

# Harris-Lake Park Community Schools

Preparing Learners for a Lifetime of Leadership and Service

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Superintendent  
PK-5 Principal

**Rebecca Matthiesen**  
PK-5 Assistant Principal  
Instructional Coach

**Greg Hiemstra**  
Dir. Teaching & Learning  
6-12 Principal

**Ashley Delaney**  
6-12 Assistant Principal  
Instructional Coach

**Jared Rahe**  
Activities Director  
Special Education

## August-September 2025 Newsletter

### From the Superintendent

Welcome back, Wolves!

I'm excited to begin another school year and wanted to share a few updates with you for 2025-2026.

First, our building projects are in full swing. We're just finishing our MS/HS renovations and will host an open house shortly after Labor Day. Additional details regarding date/time will be shared next week. We've remodeled the office to add extra security, created two extra classrooms where our locker rooms were previously, updated our light and sound system in the auditorium, and doubled our K-12 art and special education spaces as we prepare for our PK-5 students to join later this year.

The new construction project remains on schedule. We're still planning for a spring break move into that facility from our current elementary location. Additionally, we're hoping to be in our new bus barn (being constructed just east of the new elementary) before Christmas.

I also wanted to remind everyone of our new administrative configuration. After three years as elementary principal, on July 1st, I started my position as superintendent. Replacing me as principal at the elementary level is Rebecca Matthiesen; Becca brings many years of PK-5 experience into her new role, and we're excited to see her as our next elementary leader! Greg Hiemstra will be utilizing his skills in curriculum, instruction, and assessment and stepping into his new role as our K-12 Director of Teaching and Learning. Replacing him at the MS/HS will be Ashley Delaney. Ashley has served in various leadership roles with the district for many years, most recently as H-LP's Activities Director. And lastly, Jared Rahe will be succeeding Ashley, returning to his role as AD he served previously for five years. Jared has worn many hats at H-LP, and is currently our elementary special education teacher and continues to lead both the baseball and girls' basketball programs.

We're looking forward to seeing our families next week! Let's have a great year!

Mike

#### UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The Harris-Lake Park Community School District has 2 seats up for election on November 4th. Candidates must reside in districts 2 or 4 and be 18 years of age. (See district descriptions below) Nominations for open seats can be filed between August 25 and September 18 at 5:00pm. See all key dates and deadlines at [www.ia-sb.org/getonboard](http://www.ia-sb.org/getonboard).

Nomination papers for school board seats are available from the board secretary, Chrissy Gembler, at 905 S Market St (MS/HS Building) between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm Monday thru Friday. School board candidates must obtain the signatures of at least 1% of the qualified electors of the district or 50 electors, whichever is less, but at least 15 signatures.

#### Director District 2

All of the school district territory within Osceola County Precinct 8. The area within Osceola County Precinct 7 north of 180<sup>th</sup> Street. The area within Dickinson County Precinct 1 west of 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue and north of 180<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### Director District 4

The area within the City Limits of Lake Park east of Market St.

(Please see maps on page 2)

#### 2025-2026 HARRIS-LAKE PARK STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

On the following **Friday's** school will dismiss early due to Teacher Professional Development. The MS/HS will dismiss at 12:50 and Elementary students will dismiss at 1:00.

Sept. 5, 19	Oct. 3, 17, 31
Nov. 14	Dec. 12
Jan. 16, 30	Feb. 13, 27
April 10, 24	May 8

