



AMES HSAP NEWSLETTER

HSAP Website: ameshsap.org

Middle School/High School Record Keeping

On Tuesday, February 1, Sonia Harold and Irish Briese will present a “Parent Edition HSAP Enrichment” event, designed for HSAP families of 6th-12th graders. Join them in Room 106 at Harvest Vineyard (320 S 17th Street, Ames) beginning at 7:00 pm and concluding at 8:00 - 8:30 pm.

- They’ll be talking about options for your high school students and walking through ways to keep records through these years.
- Please view the added details about this timely event [here](#).



Open Enrollment Deadline Approaches

Tuesday, March 1st, 2022, is the open enrollment deadline for the 2022-2023 school year. 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 district. Once a student is open enrolled, there is no need to fill out open enrollment forms for that student again. If you know of others who wish to join our program from another district, please pass this information on to them.

Our resource is given below:

- [HERE](#) is a link for the 2022/2023 open enrollment application.



For Your Calendar



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To view and register for Field Trips:

- Go to our [HSAP website](#)
- Under Program Resources click on Services
- Scroll down and choose IN PERSON FIELD TRIPS
- Read the information by the stop sign
- Click on a month or scroll down to view
- Click on the Registration button
- Complete the Google Form
- Click on Submit

Field Trip Cancellations: If you have registered and need to cancel, please text or call Carrie Pahl (515) 450-4068 *as soon as possible* so others on the waiting list can join the field trips.



February In-Person 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

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 not required at this time.

Special Note: This field trip has 2 more openings for registration.



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 not required at this time.

Special Note: This field trip has 3 more openings for registration.



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 not required at this time.

Special Note: There are still several openings.



Living History Farms loway 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!

loway Crafts: Discover through hands-on activities how the loway 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!

loway Culture: What was life like for the loway on a daily basis around the year 1700? Find out as you learn how the loway 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 story telling traditions. At the end of the program, enjoy a buffalo jerky snack.

- No fee for this event

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



Opportunities for High School Students

Please glance over these opportunities for your high school student. With the exception of participation in Mock Trial, dual enrollment is *not* required for these opportunities and a full-time homeschool student is able to participate program.

- **The High School Mock Trial season** is starting up and recruiting! If you're interested in learning about the legal system and competing in a team as an attorney or witness, and you would like more information, contact Ms. Michelotti at peggy.michelotti@ames.k12.ia.us.
- **Raising Readers** in Story County is seeking volunteer tutors to promote literacy skills for kindergarten through fourth-grade students. Sessions run from the weeks of January 31st to April 25th. To sign up for tutoring, talk to **Mr. Gorman**. If you have questions, contact Jerri Heid at jerrheid@gmail.com.

Opportunities for High Schoolers *continued*

- **Students:** Puzzled about your future? DMACC invites you to explore all your possibilities by attending one of DMACC's Career Discovery Events. Come explore career pathways and learn about future educational and career opportunities. **Events are geared toward 9th-12th grade students, and teachers and parents are welcome to attend.** Additional events may be added throughout the semester, so check the website often. **Find additional details and REGISTER TODAY at www.dmaccc.edu/careerdiscovery.** Questions? Call (515) 965-7117 or email wbl@dmacc.edu.
- **The University of Chicago** has **Summer Session Programs** which are designed for high school students who are ready to tackle undergraduate-level material. The University of Chicago also offers scholarship programs that provide students the opportunity to participate in a Summer Session course free of charge. For more information, please visit SUMMER.UCHICAGO.EDU.



Food Collection for Our Service Class

During our 3rd quarter, we will be collecting non-perishable food for our HSAP 6-8th grade Service Class. During their final class, they will have a guest speaker from Bethesda Food Pantry who will share information about the services that they provide and the food insecurity that is experienced here in Iowa. At that time, the class will then help load up and give the items collected to the Pantry.

- *If you would like to donate food, there will be a box in the hallway near the library for students to place their donations while attending enrichment classes on Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday (or during a field trip).*
- *Our final day of collection will be Monday, February 28th.*



Thanks for the Calories!

We want to thank all of our HSAP families who contributed snacks during our January Iowa Assessments. The students had an enjoyable time socializing and munching and we remain very grateful for your generosity.



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.



In-Person K-4 PE Lessons at ISU

The ISU Department of Kinesiology will continue to offer eleven (11) weeks of in-person PE lessons to K-4 students in the Ames HSAP. PE will begin on Monday, February 14th, from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, in the Forker building on the ISU campus.

- The final day (May 2nd) will be devoted to swimming.
- ***These lessons are not monitored by the HSAP staff, and lessons are overseen by ISU professors and PE teachers-in-training who have undergone a full background check.***
- Parents will need to check in and out with their children. Two options: You may bring them inside to the gym OR ISU undergrad students will be in the main parking lot outside of Forker Building to bring the children into the gym, and then return them to the parking lot to sign out.
- Please notify Dr. Spyridoula Vazou if having your child dropped off and picked up in the parking lot is your preferred option, so she can staff properly. (svazou@iastate.edu)
- Another change for this semester is that they will be using the Joy of Moving activities <https://www.joyofmovinghandbook.com/en/the-project>.
- Participation is free, but there is a limit on the number of participants.
- Contact: Dr. Spyridoula Vazou at svazou@iastate.edu.



