

# Mustang Memo

## Calendar Dates

- **City High vs. West High, Football**, Fri., Sept. 9th  
Bates Field
- **Bluebird Diner Night** Tue., Sept. 13th
- **School Pictures** Wed., Sept. 21st  
See order form in Monday Mail envelopes
- **Back to School Night**, Tues., Sept. 27th, 5:30-7:00 pm
- **Scholastic Book Fair**, Tue., Sept. 27th, 5:00- 7:00 pm
- **City High Homecoming Parade**, Wed., Sept. 28th , 6:00 pm



## Welcome Back Mustangs!

The 2011-12 school year is off to a great start here at Horace Mann Elementary. Welcome back to all of our returning families and a special welcome to all the staff, students and parents that are new to our Mann family.

Attention new and returning families, don't forget to celebrate Blue Fridays and show your Mustang pride by wearing your Mann t-shirt, sweatshirt or any blue shirt every Friday! Help us support our Mann Mustangs all year long!

### PTO Meeting TONIGHT 5:30-6:30, Mann Library

Come learn about opportunities to support your school!

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. Immediately following the PTO meeting, all parents are invited to attend the DPO School Board Candidate Forum at City High School in the Opstad Auditorium from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The focus will be finance and curriculum. School Board Election Day is Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Attention Parents: This year, all parents are required to complete registration online. If you have not completed eRegistration for your students, please do so as soon as possible. If you do not have your student's access ID or passwords, please call the Mann office for assistance. If you do not have computer access, please call to set up a time to come to the school and complete your registration.

Student athletic tickets are now available for purchase in the office. Tickets are good for admittance to any **City** or **West High** athletic events, excluding post-season contests, for the entire 2011-2012 season. Please call 688-1145 for more information or contact the City High Athletic office, 688-1045.



## PTO NEWS

Come represent Horace Mann Elementary by marching in the City High Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, September 28th. Students, parents, faculty and staff of Horace Mann will meet in the parking lot of Mercer Park at approximately 5:30 p.m. with parade time beginning at 6:00 p.m. Wear your Mann Mustang t-shirt/sweatshirt or any royal blue shirt and bring a bag or two of candy to toss if possible. An award is given out to the school showing the most spirit. March with us down First Avenue to show our Mustang pride and to support our great local high school! Hope to see you there.



It's Hawkeye Football season and the Horace Mann PTO needs your volunteer time for a Money Raising Event. Horace Mann Elementary has the opportunity to work the Roosevelt Elementary parking lot for two University of Iowa home football games. Volunteers are needed to man the gates of the parking lot. Fifteen volunteers are needed for the 6 p.m., Saturday, October 15th home game against Northwestern and 6 volunteers are needed for the 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 22nd home games against Indiana. Shifts include:

### **Saturday, October 15th**

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

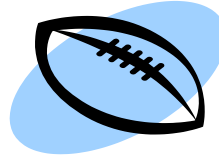
Three people are needed for each shift. Mann has the potential of earning \$850-1000 for this game.

### **Saturday, October 22nd**

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Three people are needed for each shift. Mann has the potential of earning approximately \$400 for this game.



The parking lot will be managed by a member of the Roosevelt PTO for the entire day if questions should arise. Orange shirts will be given for each volunteer to wear. The Roosevelt parking lot has returning patrons who know where to park, clean up after themselves, and take ownership. They tend to be alumni and long time fans of the Hawkeyes. It's been suggested that any volunteer should bring a good book to read since it's the same returning game attendees who park in this lot year after year and they know which space they are to park. Kids are welcome to come with an adult volunteer as long as the kids are self-sufficient. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Parking is available for volunteers. Volunteers are welcome to accept food and drink that is offered by the guest parkers. This is an easy and quick way for the Horace Mann PTO to earn a lot of money. To volunteer for a shift please contact Chris Welu-Reynolds at (319)337-9763.

## Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

Tuesday, September 27th in the Mann Gym, 5pm - 7pm

Support your school! Support your Children! Buy Books at the Book Fair!