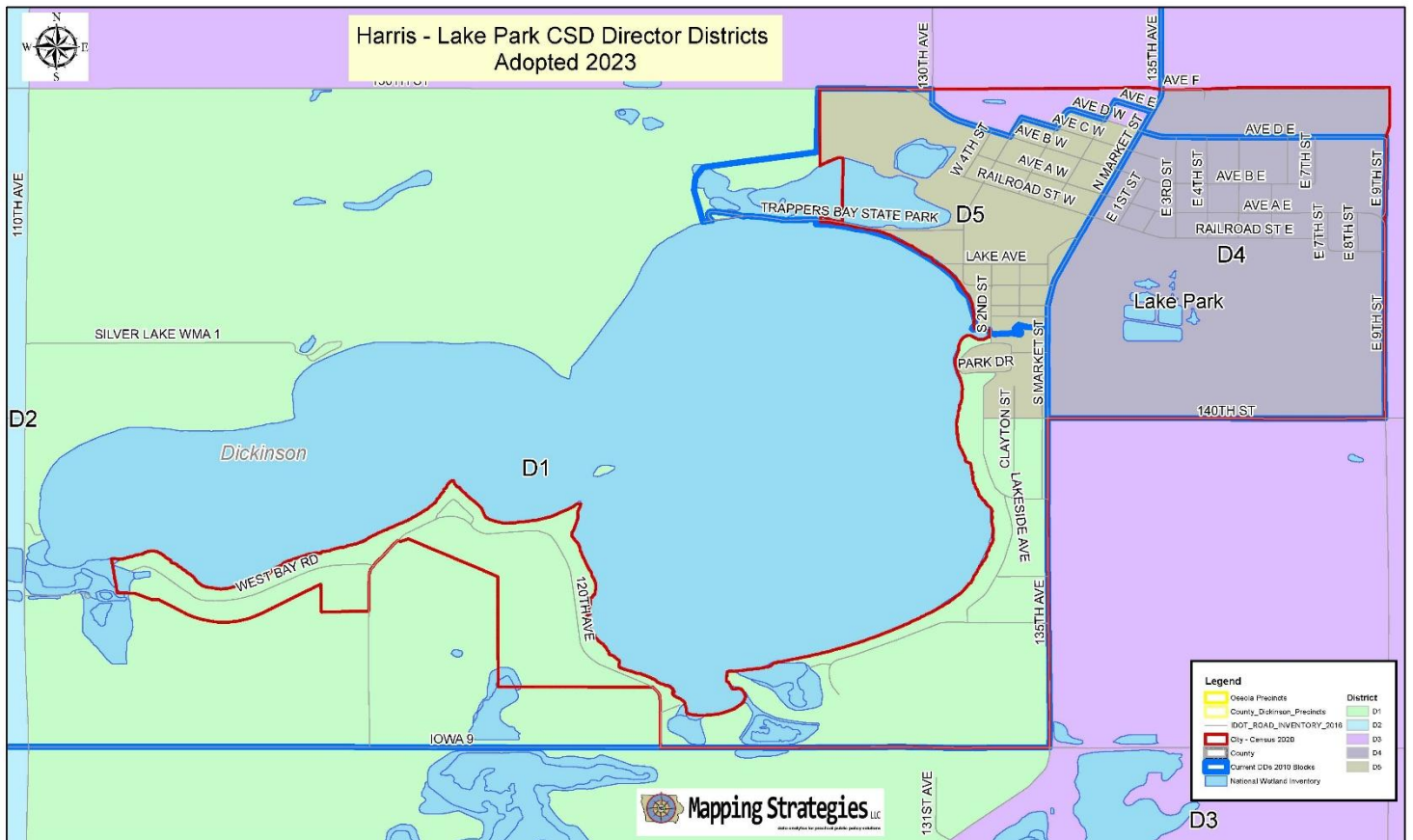
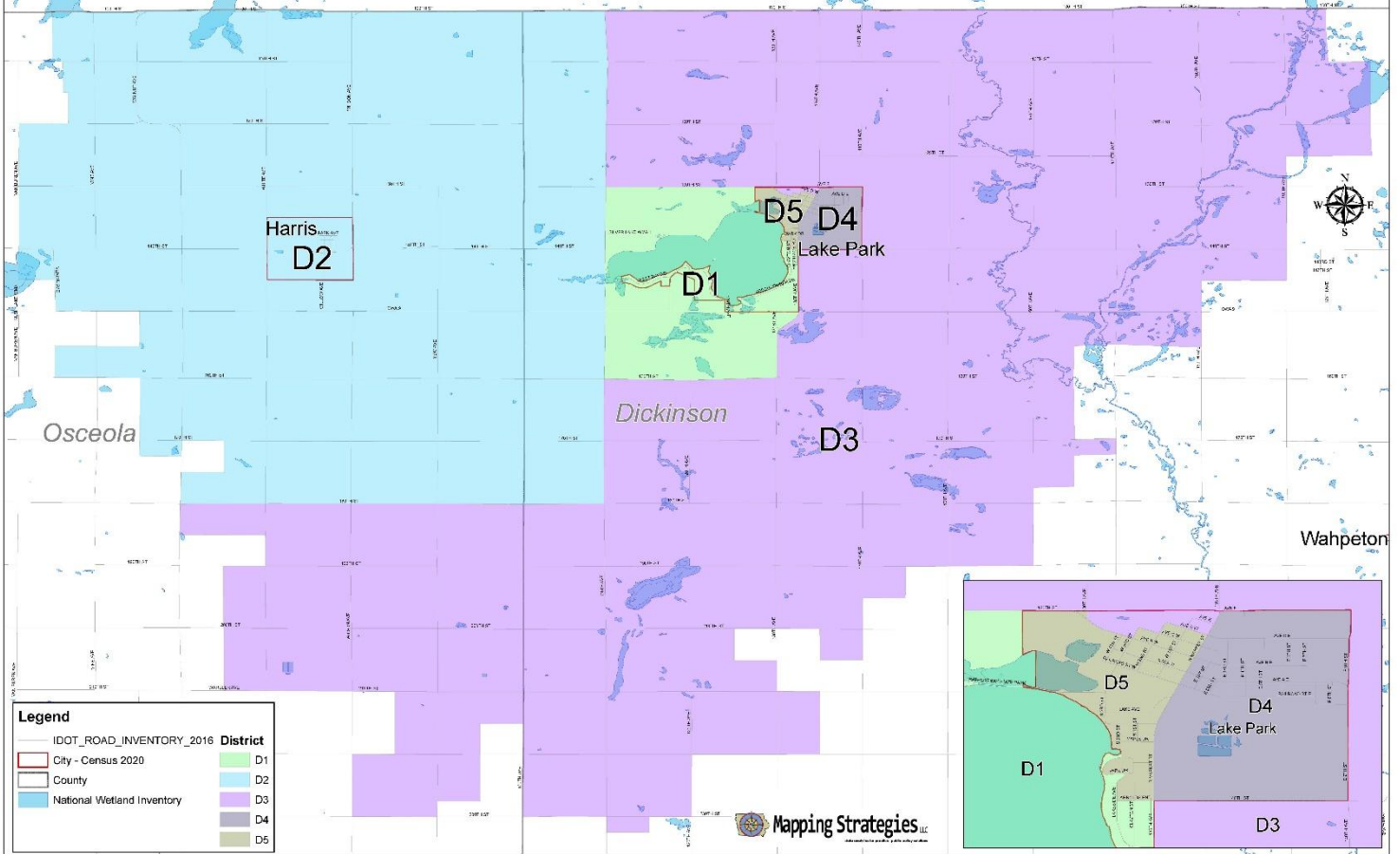
There will be no school on the following days due to teacher professional development:

Friday, January 2	Monday, February 16
Thursday, March 19 & Friday, March 20	

Please refer to the Academic Calendar on page 3 for a complete schedule of term dates, vacation days, etc.

Any adult interested in helping with varsity or JV games by being a volleyball line judge, running the clock, announcing, or helping on the football chain gang, please email Mr. Jared Rahe, [jrahe@hlpcsd.org](mailto:jrahe@hlpcsd.org) or phone 832-3809.

# Harris - Lake Park Community School District Director Districts - Adopted 2023





# HARRIS-LAKE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2025-2026 School District Calendar

## Summary of Calendar:

First Semester ..... 81  
 Second Semester ..... 97  
 ..... 178

## CALENDAR LEGEND

- Quarter
- Holidays
- Vacation Days
- PD Days
- 12:50 Dismiss (non-PD days)
- P-T Confs
- Comp. Day

## HOLIDAYS:

Labor Day .....9/1  
 Thanksgiving Day .....11/27  
 Christmas Day .....12/25  
 New Year's Day .....1/1  
 President's Day .....2/16  
 Easter Sunday .....4/5  
 Memorial Day .....5/25

School year end date is subject to change due to weather related /no school days.

August 2025					Student Days
M	T	W	Th	F	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	5/5
September 2025					
1	2	3	4	5	4/9
8	9	10	11	12	5/14
15	16	17	18	19	5/19
22	23	24	25	26	5/24
29	30				2/26
October 2025					
		1	2	3	3/29
6	7	8	9	10	5/34
13	14	15	16	17	5/39
20	21	22	23	24	5/44
27	28	29	30	31	5/49
November 2025					
3	4	5	6	7	5/54
10	11	12	13	14	5/59
17	18	19	20	21	5/64
24	25	26	27	28	2/66
December 2025					
1	2	3	4	5	5/71
8	9	10	11	12	5/76
15	16	17	18	19	5/81
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30	31			
January 2026					
			1	2	0/81
5	6	7	8	9	5/86
12	13	14	15	16	5/91
19	20	21	22	23	5/96
26	27	28	29	30	5/101
February 2026					
2	3	4	5	6	5/106
9	10	11	12	13	5/111
16	17	18	19	20	4/115
23	24	25	26	27	5/120
March 2026					
2	3	4	5	6	5/125
9	10	11	12	13	5/130
16	17	18	19	20	0/130
23	24	25	26	27	5/135
30	31				2/137
April 2026					
		1	2		2/139
6	7	8	9	10	5/144
13	14	15	16	17	5/149
20	21	22	23	24	5/154
27	28	29	30		4/158
May 2026					
				1	1/159
4	5	6	7	8	5/164
11	12	13	14	15	5/169
18	19	20	21	22	5/174
	26	27	28	29	4/178
June 2026					
1	2	3	4	5	

Aug. 18 New staff  
 Aug. 19 - 21 All staff inservice days  
 Aug. 25 Begin 1<sup>st</sup> semester  
 Aug. 25 + 26 12:50 dismissals

