series at ISU

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