

Ames HSAP Newsletter

November 2022



Middle School Game Night (including *Minecraft*)

A Game Night for HSAP Middle School Students (Grades 6, 7, and 8) is scheduled for **Friday, November 4**. It will take place from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Harvest Vineyard (320 S 17th Street, Ames). It won't *only* be all fun and games - snacks will also be provided! We hope to see you there. **Please Note: We will have an area set up to play Minecraft on the HSAP computers!**



First Week of Quarter 2 Enrichment Classes

The first week of our Quarter 2 HSAP enrichment classes is *October 31 – November 4*. No enrichment classes will be held the week of November 21-25.



Sunday morning, November 6, at 2:00 am is the official time where we “fall back” and reset our clocks to a time one hour earlier.

For Your Calendar

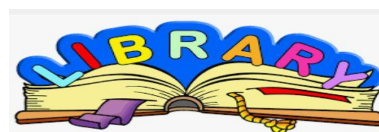
Quarter 2 Enrichment	10.31-12.16
AHS Speech Club Meeting	10.31
Middle School Game Night	11.04
Daylight Saving Time	11.06
First Aid – Part 1	11.14
First Aid – Part 2	11.21
No Enrichment Classes	11.21-11.25
Birds of a Feather Field Trip	12.02
Wonders of Weather Field Trip	12.02
Invasive Species Field Tri	12.02
Parent Connect #2 (9:30-10:30 am)	12.08
Water Rocks! & Board Games Field Trips	12.09
Final Quarter 2 Enrichment	12.12-12.16
Junk Box Wars	01.18.23

High School Speech Contest



Do you have a high school student who might be interested in acting, singing, giving speeches, telling stories, making movies, or possibly becoming a radio news announcer? *You must already be dual-enrolled at AHS to participate.* The *AHS Speech Club Annual Fall Kick-Off Informational Meeting* takes place on Monday, October 31 from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm in the AHS Media Center. Competitions start the middle of January, 2023. If you have questions or are interested in joining, please get in contact with Judy Anderson (email judy.anderson@ames.k12.ia.us) or Chuck Ripley, (email chuck.ripley@ames.k12.ia.us).

- [AHS Speech Club](#)



HSAP Resource Library Information

The HSAP Resource Library is full of curriculum and resources that you can check out for as long as you need. It's located on the lower level of Harvest Vineyard Church (320 S 17th Street, Ames) where we have our office and classes. Joni Gainer, our Resource Librarian, has added new shelves filled with items to support your efforts at home. Consider *checking out* the free carts too. Thanks to recent donations from our generous families, Joni added more free materials. The library is open during our enrichment classes:

- Monday from 12 noon to 3:00 pm
- Wednesday from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Thursday from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm



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 "Field Trips"
- Field trips will generally be open for registration two months at a time. (Currently featuring November & December events)
- 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.
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November HSAP Field Trips



Note: These workshops are one way to meet the high school graduation requirement for CPR training IF you have chosen to follow the AHS graduation specifications. Homeschool high school students (including dual-enrolled) are NOT required to take it as they do not receive a diploma from the Ames School District.

First Aid Part 1: CPR/Heimlich Maneuver

Grades: High School only

Monday, November 14

9:30 am - 11:30 am (check-in time 9:15 am)

Harvest Vineyard, 320 S. 17th Street, Ames

Registration Deadline: November 7

- There is a Part 2 for the First Aid Class (must register for them separately)
- Attending both Part 1 and Part 2 is not required
- No public school this day, but HSAP enrichment classes take place in the afternoon
- Wear comfortable clothes that are not revealing when leaning over
- Students will be kneeling on carpet as they lean over the CPR mannequin.
- Please check out all the details on the website
- There is no fee for this event



First Aid Part 2

Grades: High School only

Monday, November 21

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (check-in time 12:45 pm)

Harvest Vineyard, 320 S. 17th Street, Ames

Registration Deadline: November 15

- Attending *both* Part 1 and Part 2 is not required
- Two instructors will teach basic first aid using scenarios with a few props
- There are NO enrichment classes on this day
- Wear comfortable clothes that are not revealing when leaning over
- Please check out all the details on the website
- There is no fee for this event

December HSAP Field Trips



Birds of a Feather

Grades: Preschool - 1st Grade (An adult must attend with their children)

Friday, December 2

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm (check-in time 12:45 pm)

Harvest Vineyard, 320 S. 17th Street, Ames

Registration Deadline: November 29

Discover how birds use their special adaptations. This is an in-class program with the Story County conservationists.

- *This field trip is shorter than the other two offered at the same time.* The adults are welcome to visit with one another as the children play in the K/1 room, especially if they are waiting for other students (in grades 2-5) to finish their sessions.
- There is no fee for this program.

December HSAP Field Trips *(continued)*



Wonders of Weather

Grades: 2nd - 3rd

December 2

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm *(check-in time 12:45 pm)*

Harvest Vineyard, 320 S. 17th Street, Ames

Registration Deadline: November 29

Learn the Components of weather through hands-on learning stations.