Sept. 1 Labor Day – No School  
 Sept. 5 Prof. Dev. 12:50 dismiss  
 Sept. 19 Prof. Dev. 12:50 dismiss

Oct. 3 Prof. Dev. 12:50 dismiss  
 Oct. 17 Prof. Dev. 12:50 dismiss/ **End Q1**  
 Oct. 21 + 22 P-T Conferences 3:30-6:30  
 Oct. 24 No school – Comp. day  
 Oct. 31 Prof. Dev. 12:50 dismiss

Nov. 14 Prof. Dev. 12:50 dismiss  
 Nov. 26 - 28 Thanksgiving Break – No School

Dec. 12 Prof. Dev. 12:50 Dismiss  
 Dec. 19 12:50pm dismissal / **End Q2**  
 Dec. 22-Jan.1 Christmas Break  
[potential new bldg. move-in]

Jan. 1 New Years Day – No School  
 Jan. 2 Full day professional dev.  
 Jan. 5 Begin 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
 Jan. 16 Prof. Dev. 12:50 Dismiss  
 Jan. 30 Prof. Dev. 12:50 Dismiss

Feb. 13 Prof. Dev. 12:50 Dismiss  
 Feb. 16 Full day professional dev.  
 Feb. 27 Prof. Dev. 12:50 Dismiss

Mar. 6 **End of Q3**  
 Mar. 10 + 11 P-T Conferences 3:30-6:30  
 Mar. 13 No school – Comp. day  
 Mar. 16-18 Spring Break – No School  
 Mar. 19 + 20 Full days professional dev.  
[potential new bldg. move-in]

April 3 Good Friday – No School  
 April 10 Prof. Dev. 12:50 Dismiss  
 April 24 Prof. Dev. 12:50 Dismiss

May 8 Prof. Dev. 12:50 Dismiss  
 May 17 Commencement  
 May 25 Memorial Day – No School  
 May 29 Last day of school for K-12  
 12:50 dismiss / **End of Q4**

June 1 Full day professional dev.

## August & September, 2025 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17	18	19	20	21	22 6:00pm HS Football Scrimmage @ North Union, Armstrong; team lv 3:45	23 All Iowa Honor Squad Auditions @ Newton; lv 1:00pm
24	25 <b>First Day of School for Grades TK-12</b> <b>12:50pm Early Dismissal</b> 4:00pm JV VB Tourn. @ George; lv 2:50	26 <b>11:30am ILCC PSEO Mandatory Orientation @ HS</b> <b>12:50pm Early Dismissal</b>	27 7:50am FFA Officer Meeting @ HS Ag Room <b>3:15pm JH Sports Practices Begin</b>	28 Preschool "Slow Start" 5:30pm JH Cross Country @ Parent Meeting @ HS Rm. 11 6:30pm FFA Chapter Meeting @ HS Ag Room	29 Preschool "Slow Start" 7:00pm Varsity Football @ North Iowa; lv 3:45	30
31	1 <b>September</b> <b>Labor Day – No School</b>	2 <b>First Full Day of Preschool</b> 5:00pm HS Volleyball @ South O'Brien HS, Paullina; lv 3:00	3 9:00am Gr. 7 Outdoor Classroom @ Dickinson County Nature Center	4 4:20pm Cross Country @ Brooks Golf Club, Okoboji <b>5:00pm HS Volleyball w/Trinity Christian @ Home</b>	5 <b>12:50pm Early Dismissal for Teacher PD</b> <b>7:00pm Varsity FB vs Northwood Kensett @ Home</b> ; Dance Team @ half-time	6
7	8 4:00pm Varsity Volleyball Tourn. @ George-Little Rock HS; lv 2:50	9 <b>FFA Fair Day @ CCF, Spencer</b> 4:30pm Cross Country @ Sibley Golf Course 5:00pm HS Volleyball @ George; lv 3:30	10	11 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Clay County Fair, Spencer</b> 4:15pm JH Volleyball @ HMS MS, Sanborn; lv 3:00 <b>5:00pm HS VB w/West Sioux @ Home</b>	12 7:00pm Varsity Football @ Kingsley Pierson; lv 4:15	13 11:00am NW District FFA Livestock Judging @ CCF, Spencer
14 <b>Homecoming Week</b> 4-6:00pm Elem. Dance Clinic @ HS Gym	15 <b>4:15/6:00pm JH/JV FB w/North Union @ Home</b> 5:00pm School Board Meeting @ HS	16 7:50am FFA Officer Meeting @ HS Ag Room 4:15pm JH Volleyball w/GLR @ Little Rock; lv 2:50 5:00pm HS Volleyball @ Gehlen Catholic, LeMars; lv 2:50	17 <b>7:00pm Homecoming Coronation &amp; Pep Rally @ HS Gym</b>	18 <b>4:15pm JH Volleyball w/MMCRU @ HLP Elem. Gym</b> 6:30pm FFA Chapter Meeting @ HS Ag Room	19 <b>No Preschool</b> <b>K-12 Pep Rally @ HS (time TBD)</b> <b>12:50pm Early Dismissal for Teacher PD</b> <b>7:00pm Varsity Football w/Newell-Fonda @ Home</b> ; Dance Clinic performs @ half-time	20 9:00am Varsity Volleyball Tourn. @ Graettinger; lv 7:15am
21 FFA National Farm Safety & Health Week (Sept 21-27)	22 <b>4:15/6:00pm JH/JV FB w/WBM @ West Bend</b> 4:30pm Cross Country @ Sanborn Golf/Country Club	23 <b>8:00am School Pictures- Grades PK-12</b> 4:15pm JH Volleyball w/GTRA @ Graettinger; lv 2:40 <b>5:00pm HS VB w/Remsen St. Mary's @ Home</b>	24 <b>NW District FFA Soil Judging Contest (rain date 10/1)</b>	25 <b>8:30-11:30am ASVAB Testing; HLP Auditorium</b> 2:00-3:00pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr. Farm Safety Day @ HS Ag Shop 4:15pm JH VB @ Sibley-Ocheyedan MS; lv 3:00	26 7:00pm Varsity Football @ Remsen St. Mary's; lv 4:30	27
28	29 <b>4:00/6:00pm JH/JV FB w/Remsen St. Mary's @ Home</b> 4:30pm Cross Country @ Alta Golf/Country Club 4:30pm C/JV VB Tournament @ Okoboji; lv 3:15 FFA Fruit Sale Begins (through 10/12)	30 <b>4:15pm JH Volleyball w/GTRA @ HLP HS Gym</b> 5:00pm HS Volleyball @ Sibley-Ocheyedan HS; lv 3:30	10/1	10/2 <b>4:15pm JH Volleyball w/Sioux Central @ HLP Elem. Gym</b>	10/3 <b>12:50pm Early Dismissal for Teacher PD</b> <b>7:00pm Varsity Football w/Siouxland Christian @ Home</b>	10/4 9:00am HS Volleyball Tourn. @ Estherville; lv 7:15am

**ALL CALENDAR EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Harris-Lake Park Schedules: [Bound/Harris-Lake Park Wolves](#), [HLP Daily Bulletin](#)  
SLP Wrestling & SLPO Soccer schedules [Bound/Spirit Lake CSD](#)