Ames HSAP Resource Library

The library will continue to be open during our enrichment classes (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday), but we will miss our HSAP Librarian Joni Gainer as she takes medical leave during the months of February and March.

- The hours for the HSAP Resource Library include Mondays from 11:45 am - 2:45 pm; along with Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm.
- You can continue to return any borrowed items, but we ask that you ***please hold on to your library donations until mid-April or later.***



2022 HSAP Spelling Bee Results

Our HSAP "Spelling Bee" took place on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 6:30 pm at Harvest Vineyard. A big thank you to HSAP teacher Sarah Johnson for her organization of our Spelling Bees. We were so delighted that many students participated in both bees, and are very proud of each student! Each student could choose a free Scholastic book.

In the K-3 Bee that started off the evening, *Royce Zhang* was champion, and *Oliver Waite* came in second place, after numerous rounds. Our congratulations to *Helen Zhang*, the champion of the 4th-8th grade Spelling Bee. *Henry Connors* finished in second place in this Gr 4-8 Bee. Helen is eligible to go on to compete at the regional bee in Rock Island, Illinois, on March 19.



Worksite Industry Tours for High Schoolers

Supervising teacher Sonia Harold received information from DMACC advisor, Megan Wicks, on worksite industry tours to share with our high school students.

- Todd & Sargent has a cap of 10
- Danfoss can accommodate up to 30

Worksite Industry Tours for High Schoolers

Todd & Sargent **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Description: Would you like a closer look at a career in drafting, engineering or designing? Join us at Todd & Sargent for an up-close glimpse at these careers and more. During this visit, you'll follow a project from each phase in-house, to creation with a visit to the job site.

Danfoss **Thursday, April 21, 2022**
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Description: This isn't your grandfather's manufacturing! Come to Danfoss, one of the largest employers in the Ames area and learn more about how they are *Engineering Tomorrow!* Hear from a panel of experienced professionals in various departments and take a tour of their production shop floor, as well as Research & Development areas. Join us to see opportunities in Engineering, IT, Supply Chain, Human Resources, Finance, Sales & Marketing, Production Leadership, Maintenance, Technician roles, the many internships they offer each year and much more!

Here's a link to the event registration: [Career Discovery Events](#).



High School Speech Club

Although we do not have any HSAP students presently participating in the Large Group Speech Contest, you may have a student who is interested in joining this group in the future. If you'd like to attend an event to learn more, you can find out about contest dates and sites by visiting the AHS website.

We do hope to see some of our HSAP students participate in the Individual Events (IE). The first contest for the IE for AHS Speech Club is February 26. This is followed by the State Individual Events on March 12, and the All State Individual Events Festival (University of Northern Iowa) on March 28.

- [AHS Speech Club](#)
- If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ripley (chuck.ripley@ames.k12.ia.us) or email HSAP supervising teacher Mrs. Judy Anderson (judy.anderson@ames.k12.ia.us).



2022 Graduation Ceremony Information

The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1, (location to be determined). Graduates will be making key decisions on this day, so it is very important for all graduates (and parents) to attend.

The graduates-to-be and the parents organizing this year's ceremony have met and are currently looking at Sunday, May 22, at 3:00 pm for the date of the graduation ceremony. The ceremony will be held at Heartland Baptist Church (3333 Stange Road).

If you would like to be a part of this ceremony, it's important that you contact Joyce Bannantine at joyce.bannantine@ames.k12.ia.us, and she will put you in contact with the parent leaders, Brad and Lucinda Scandrett.



Are you looking for a fun morning that allows your children a chance to collaborate with kids their age on a challenging activity? ***This HSAP event is open to anyone in 3rd grade and up***, as long as the student has an attention span allowing for 1 1/2 hours of group project work.

Here's how it works:

Students are grouped with 2-3 others their age and given instructions to build something that meets a particular challenge from a box of "junk." At the end of the morning, students test their object against the challenge to determine the winning team. There are no prizes--just the satisfaction of meeting the challenge or perhaps winning one's age group.

This year's Junk Box Wars is **Wednesday, March 9 beginning at 9:00 am** and will finish **before noon** at the Oakwood Road Community Center (2400 Oakwood Road, Ames). To register your child/children, please register [HERE](#).