- There is no fee for this program.



Invasive Species

Grades: 4th - 5th

Friday, December 2

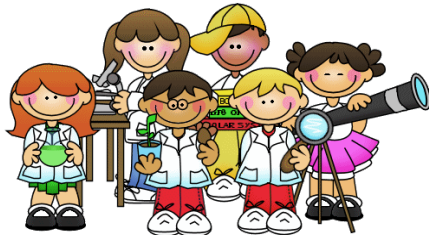
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm *(check-in time 12:45 pm)*

Harvest Vineyard, 320 S. 17th Street, Ames

Registration Deadline: November 29

Participants learn about the difference between invasive and native species. It also informs students about the harmful impacts invasive species have on their ecosystems.

- There is no fee for this program.



Water Rocks! and Board Games/Art Fun

Grades: 3rd - 4th

Friday, December 9

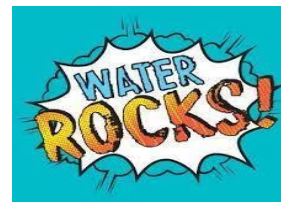
1:00 pm - 3:10 pm *(check-in time 12:45 pm)*

Harvest Vineyard, 320 S. 17th Street, Ames

Registration Deadline: December 6

Dive into the water cycle, watersheds, and water quality with this highly interactive module. We all live in a watershed and play an important role there! Students each receive a "puzzle piece" of land and \$5,000,000, then are given free reign to be creative and build whatever they'd like with their money. How will the shared water resources be impacted by the cumulative effect of everyone's choices?

- They will have one hour of board games/art fun and one hour of the Water Rocks! award winning program from ISU.
- 3rd/4th grade will switch with 5th/6th grade for the second hour.
- There is no fee for this program.
- Companion Lesson Suggestions



Water Rocks! and Board Games/Art Fun

Grades: 5th - 6th

Friday, December 9

1:00 pm - 3:10 pm *(check-in time 12:45 pm)*

Harvest Vineyard, 320 S. 17th Street, Ames

Registration Deadline: December 6

Dive into the water cycle, watersheds, and water quality with this highly interactive module. We all live in a watershed and pay an important role there! Students each receive a "puzzle piece" of land and \$5,000,000, then are given free reign to be creative and build whatever they'd like with their money. How will the shared water resources be impacted by the cumulative effect of everyone's choices?

Water Rocks! and Board Games/Art Fun (Gr 5th-6th continued)

- They will have one hour of board games/art fun and one hour of the Water Rocks! award winning program from ISU.
- 5th/6th grade will switch with 3rd/4th grade for the second hour.
- There is no fee for this program.
- Companion Lesson Suggestions



Parent Connect: Consider Joining Us

You're invited to our second informal gathering hosted by HSAP supervising teachers Sonia Harold and Irish Briese. During this time together they'll facilitate a relaxed discussion with homeschool parents about how the school year is progressing. We would love to chat about all things homeschool, brainstorm ideas with each other, and just gather to make connections and get to know each other better. We will meet in the foyer of Harvest Vineyard Church from **9:30 am to 10:30 am** during Thursday morning enrichment classes on **December 8th**.



Registration for DMACC Spring Semester Courses

The Des Moines Area Community College Spring Semester Course Registration opens Wednesday, October 12. Please see the [Homeschooling Through High School website DMACC page](#) for registration information.



Explore the Website for our HSAP Families with High School Students

Sonia Harold created a thorough website for those HSAP families with high school students. *This is continually being updated!* Please examine and search this site as you consider what options are available for your student from a "getting started" section to record keeping to exploring outside classes and opportunities. Having all of this information in one place is invaluable!

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



FAFSA Application Time Arrives

If your student is considering attending a community college or university/college next year, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application may be recommended as part of the admission process. The FAFSA application becomes available annually on October 1. Please read more about the [FAFSA](#) and find the link to the 2022/2023 FAFSA application on the highschool website. The priority deadline for receiving maximum financial benefit is dependent on the school which your student is considering and can be found [here](#).

Operation Greenlight - in Honor of Veterans

Story County is taking part in *Operation Green Light*, "a new national collaborative initiative to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about their unique challenges and the resources available to them. The county building will be illuminated green November 7-13. They ask that families join them by changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb as a show of support. School districts are also receiving posters and coloring sheets.



Junk Box Wars

Are you looking for a fun morning that allows your children a chance to collaborate with kids their age on a challenging activity? All students 3rd-grade and older who have an attention span that allows for 2 hours of group work are welcome.

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 what they've constructed 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 will take place on **Wednesday, January 18** at 9:00 am at the Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Road, Ames. We will finish before noon. To register your child/children, please register [HERE](#).