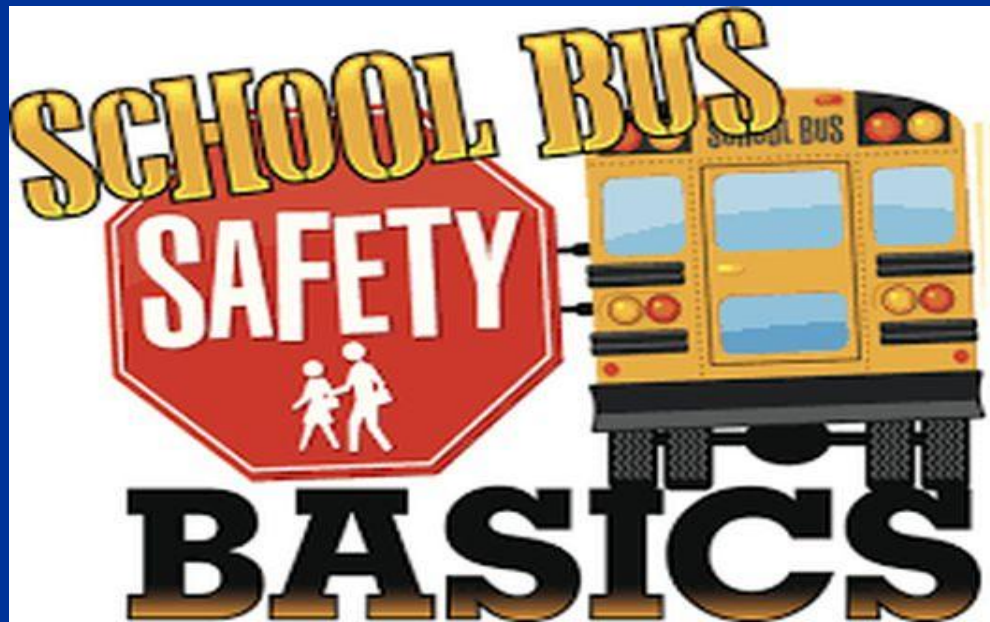
## 2025-2026 Bus Routes

(Bus times are approximate based on riders and road conditions/construction)

BUS #4-21 *RED BUS		BUS #8-24 *GREEN BUS		BUS #7-21 *PINK BUS	
Jim Kessler 712-330-1738		Ron Nissen 712-541-5153		Tommie Bannor 515-250-3020	
Time: AM	Bus Stop Location	Time: AM	Bus Stop Location	Time: AM	Bus Stop Location
6:55 on call AM	Greg Luinstra	6:52 AM	David Bastman	PM only/3:45	Bob Boetel
6:59 on call AM	R. McCandless	6:55 on call AM/3:50	Doug Otto	PM only/3:46	Pohlman/John Boetel
7:01 AM/3:58 PM	K. Witt driveway	6:57	Lovato/Christensen	6:50-on call	Nic Cooklin
7:02	Randy Vander Veen	on call	Matt Barnhart	7:05-on call	Chad Hibma
PM-approx 4:04	Josh Huff	7:05	Lane Sether/Anderson	7:06- on call AM	Thad Bosma
on call AM/4:05	Logan Korsmo	7:06- on call	Nick Fiebig	PM only/4:00-4:05	Kyle Ingwersen
7:08	Andre Abadie	7:07	Harvey Olson	7:16	Barnes
on call PM	Ron Bosma	7:09	Kevin Delaney	7:18-on call AM	John Mier - PM
7:10	Noah Bosma	7:10- on call AM	Ben Reverts	7:19-on call AM	T. Gartoff/Fisher
7:23 AM/4:15 PM	Round Lake/Gas Station	7:18	M. Gama (Dave Lorch)	7:23	Tony Delgado
7:33	Wozniak	7:20- on call	Dan Lorch	7:27	Bryan Reimers
PM ONLY	J. Hiveley	7:23	Ashley Harms/Siemers	7:28	Mitch Reimers
7:35	Morris	7:28 - on call	Jarrold Wallace	7:30	Paul Hintze
7:35-AM	St. John	7:30	Duane Vander Veen	7:31	Jericho Jones
7:38	Michael Raveling	7:40	Beachcomber & Lakeside Ave Corner	Mondays-PM only	*Monday only; Curt & Kim Ingwersen
7:39	Devin Ackerman	7:40	Beachcomber/west end turn around	7:39	Cook
Harris Town	MainSt/LawtonAve Corner	7:41	Fiebig Daycare-Lakeside Lane	7:43	Dan Garloff
7:41am/3:50pm	Harris Daycare/201 Proper St. North	on call AM	Jason Heikens/AM	7:47-AM only	Bob Reimers
	Leora St/Osceola Ave Corner	7:43	Clayton/Lakeside Ave Corner	7:48 - on call	Jared Mandelkow- F Avenue
7:44	Neal Vellema	7:44	South Lakeside Y	7:49	East 2nd Street/Railroad Avenue
7:45am/3:45pm	Ben Huff	7:45	3-way stop Lakeside/Arnolds Entrance	7:50	East 5th Street/Avenue A. Comer
7:47	Tom Bosma	7:45	Clayton/Arnolds Entrance Corner	7:51	East 5thAve B; Brooke Dothage daycare
7:50	Byroad	7:46	MS/HS	7:53	East 5th Street/Avenue D Corner
on call AM & PM	402 N. Market St./Luitjens Daycare	PM ONLY	Jason Heikens/PM	7:55	East 3rd Street/Avenue D Corner
8:05	Elementary	8:10	Elementary	8:00	MS/HS
8:10	MS/HS	PM DROP ONLY	Ave A West/Market St. Corner/Mel's Ins.	8:05	Elementary
		PM DROP @ MS/HS		<b>BUS #6 *BLUE BUS</b>	
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Please call the MS/HS office @ 712-832-3809 if your child will not be riding the bus in the morning</p>				<b>Marc Bannor 712-330-5310</b>	
				<b>Time: AM</b>	<b>Bus Stop Location</b>
				7:45-on call AM	Perkins
				7:45/on call AM	Kirt Kelsey
				7:45am/3:55pm	Hoff/Lonny Siemers
				on call AM	Martens- PM drop
				7:51am/3:40pm	West Bay Rd & Country Club Drive
				7:55	MS/HS
				7:56	South 1st St/Chestnut Corner
				7:57	223 N. Market; Eggedal daycare-north door
		8:03	Elementary		