- Registration deadline is **Wednesday, March 2!**
- There is no charge for participation. Masks are not required at this time.
- Snow date is Friday, March 11
- If you have questions, please email Mrs.Haila: (Stephanie.haila@ames.k12.ia.us)

Tutoring Services at the Duffelmeyer Reading Clinic at ISU

The Duffelmeyer Reading Clinic at ISU will be providing tutoring services for students K-12th grade Feb 8-April 25. Tutoring will be in the areas of reading, writing and spelling. Fill out the link below to secure a spot for your child. The tutoring is offered at no cost.

https://iastateeducation.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5aktieEYRF8nUUZ



Mary Greeley Mileage Club for K-8

This is the seventh year that our Ames HSAP has joined other local Story County schools to participate in the Mary Greeley Mileage Club. The goal of this eight (8) week program is to encourage students to increase activity levels. *Participation is voluntary and is open to those HSAP students who are in Kindergarten through 8th grade.*

The 2022 Mileage Club will take place from March 21-May 13. Kathy Burns will send out information to all families with children in K-8th grade, with additional details. We have 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 contact Kathy Burns (kathy.burns@ames.k12.ia.us), and provide their names and grade levels.



Humor Me

What do you get when you cross a bear with a skunk?

...Winnie the phew

What can hold a car, but can't lift a feather?

...a garage

What kind of ball doesn't bounce?

...a snowball



More Jokes, Please

What do you get if you cross a snowman with a shark?

...frost bite!

What do superheroes put in their drinks?

...just-ice

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday?

...Freeze a jolly good fellow!

What did one light bulb say to the other light bulb on Valentine's Day?

I wuv you watts and watts!

What do you write in a slug's Valentine's Day card?

Be my Valen-slime!

Knock Knock
Who's there?

Luke

Luke who?

Luke who got a Valentine!



Additional Ideas, Opportunities to Consider

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

Ames Children's Choirs

Their choirs include boys and girls ages 7-18. Visit their website for more information.

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

Ames Municipal Pool in February 2022

- Open Swim from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm on the weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) will end on February 27th.
- Admission will be only \$1.00 on the 26-27th.
- Located at Ames High (1925 Smes High Drive)

Ames Public Library

Consider exploring the calendar of our local Ames library (515 Douglas Avenue) They hold a monthly Homeschool Book Club - next meeting is February 3 from 10:00 am -11:00 am, and features realistic fiction (*The Vanderbeekers of 141st* by Karina Glaser)

Ames Public Library (continued)

- You may want to check out their website and scroll through their event calendar to see if you can find events that fit your family's interests and schedule. Some family activities include arts, crafts, and science experiments.
- Saturday, February 12, is the monthly STEM event from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Auditorium at the library.
- [Ames Public Library](#)

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. The program is from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. The next event is Friday, February 5. Details for sign up and costs are on their website:

- [February Homeschool Safari](#)
- Spring and Summer Safari Camp Registration is now open
- Join the Zoo Crew 2022 as a special volunteer opportunity for youth ages 13-17 (application deadline is March 1)
- Animal-related STEM boxes for those aged 1-8 years old can be ordered online
- [Blank Park Zoo](#)

Capitol Day

- Homeschool Iowa (Network of Iowa Christian Home Educators aka NICHE) has designed an in-person event at the Capitol Building in Des Moines. This will take place on March 15. [Capitol Day 2022](#)

ExerCYse Time

ISU will again offer ExerCYse Time each Friday in the month of February, as well as Friday, March 3rd. Consider joining them from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Forker Gym #184 on the ISU campus. There is a parental permission form that must be completed. Volunteers are highly encouraged to wear masks, and although *this is not a requirement* for anyone involved, you may decide whether you and your child will wear a mask.

- 2.4, 2.11, 2.18, 2.25, and 3.4.
- 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. There are a list of upcoming events in February, too (including STEM).
- [4 H ISU Extension](#)

Additional Ideas, Opportunities to Consider

Goldie's Kids Club

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has a program called Goldie's Kids Club to introduce children (12 and under) to Iowa history. It stars Goldie the eastern goldfinch (the state bird). 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 on February 5 (register the Friday before)
- *Innovative Iowans*-available starting February 5
- *Storytime* - to be digitally released February 16

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. On Tuesday, February 1, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm there will be opportunities to meet virtually with colleges and universities from Iowa and around the United States. Visit their website for details. www.icansucceed.org

Octagon Center For the Arts

Check their website to determine if the Octagon Shop is open, and whether or not in-person classes are available.

- <https://octagonarts.org>

Reiman Gardens

Homeschool Days are coming back to Reiman Gardens. Please regularly check their website to see what they have planned for the future. You can also investigate the current displays or events that are being offered at Reiman by visiting their website.

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

Seven Oaks Recreation

- They offer four (4) more *Home School Days on the Slopes* during this season on Fridays from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm (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:

- [Online Learning Resources](#)
- You may also want to check out the different parks and trails available in our area

Story Theater Company

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

- <https://www.storytheatercompany.org/>
- Check for upcoming productions and ticket sales (*Rutherford Wolf - STC on Tour*; *Badger* in April; *Shrek the Musical Jr.* in June)

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)
- *Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad* Drama with music (3.22 at 10:00 am or 12:30 pm in Stephens Auditorium, Grades: 3-8)
- <https://www.center.iastate.edu/education/>



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