### Equity Statement

It is the policy of the Iowa City Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, disability, or socioeconomic status in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices. If you believe you have (or your child has) been discriminated against or treated unjustly at school, please contact the Equity Director, [Ross Wilburn](#), at 509 S. Dubuque Street, 319-688-1000



## From Ms. Nelson & I Care Cat



Dear Horace Mann Elementary Families,

I am so glad to be back for my 13<sup>th</sup> year as your **Guidance Counselor** here at Horace Mann Elementary! It is such an honor and such fun to be here with all the wonderful students, families, staff, and volunteers who make this school a warm and caring place to learn and discover the world. I have a new **Horace Mann Guidance Website** where you can learn more about prevention education lessons I teach here at Mann and can even see what lessons I am teaching each week to your child's classroom. You can access it through the Mann School website by clicking on "Classrooms" and then at the bottom of the page on "Guidance" or you can go directly there at: <https://sites.google.com/site/mannguidancecounseling/educational>

*I will continue to be available to parents and students who need a private, confidential **person to talk to** about life changes, questions, concerns, etc. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help to you or your child. You can reach me at school (688-1145) or through email at [nelson.linda@iccsd.k12.ia.us](mailto:nelson.linda@iccsd.k12.ia.us)*

I continue to **meet with students individually** and in **small groups**. All students will participate in weekly **classroom guidance lessons**. Guidance themes for the year will center on learning about **self**, **others** and **life skills** such as conflict resolution, problem solving, feelings, anger management and transitions. K-2 students will start the year learning about friendship with the help of I-Care Cat. Students in 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade will focus on **bullying prevention** as I teach the ICCSD's Steps to Respect curriculum in October-January. This winter I will also teach our district's Health Curriculum's safety lessons about **sexual abuse prevention** at all grade levels and will send written information home before these lessons begin so that you can also talk to your child about their personal safety.

**Linda Nelson, MA, MFA** your Horace Mann Guidance Counselor

### I-Care Cat's Friendship Ideas *Tengo interes en las Ideas de Amistad*

1. **Hands are for helping, NOT hurting.** *Se ayudan con manos, NO se peleamos.*
2. **We listen to each other.** *Nos escuchamos uno a otro.*
3. **We care about each other's feelings.** *Tenemos interes en los sentimientos de todos.*
4. **We use I-Care words.** *Usamos las palabras de I-Cuidar.*
5. **We are responsible for what we say & do.** *Tenemos responsabilidad para lo que decimos y hacemos.*
6. **Different is GREAT!** *Diferente es Buenisimo!*

The University of Iowa is hosting a free STEM event for children and families sponsored by the State Hygienic Lab and the Iowa Mathematics and Science Education Partnership on Sunday, September 18th from 1-5pm. The event is located at the State Hygienic Laboratory (Highway 965 & Oakdale Blvd- Coralville). Families can participate in more than 40 free and fun activities at this hands-on, science, technology, engineering and math festival. . You can get more information at the iExploreSTEM website. (<http://www.iexplorestem.org/>)



## Writing Project Funded!

Last spring Ms. Wim Murray helped the Intermediate Team craft a project proposal on the website DonorsChoose.org that would allow us to have a class set of writing supplies to use in our Writer's Workshop. This website allows anybody to make donations to worthy projects around the country. Ms.

Crosby's class has been funded! The writing binders and other supplies for students have already begun to arrive. We are so thankful for Wim's work to help us get this started. Mr. Green's class is still in the process of gathering donations and would be very thankful for support. You can find his project listing here:

<http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/proposal.html?id=581882&verify=936427397>



**The Iowa City Community School District is again collecting a \$20 text book fee per student for all students in the district for the 2011-12 school year. If families qualify for reduced lunch and fees, the fee is reduced to \$10. For families qualifying for free lunches and fees, the fee is waived. Please make checks out to ICCSD and send to the school office, marked textbook fee.**

**Free and reduced lunch applications and fee waiver forms are due to the school office by October 1st. Applications for new students need to be turned in immediately. Forms are to be renewed yearly. Charges will begin occurring in October for any student who has not renewed for the year. Fee waiver forms must be on file in the office to receive instrument rental assistance.**