## August & September, 2025 Menus

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25 SCHOOL BEGINS Breakfast Fruit- f Donuts- g  Lunch Crispitos- m/ma, g Corn- v Applesauce- f Sun chips- g	26 Breakfast Fruit- f Yogurt- m/ma Granola- g  Lunch Pancakes- g Sausage- m/ma Mixed berry cups- f Vegetable juice- v	27 Breakfast Fruit- f Waffles- g  Lunch Chicken patty sandwich- m/ma, g Carrot sticks w/ranch- v Mixed fruit- f	28 Breakfast Fruit- f Sausage & toast- m/ma, g  Lunch Orange chicken- m/ma Rice- g Broccoli- v Pineapple- f	29 Breakfast Fruit- f Cereal- g  Lunch Tavern sandwich- m/ma, g Baked beans- v Bananas- f	30
8/31	1 Labor Day- No School	2 Breakfast Fruit- f Yogurt- m/ma Granola- g  Lunch Chicken quesadillas- m/ma, g Mixed vegetables- v Melon- f	3 Breakfast Fruit- f Muffins- g  Lunch Burgers w/bun- m/ma, g Potato salad- v Applesauce- f	4 Breakfast Fruit- f Breakfast croissant sandwich- m/ma, g  Lunch Macaroni & cheese- m/ma, g Peas- v Mixed fruit- f Breadstick- g	5 Breakfast Fruit- f Cereal- g  Lunch Pizza- m/ma, g Italian salad- v Bananas- f	6
7	8 Breakfast Fruit- f Pop tarts- g  Lunch Mini corn dogs- m/ma, g Sliced cucumbers- v Mixed fresh fruit- f Cheetos- g	9 Breakfast Fruit- f Yogurt- m/ma Granola- g  Lunch Tacos- m/ma, g Refried beans- v Pineapple- f Cookie- g	10 Breakfast Fruit- f French toast sticks- g  Lunch Cheese omelets- m/ma Tri-taters- v Mandarin oranges- f Muffins- g	11 Breakfast Fruit- f Scrambled eggs- m/ma Toast- g  Lunch Italian chicken- m/ma Rice- g Carrots- v Pineapple- f	12 Breakfast Fruit- f Cereal- g  Lunch Pulled pork sandwich- m/ma, g Cottage cheese- m/ma Green beans- v Peaches- f	13
14	15 Breakfast Fruit- f Bagels w/cream cheese- g  Lunch Chicken strips and waffles- m/ma, g Strawberries- f Salad- v	16 Breakfast Fruit- f Yogurt- m/ma Granola- g  Lunch Spaghetti- m/ma, g Green beans- v Pears- f Cheesy breadstick- m/ma, g	17 Breakfast Fruit- f Muffins- g  Lunch Breakfast burritos- m/ma, g Blueberry yogurt parfait- f, m/ma, g Tater puffs- v	18 Breakfast Fruit- f Breakfast burrito- m/ma, g  Lunch Meatloaf patties- m/ma Sweet potatoes- v Grapes- f Dinner roll- g	19 Breakfast Fruit- f Cereal- g  Lunch Hot dogs/chili dogs- m/ma, g Baked beans- v Pears- f	20
21	22 Breakfast Fruit- f Long John Donuts- g  Lunch French toast sticks- g Sausage- m/ma Fresh oranges- f Vegetable juice- v	23 Breakfast Fruit- f Yogurt- m/ma Granola- g  Lunch Chicken fajitas- m/ma, g Refried beans- v Melon- f Apple churros- g	24 Breakfast Fruit- f Pancakes- g  Lunch Chicken patty sandwich- m/ma, g Carrot sticks w/ranch- v Pears- f	25 Breakfast Fruit- f Sausage- m/ma Toast- g  Lunch Orange chicken- m/ma Rice- g Broccoli- v Pineapple- f	26 Breakfast Fruit- f Cereal- g  Lunch Burger w/bun- m/ma, g Fries- v Apple slices- f	27
28	29 Breakfast Fruit- f English muffins- g  Lunch Popcorn chicken- m/ma, g Broccoli w/cheese sauce- v Peaches- f Corn chips- g	30 Breakfast Fruit- f Yogurt- m/ma Granola- g  Lunch Pulled pork nachos- m/ma, g Corn- v Applesauce- f	10/1 Breakfast Fruit- f Muffins- g  Lunch Meatball subs- m/ma, g Green beans- v Mixed fruit- f	10/2 Breakfast Fruit- f Breakfast pizza- m/ma, g  Lunch Chili- m/ma, v Cinnamon rolls- g Fresh oranges-	10/3 Breakfast Fruit- f Cereal- g  Lunch Pizza- m/ma, g Mixed veggies- v Bananas-	10/4



As we begin a new school year, it is always important to emphasize school bus safety for Iowa schools. Even safer than riding in your own vehicle, riding on a school bus is the safest way for your child to travel to and from school.

The greatest risk is not riding the school bus but approaching or leaving it. So, children need to be especially careful around the school bus "danger zone", which is 10 feet in front, behind and on each side of the school bus. Drivers also need to remain constantly alert to students as they exit or enter the bus or move in front of the bus to cross a highway.

Youth Need School Safety Act," commonly known as Kady's Law ([Kady's Law Final Report, Dec. 2012](#))

#### KEEP AWARE DRIVING - YOUTH NEED SCHOOL SAFETY ACT

In March 2012, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad signed into law Senate File 2218, the "Keep Aware Driving – Youth Need School Safety Act," commonly known as Kady's Law ([Kady's Law Final Report, Dec. 2012](#)).

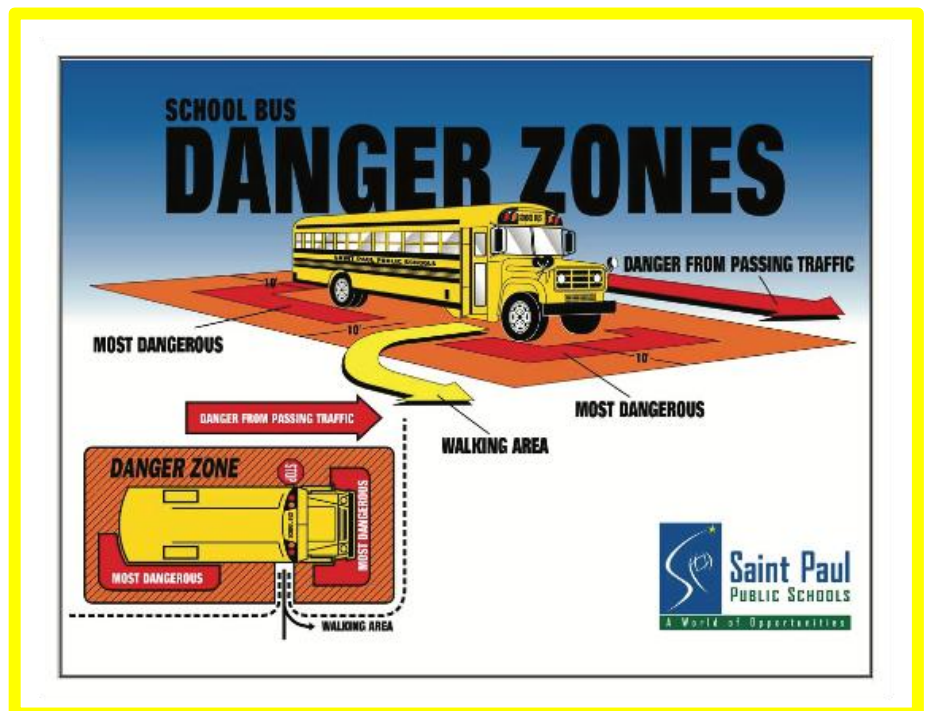
Passed unanimously in the Iowa House and Senate, the law is aimed at preventing other tragic deaths and serious injuries to Iowa's school children while boarding or unloading from a school bus. On May 10, 2011, Kady Halverson, age 7, of Northwood, was struck by a pickup while trying to cross the road to board a school bus.