The registration deadline is **Wednesday, January 11!**

There is no charge for participation. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Haila (stephanie.haila@ames.k12.ia.us).

ISU Study Looking for Middle School Participants

Long He is a PhD candidate at Iowa State University (ISU) and he is conducting a study involving middle school students. He is looking at the effects of an augmented reality-enabled learning environment and science concepts. Please follow the link below to find out more of the details and time commitment for this study:

[Invitation to Participate in a Study](#)



Gobble, Gobble, Gobble, Gobble

What fruit do twins like best?

...pears

What did the bird say as it finished building its nest?

That's the last straw.

What do you call a bee that keeps falling over?

...A stumble-bee

What do trees wear to the pool?

...swimming trunks

Why was the little iceberg just like his dad?

...because he was a chip off the cold block!

What did the Italian traveler say when he returned from an overseas trip?

Rome, sweet Rome!

What Ancient Greek land is like a sloppy child's bedroom?

Mess-opotamia



International Tongue Twisters Day is November 13

How many deer would a reindeer rain, if a reindeer could rain deer?

Seven slippery snowmen slide silently southward.

Eleven elves licked eleven lemon lollipops!

I like a proper cup of coffee from a proper copper coffee pot.

Pad kid poured curd pulled cod (*MIT says this is the most technically difficult!*) Try it 10 times



*Every accomplishment begins
with a decision to try.*

John F. Kennedy

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Additional Activities/Groups to Consider

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

Ames Children's Choirs

These choirs include boys and girls ages 7-18. Visit the website for more details and information on upcoming concerts or events.

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

Ames Public Library

You may benefit from scanning the calendar of our local Ames library (515 Douglas Avenue). A few activities featured in November include: a Star Wars Escape Room for Teens (November 1 & 2), Toddler Storytime, Family Storytime, Lego Builders (Gr 3-5), Kids Create, Storybook Science, After School Adventures (including art, science, games, and more), Checkmate Chess Club (Grades 4-6), and a Homeschool Book Club (November 10 - *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse* by Joseph Marshall, 10:00 am – 11:00 am). These are just a sampling of the many programs that may interest your family. (Note: Check the website to find out more about what books will be discussed in Book Club).

- <https://amespubliclibrary.org>

Blank Park Zoo

You may want to check out all the activities and special events they offer.

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

Book It!

Reading incentive program for students in PreK-6 grade (ages 4-12); Enrollment is accomplished online at their site on their digital dashboard (Book It! Homeschool) and it appears that you can still join at this time. The program is free and runs from October to March. The award is a one-topping personal pan pizza when your student reaches the requirement.

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

Cultivating Hope Farms

Events on this farm are specifically designed to safely engage family fun for our families living with autism and special needs. Visit their website for all details, including other activities they offer.

- <https://cultivatinghopefarms.org/>

Additional Activities/Groups to Consider

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4-H

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.

- <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/>

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*" - virtual, requires registration). You can also investigate a STEAM education program "Innovative Iowans".

- <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. *I Can Succeed. In Education. In Career. In Life.*

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

Iowa Living History Farms

This is an interactive, 500-acre outdoor museum that tells the 300+ year story of Iowan farmers. Some of the upcoming events include the annual off-road Living History Farms Race (11.12), and Family Christmas (12.03). Check their website for details, including cost.

- 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale, IA
- <https://www.lhf.org>

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).

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

The Santa Express

The Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad offers a *Santa Express* beginning on November 25th. Check out the website for times, ticket cost and information.

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

Reiman Gardens

There are a number of different events that may be of interest to your family at this lovely site in Ames. 1407 University Blvd, Ames

- <https://www.reimangardens.com/events/>

Science Center of Iowa (SCI)

Visit their website to confirm offerings and hours of operation. Cost and details can be found on their website. The SCI also offers a variety of virtual programs and educational resources with "Go Beyond with SCI".

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

Story County Conservation Center-McFarland Park

Classes, workshops, hikes, activities, Story County park maps, nature center, and volunteering. Check out their calendar of events.

- 56461 180th street; (515) 232-2516
- <https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/1579/Conservation-Parks>

Story Theater Company

This company offers theatrical opportunities for area children, with an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of theater. They are having an open house celebration as they celebrate their new space on November 12 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Their next show is *Charlotte's Web* (February 2023). They also offer a number of workshops and activities.

- 1609 Golden Aspen Drive #105, Ames
- <https://www.storytheatercompany.org/>

Vision Homeschool Basketball

This is a homeschool program, and is faith-based. Registration is open. More information on practice times, facilities, game schedule, and cost can be found on their website.

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

Youth Matinee Series at ISU

All performances will include grade level recommendations. Additional shows can be found on their calendar. Seats are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. Investigate their website for more details about the upcoming productions and available workshops.

- The performance of *Clack Clack Moo Moo* is Tuesday, November 15 at 10:00 am.
- Other shows will be offered in January of 2023.
- <https://www.center.iastate.edu/education/>