



Iowa Valley Tiger Tracks

Education: A Community Partnership

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THANK YOU.....

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I want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to all of our staff for the hard work that you have put in to make our schools great! THANK YOU to many seems like such a small thing to say, yet we find ourselves neglecting the time to stop and say these two little words. I want to challenge each of you to say THANK YOU to someone who has made a difference in your first half of the school year, whether it be a student, parent, community member or staff member. Please take a moment to let that person know how much you appreciate them.

We are proud of our schools and our community, our schools are thriving and successful and that is because of the “team attitude” and culture we have built in our schools and community. All of us at Iowa Valley Schools are grateful for the community’s support to extend the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, and approval of the Public Education and Recreation Levy. Our community and business owners are very supportive of our schools, as evidenced by the outstanding crowds at our school events. We love to have big crowds, so please consider coming to the events and supporting our children! We greatly appreciate our community and all it does for the Iowa Valley School District.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season.

Go Tigers!

Special points of interest:

- * Dec. 4 Jr.-Sr High Parent Teacher Conferences
- * Dec. 9 PreK-1st grade concert
- * Dec. 10 2-6 grade concert
- * Dec. 11 1 pm early dismissal
- * Dec. 18 7-12 grade concert
- * Dec. 20 1 pm early dismissal
- * Dec. 23-Jan 1 Winter Break
- * Jan. 2 School Resumes

Annual Notifications

Go to www.iowa-valley.com

Click on the box at the bottom of the homepage that says

“Annual Notifications: Click here to visit the Iowa Department of Education website”

It will link to :

<https://www.educateiowa.gov/annual-notices-public-school-districts>

Iowa Valley Community School District offers the following CTE (Career & Technical Education Service Area)

- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Applied Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Manufacturing
- Business, Finance, Marketing and Management
- Human Services

CONTINUOUS NONDISCRIMINATION NOTIFICATION

It is the policy of the Iowa Valley Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's Equity Coordinator- Mark Olmstead, Iowa Valley Community School District, 359 East Hilton Street, Marengo, IA 52301, (319) 642-7714, molmstead@ivcsd.org.

The Iowa Valley Community School District affirms its commitment to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and orders as required by Iowa Code 216.9 and 256.10 (2) Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Pay Act of 1973, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For further guidance, please contact the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 E. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661, or telephone number 312-730-1560, FAX 312-730-1576, or email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov. You may also visit the Iowa Department of Education website- Equity Guidance. Additional information can be found on our school's website at www.iowa-valley.k12.ia.us.

Notice to all parents/guardians

The Iowa Application for Free & Reduced Price School Meals/Milk is available for you to pick up from the following locations: Elementary Principals office, Jr.-Sr. High School Principals office, the Central Office or print from the school's website.

If you have completed and been approved already this year you do not need to do anything.

In first grade we have been learning about plants, animals and life cycles. We have learned that both plants and animals need each other to survive. In our science foss kit we had the opportunity to grow plants from seeds, bulbs, and cuttings. We investigated plants to see if plants can grow without soil. We read about different plant and animal habitats.

The DNR came to our class and talked to us about how animals use their adaptations to help them survive and move. She brought animal ides to share and read clues to see if we knew what animal she was describing by its traits and adaptations. We were able to identify most of them. We learned more about animals that are nocturnal.

At the end of the foss kit unit we transplanted coleus plants and made terrariums. The kids really enjoy the hands on activities. Here are some pictures from our investigations and visit from the DNR.

Mrs. Gunzenhauser, First Grade