The Act increased the criminal penalties for passing a stopped school bus and directed the Iowa DOT to enact rules that make illegally passing a stopped school bus a serious moving violation that triggers increasing periods of suspension for first, second and subsequent offenses.

Under Iowa administrative rule 761-615.17(2)"d," a person's Iowa driving privilege will be suspended 30 days for a first conviction, 90 days for a second conviction, and 180 days for a third or subsequent conviction. First offenders have the opportunity to attend a driver improvement program in lieu of the 30-day suspension.

Kim Snook, former director of the Iowa DOT's Driver & Identification Services, said, "We hope that these increased penalties and sanctions will make driver's think twice before foolishly choosing to pass a stopped school bus. More than thinking about their own penalty, however, we hope they will remember and recognize that passing a stopped school bus threatens the life of a child. The few seconds gained is not worth risking a child's life."

Help us to help your child by discussing the "danger zones" with them and to share with others the dangers of passing a stopped school bus while picking up students.





## **BUS ROUTES**

Your bus driver will work with you to establish a reasonable time frame for your child to be picked up. Normally, after the first couple of weeks, the time becomes a habit to the driver and the student. Please keep in mind that the student is required to be at the side of the road prior to the arrival of the bus. Upon approaching your home the driver will merely slow down to look for your child. If the driver doesn't see your children waiting by the road, then the driver is not required to stop and may return to normal speed and continue on their route.

Also, we have more parents who pick up their children after school than who take their children to school or students who participate in events after school, which means fewer students ride the bus home. So the time your child arrives home after school will vary according to the number of stops the driver must make each night.



***Parents are asked to please call the MS/HS building @ 832-3809 after 7:15 AM if your child will not be riding the bus in the morning. Families "on call" are also asked to call the MS/HS building if you need your child picked up in the morning.***

## **LEARN THE RULES!! WHEN YOU SEE A SCHOOL BUS, LOOK OUT FOR KIDS.**

- School bus safety is up to you. So, STOP what you're doing and learn the rules in a FLASH!!
- To know when to pass, and when NOT to pass learn to read lights and lanes.
- Look out for kids. They're counting on you to know what to do.

### **FLASHING YELLOW**

- Means bus is preparing to stop.
- When following the bus, **WARNING:** Illegal to pass from behind when yellow lights are flashing (\$100 fine).
- When approaching the bus, slow your vehicle to 20 MPH or less.
- Be prepared to stop.
- Look out for kids.

### **FLASHING RED & STOP SIGN OUT**

- Means kids are getting on or off the bus.
- **WARNING:** Illegal to pass from behind or from the opposite direction (\$100 fine).
- Stop your vehicle at least 15 feet from the bus.
- Remain stopped until flashing red ends and stop sign goes in.
- Look out for kids.

### **FOUR OR MORE LANE ROAD**

(Multiple lanes in opposite directions)

- Means more traffic, more speed, more need to know the rules.

- **WARNING:** Illegal to pass when yellow or red lights flashing if you're traveling in the same direction as the bus (\$100 fine)
- If you're traveling in the opposite direction of the bus, proceed with caution when yellow or red lights flashing.
- Look out for kids.

### **RAILROAD CROSSINGS**

- Mean school buses must stop before crossing.
- **WARNING:** Illegal to pass any vehicle within 100 feet of railroad crossing (\$100 fine).
- If you're traveling in the opposite direction of the bus, proceed with caution.

**Student safety starts at home. Teach students who ride school buses to practice these safety rules.**

### **BUS STOP**

- Stop and look both ways before crossing any street
- Getting on or off, do not cross the street until the bus driver signals it is O.K. to cross.
- Always cross in front of the bus far enough ahead to be seen by the driver (five "giant" steps).
- Wait for the bus at least 10 feet (five "giant" steps) from the street.
- Do not run, push, or shove when waiting at the bus stop.
- Wait until the bus driver signals it is O.K. to get on the bus.
- Never pick up anything dropped near the bus; tell the bus driver and follow his or her directions.
- Never crawl under a bus.

### **INTRODUCTION TO BUS SAFETY**

Approximately 300,000 school buses carry 22 million children on a bouncy ride to and from school each day.

More than 3,000 school bus riders are injured in school bus accidents every year. Sixty to seventy children, ages 5-9 die annually in needless bus accidents around the school. **STUDENT MISBEHAVIOR CREATES THE GRAVEST DANGERS TO PASSENGER SAFETY!!!**

A bus driver must drive safely, keep an eye on the road and maintain order while his back is turned on more students than a trained teacher faces in the classroom. He/She needs every passenger's help.

Safe school bus riders depend upon all kids working together with a SAFETY SPIRIT, and using the same school bus safety rules. **BEING A SAFE PASSENGER MEANS THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT SAFETY SPIRIT!!**



### **H-LP BUS SAFETY RULES AND REGULATION**

The following laws and regulations have been selected from the Code of Iowa Administrative Code (IAC), and the H-LP Community School Board. Only those sections relating to school transportation, and those most frequently referenced, have been reproduced. These should not be considered all inclusive.

PUPIL INSTRUCTION, 22.40, IAC. At least twice during each school year, each pupil who is transported in a school vehicle shall be instructed in safe riding practices and participate in emergency evacuation drills. Students

shall be instructed as to where they should be positioned as the bus approaches their stop. Students should wait for the bus in an orderly, single file at least ten steps from the roadway. Students crossing the roadway shall be instructed to cross “only on signal from the bus driver”, as per section 321.372, The Code.

#### **WHEN THE BUS ARRIVES:**

- Line up single file, and never crowd, push or shove.
- Use the bus handrails as you enter the bus in an ORDERLY fashion.
- Be courteous to your bus driver and fellow passengers.
- Take your seat promptly, and stay there.
- Avoid standing in the aisles.
- Hold books so they can't fall, or place them under your seat.

#### **DURING THE BUS RIDE:**

- Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
- Avoid shouting, scuffling, and other needless disturbances which might distract your bus driver.
- Keep arms and head inside the bus windows.
- Never throw objects out of the bus windows.
- Be quiet, orderly, courteous and considerate of others.
- Help keep the bus clean and neat. Never mark, scuff, cut, kick or tear the seats or walls.

#### **WHEN YOUR BUS ARRIVES AT YOUR DESTINATION:**

- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before getting out of your seat to stand up.
- Line up on the way out.
- Use the front door, unless the driver says otherwise.
- Use the handrail as you leave the bus in an orderly manner and be alert to traffic.
- Watch your step. Never jump or take a giant step to the curb.

#### **GOOD BUS MANNERS:**

- No loud talking.
- No talking at or near a railroad crossing.
- Keep your feet under you and arms close to your body.
- Avoid talking to the bus driver, except when the bus is stopped or in an emergency.
- Sit quietly in your seat until the trip ends.
- Never stick anything out the bus window, or throw things out of it.
- Never lean on windows, and never open them without permission from the driver.

