

Ames HSAP Newsletter

March 2024

HSAP Website: ameshsap.org



<u>For Your Calendar</u>	
Final Week of Qtr 3 Enrichment	2.26-3.01
<i>Preferred Date to Complete Your 2024/2025 Enrollment Form</i>	3.01
No Enrichment Classes	3.04-3.08
Final Iowa Assessment Sign up Date	3.05
I-Excel Testing	3.08
Daylight Saving Time - spring forward	3.10
ACSD Spring Break	3.11-3.15
Quarter 4 Enrichment Classes	3.18-4.26
Mary Greeley Mileage Club	3.26-5.17
Life United Food Drive	4.08-4.25
The Golden Goose Production	4.19-4.20
Final Week of Quarter 4 Classes	4.22-4.25
Iowa Assessments	4.29-5.15
Ice Cream Social Family Event	5.17



Resource Center (formerly known as The Resource Library)

Yes, our name has changed. We have learned that a library can only be called a "library" if it is staffed with an official librarian with the proper degree to go with the title. We are all transitioning to the new title.

The HSAP Resource Center will be open again for fourth quarter classes (March 18-April 25). Those hours are:

- 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

The Resource Center will also be open during Iowa Assessment testing the weeks of April 29 and May 6.

Summer hours will be announced at a later date. *Please keep in mind that with our program moving to the Ames Center before the 2024-2025 school year, the Resource Center will be closed for several weeks.* Families may want to research and gather books and materials from our Resource Center by mid-summer.

Iowa Assessment Sign Ups, Enrollment Plans and Class Information arrives soon

Iowa Assessments: If you haven't yet signed up for Iowa Assessments and wish to do so, please do so [HERE](#) by March 5th.

Your 2024/2025 Plans: Please complete this [ENROLLMENT FORM](#) to indicate your enrollment plans for next year (*preferably by March 1st*).

The 2024/2025 Enrichment Class Signups are coming soon! Watch for an email on or around March 18th with the K-5 section selection form, the draft of Grades 6-12 classes, and information about signing up for grades 6-12 classes.

"Homeschooling is like crafting with glitter. It's messy and scary but so worth it." – Unknown



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 *March* and *April*)
- 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

Please always use the link listed above to note all the specifics on each field trip, including registration deadlines, location, and updates.

March and April Field Trips



Upcoming

Ice Skating (Rescheduled Event)

Friday, March 1

Event Time: 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Family Event

Traveling Trunk

Friday, March 22

Event Time: 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Grades: 4th & up

Attending the Traveling Trunk field trip is a prerequisite to Iowa History Day on April 26.

4th/5th graders *will not be allowed* to sign up for the Iowa History Day program (April 26) unless they signed up for Traveling Trunk (March 22) which was a prerequisite to Iowa Outdoor Day. Please consider carefully if you can do both events before signing up for Traveling Trunk.

Iowa History Day

Friday, April 26

Event Time: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Grades: 4th & up

Salisbury House & Gardens

Friday, April 5

Event Time: 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Grades: Salisbury House emphasized the tour is appropriate for grades 4th grade and older.

Deadline for registration: Friday, March 22

Nature Detectives

Friday, April 26

Event Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Grades: preschool to 1st grade



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.**

Thank you to all the families who have already signed up for Mileage Club. More details will be emailed to all families who sign up or express interest. *You have not missed any deadlines.* We welcome your participation.

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).
- 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.

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.*

AHS Speech Club

Five of our HSAP students recently competed in the IHSSA District Speech Competition this past weekend. We are very proud of them and amazed at their creativity and hard work! Aeven Briese, John Dirks, Naomi Olinger, Adela Osmundson, and Isaiah Riley are to be congratulated for all they accomplished. Naomi Olinger (*After Dinner Speaking*), Adela Osmundson (*Original Oratory*), and Isaiah Riley (*Storytelling*) are moving on to the State Competition. Our thoughts will be with you as you compete on March 9.



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>



Need More Drama in Your Lives? Join us for "The Golden Goose"

Some of our 4th, 5th and 6th graders will be performing an original adaptation of *The Golden Goose*. Performances will take place on Friday evening April 19th at 7:00 pm and Saturday morning, April 20th, at 10:00 am.

The production will be held at Harvest Vineyard in their auditorium (320 S. 17th Street, Ames). We hope that you can join us in supporting these students who have been diligently refining their acting skills.



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>

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.



Humor Me

Why did the leprechaun turn down a bowl of soup?
Because he already had a pot of gold!

What has eyes but can't see?
A potato

When is an Irish potato not an Irish potato?
When it's a french fry

What is Dwayne Johnson's Irish nickname?
The Sham-Rock

What does a leprechaun eat for lunch?
A ba-larney sandwich

What do you call a frog who jumps into a pot of gold?
A leap-rechaun

Please contact our teachers by following this format: first_name.last_name@ames.k12.ia.us.

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



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

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

Iowa Living History Farms

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

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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

- <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/1579/Conservation-Parks>

- [Online Learning Resources](#)

Story Theater Company (STC)

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

Youth Matinee Series at ISU

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