#### **CROSSING SAFELY:**

- Crossing the road is always the most dangerous part of a bus trip. Never depend on the traffic to stop because sometimes it does not.
- Never cross in the driver's blind spot, which is right in front of the bus. Instead, walk 10 steps ahead of the bus along the edge of the road. Look back at the driver to make sure he sees you. Wait for his signal, then double check both ways yourself to make sure the way is safe. WALK QUICKLY!! DO NOT RUN!!
- Never hold up the bus by stopping, turning back to look, or to check the mailbox for mail.

#### **EMERGENCY DOOR:**

- The emergency door is for emergency use only, whenever the front door is blocked, or whenever two exits are needed. Your bus driver will explain how it is used and when.

#### **IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY:**

- Stay calm. It never helps to get excited.
- Remain in your seat until told by your driver what to do.
- Never touch any emergency equipment or safety releases unless directed by your driver.
- Let passengers near the exit go first. Duck your head. Keep hands free and leave everything behind (Your life is worth more than your lunch box). Bend your knees, if it is a big jump down. Get away from the exit, so others can safely get out.

#### **H-LP BOARD PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DRIVERS**

- Maintain discipline when students are on the bus.
- Report undisciplined student to the proper authority.
- Keep to assigned schedule.
- Discharge students only at authorized stops. (Definition of Authorized Stops: Student's home or school. Students with written permission or verbal "O.K." from Superintendent or Principal of building).
- Transport only authorized students.
- Enforce regulations against smoking on the bus.
- Enforce regulations against eating on the bus. (Option of the driver).
- Keep assigned bus clean.
- Conduct evacuation drills at least two times per year.





# 2025 Flag Football

Sponsored by: **NWIYAA**

**Registration is now OPEN until Aug. 29, 2025**

**Who:** Boys and Girls Grades TK - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**When:** September – October (Saturday Games )

**Cost:** \$55.00 Grades 3-6

\$40.00 Grades 1-2

\$20.00 TK/Kindergarten

### **VOLUNTEER TO COACH:**

- Giving our Youth an Opportunity!
- Sign Up on the Online Registration
- Practice times will be determined by Coaches

### **Divisions:**

TK/Kindergarten Little Wolves Scrimmages

1/2 Grade 7v7 Flag Games

3/4 Grade 7v7 Flag League Games

5/6 Grade 7v7 Flag League Games

**Register Online:** <https://nwiya.sportngin.com/register/form/479908888>



Follow us on **Facebook:**

**Harris-Lake Park Youth Athletic Association** for info, updates and all things youth sports!

**\*\* Registration is non-refundable unless we don't have enough for a Team \*\***

### **General Help or Questions Please Contact:**

Amanda Judd: 507-841-1541

Nikki Reimers: 507-841-3724

E-mail: [board@nwiyaa.com](mailto:board@nwiyaa.com)

**Northwest IA Youth Athletic Association Board Members:** Nathan Judd, Amanda Judd, Nikki Reimers, Tony Wittrock, Josh Huff, Keri Voit & Tessa Howard

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Right now, earning extra for your school is as easy as 1-2-3. Here's how:



## 1 | GOOD

**Refer a friend to Box Tops.\*** If they make a qualifying purchase and scan their receipt within 14 days, you'll earn 50 Bonus Box Tops (\$5) for your school – and your friend will earn 50 Bonus Box Tops (\$5) for their school too! That's 100 Bonus Box Tops (\$10) total.



## 2 | BETTER

**Have your friend connect their Box Tops and Walmart accounts.†** When a participant connects their accounts for the first time and makes a qualifying purchase using the saved payment method in their Walmart wallet, their school will earn 50 Bonus Box Tops (\$5).



## 3 | BEST

**Refer multiple friends,** have them connect their accounts and watch the earnings add up!

- 1 friend + 1 Walmart connected account = \$15
- 5 friends + 5 Walmart connected accounts = \$75
- 10 friends + 10 Walmart connected accounts = \$150
- 15 friends + 15 Walmart connected accounts = \$225



## GET THE APP

Scan the QR code or enter my code **IFO3694U**

If you scan the QR code, our school information will populate automatically, making registration quick and easy.

\*Refer friends to sign up for Box Tops using your referral code from the Box Tops app and BOTH of you will earn 50 Bonus Box Tops when they scan their first receipt by 9/30/25. This special 50 Bonus Box Tops referral offer ends on 9/30/25, or while supplies last. Referral bonus is awarded at the discretion of Box Tops and is subject to change without notice. Referred user must scan a receipt within the time frame in order to earn the bonus.

†Between 6/01/25 – 9/14/25, earn \$5 in Bonus Box Tops when you Connect your Box Tops and Walmart Account for the first time and complete an earning Box Tops transaction through your Connected Account.



# Fall 2025 Youth Art Classes

Registration deadline for all youth classes is the Wednesday prior to the class start date. \* Denotes 2 week course. Cost is \$22/\$24.



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## Mini Michelangelos | K-2nd gr

Thursdays: 4:00-4:45pm  
Members \$36 | Non-Members \$48

- \*Sept. 18 & 25: Clay Paint Palettes
- Oct. 2, 9, 16: Illustrated Animal Burrows
- Nov. 6, 13, 20: Leaf Pile Self Portrait
- Dec. 4, 11, 18: Ornament Painting on Canvas

## Art Club | 3-6 gr

Thursdays: 5:00-6:00pm  
Members \$36 | Non-Members \$48

- \*Sept. 18 & 25: Clay Dominos Set
- Oct. 2, 9, 16: Buildings at Night
- Nov. 6, 13, 20: Experimenting with India Ink
- Dec. 4, 11, 18: Cloud Painting on Canvas

## Teen Art | 7-12 gr

Tuesdays: 4:00-5:00pm  
Members \$36 | Non-Members \$48

- Sept. 16 & 23rd: Clay Cylinders & Scenes
- Oct. 7, 14, 21: Drawings at Dusk
- Nov. 4, 11, 18: Landscapes with India Ink
- Dec. 2, 9, 16: Trees with Oil Paint

## SatARTday CLASS

### Holiday Tie-Dye T-shirts

Dec. 6 | 10am-11am, 11am-12pm, or 1-2pm  
\$16/\$18 Per Shirt

Celebrate the season with a splash of color! In this festive, fun-filled workshop, participants of all ages will create a custom holiday-themed tie-dye t-shirt to take home in a zippered bag with the washing instructions. Learn creative folding and tying techniques with a holiday twist! Select shirt size at the time of registration.

For Individuals, Groups, and Families of All Ages!  
All youth must be accompanied by an adult. All materials included. Register by December 3.

## OPEN CLAY STUDIO

### Come & Create

Open Clay Studio is open for use on Thursdays 5-9pm or all-day Saturdays 10am-4pm!  
Clay available to purchase, \$35 per 25lb or \$20 per 12.5 lbs, glazing and firing included with purchase! Utilize the pottery wheels, slab roller, and other tools to create pottery, hand-building, and sculptures! Clay storage lockers are now available for rent, \$30 for 6 month rental. Adults must accompany all youth 15 and under. Contact [education@lakesart.org](mailto:education@lakesart.org) for more information.

If you would like your child to attend but need financial assistance, please register your child by calling the box office at 712-332-7029. Financial assistance to all youth classes is available thanks to a generous donation from Gary and Pat Ray. Simply tell the box office you are registering utilizing the Gary and Pat Ray scholarship.



SCAN FOR FULL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & TO REGISTER ONLINE

[lakesart.org](http://lakesart.org) | 712-332-7029  
Pearson Lakes Art Center | 2201 HWY 71, Okoboji, IA 51355

# Youth Culinary Classes

at the Pearson Lakes Art Center

## Kids Corn Festival Cooking | Ages 7 - 12

With Cathie Critchett of Lagniappe Tea Room

Thursday, Sept. 18 | 4-6pm

Members: \$30 | Non-Members: \$40

Learn, cook & create! Explore the history of community festivals and corn palaces, once commonplace celebrations of the planting, growth, and harvesting of corn in the Midwest. Cathie will teach kids to prepare tasty treats, all spotlighting corn as a versatile ingredient, and then lead in an art activity using the husks. Registration required by 9/16.

## Halloween Cupcake Decorating

Janet Steinbach of Lakes Cakes, Boji Custom Cakery

Wednesday, Oct. 22 | 4-6pm

Members: \$45 | Non-Members: \$55

**Ages 13+.** Learn about decorating techniques, practice with fondant, get instructions on specific Halloween designs, then create your own decorated cupcake masterpieces! Class includes a pastry bag and decorating tip to bring home. Take away 4 - 6 cupcakes in a bakery box. Register by 10/17.

## Halloween Cupcake Decorating

Janet Steinbach of Lakes Cakes, Boji Custom Cakery

Tuesday, Oct. 21 | 4-5:30pm

Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$50 per Parent/Child

**Parent & Child Cupcake Decorating. Designed for kids ages 7-12 and a parent to work together as a group.** Learn about decorating techniques, practice with fondant, get instructions on specific Halloween designs, then create your own decorated cupcake masterpieces! Take away 4 - 6 cupcakes in a bakery box. Register by 10/17. Add an additional child to group for \$10.



TO REGISTER CALL 712-332-7029 OR VISIT

[lakesart.org](http://lakesart.org)

 [info@lakesart.org](mailto:info@lakesart.org)

 712.332.7029

 [lakesart.org](http://lakesart.org)

**Wolves Tale** is the Harris-Lake Park student newspaper. The current Wolves Tale is an all-digital edition that can be found on the school website. The Wolves Tale is written in correspondence with a composition class at H-LP.

The Wolves Tale covers stories about staff, students, and community. It's a great place to receive news and information from a student perspective.

Check out the latest issue: [Wolves Tale](#)

Harris-Lake Park Daily Bulletin & Announcements are available on the school website: [Daily Bulletin](#).

All Harris-Lake Park MS/HS and Elementary School activities are updated on the Harris-Lake Park Bound website: [Bound/Harris-Lake Park Wolves](#).

Spirit Lake Park Wrestling and the SLPO Soccer schedules are available on the Spirit Lake Bound website: [Bound/Spirit Lake CSD](#). Scheduling for these shared sports is done through the Spirit Lake schools.

### BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM

Healthy school meals consistent with the nutritional requirements set forth by the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act will be made available to all students. Students will also be permitted to bring their lunches from home and to purchase only beverages and incidental items. Breakfast is served and available to all MS/HS and elementary students each morning from 7:45-8:10 AM. This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

### PROGRAMA DE DESAYUNO Y ALMUERZO

Se pondrán a disposición de todos los estudiantes comidas escolares saludables que cumplan con los requisitos nutricionales establecidos por la Ley de Niños Saludables y Sin Hambre. A los estudiantes también se les permitirá traer sus almuerzos de casa y comprar solo bebidas y artículos incidentales. El desayuno se sirve y está disponible para todos los estudiantes de MS/HS y de primaria todas las mañanas de 7:45 a 8:10 a.m. Esta Institución es un proveedor de igualdad de oportunidades.

### HARRIS-LAKE PARK WEBSITE NOTICES AND PARENT ACCESS CAPABILITIES

**Website Notices and Parent Access Capabilities** - District Patrons with internet access will be able to receive updates for weather-related school announcements on the school website. The website will be updated regarding late starts and weather cancellations. Parents may also sign up for the HLP District Announcement messages (see information to sign up in this newsletter.)

Parents may update their parent contact information and access their student's grades, lunch and tuition/fee account balances on-line through their JMC Parent Portal. [JMC Parent Portal](#). Lunch & Fee payments can be made on-line through the JMC Online Payment system.

**Newsletter Information** - The monthly newsletter is emailed to all Harris-Lake Park families who have provided an email address. If you are a district patron or a friend or family member who does not have a student enrolled in the Harris-Lake Park Schools and wish to receive the monthly newsletter by email, please send your request to: [shirley@hlpcsd.org](mailto:shirley@hlpcsd.org) and you will be added to our email listing.

Newsletters are also available on-line: [HLP Newsletters](#)

Print newsletters are available at the elementary and MS/HS school offices.

### USDA Nondiscrimination Statement:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

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1. **mail:**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:** [Program.Intake@usda.gov](mailto:Program.Intake@usda.gov)

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## Welcome!

The main exterior building doors of the elementary and MS/HS are controlled access doors. To enter the school buildings you will need to be let in by the office. To enter the school during those times you should follow these steps:

Press the call button on the Aiphone (located on the brick wall near the doors). Personnel in the office will look at the live video feed while you tell your name.

The doors will be manually unlocked for you and you may proceed to the office to sign in.

All visitors must sign in and wear a badge! ALL parents, visitors and vendors to the Harris-Lake Park Schools are required to sign in at the building offices and wear a badge indicating they are a visitor in the building.

The school has established this added security measure to ensure the safety of our students.

### Harris-Lake Park Community School District Addresses, Phone Numbers, Fax Numbers

#### Elementary Building

PO Box 277 Phone Number: 712-832-3437  
105 Avenue A West Fax Number: 712-832-3812  
Lake Park, IA 51347

#### MS/HS Building

PO Box 8 Phone Number: 712-832-3809  
905 South Market Fax Number: 712-832-3812  
Lake Park, IA 51347

#### Lake Park Public Library

PO Box 344 Phone Number: 712-832-9505  
905 South Market Fax Number: 712-832-9507  
Lake Park, IA 51347 Email: [library@lakepark.us](mailto:library@lakepark.us)

## District Announcements



Harris-Lake Park Community:

Please sign up for District Announcements using the instructions below. These announcements are used for emergencies such as school closings, weather announcements, and other important information.

Get information for District Announcements right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for District Announcements:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/28e773](http://rmd.at/28e773)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @28e773 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @28e773 to (469) 608-2309.

\* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/28e773](http://rmd.at/28e773) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



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