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<http://www.waterloo.k12.ia.us/schoolsites/poyner/>

BEFORE SCHOOL Your child should not be at school before 8:30. There is no adult supervision outside until this time. ALL STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:30 WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE OFFICE SO PARENTS CAN PICK THEM UP. If you require before school care for your child, please contact Y-Care for information about their before school program.

HUG & GO LANE

Thank you to all of the families who are using the Hug and Go Lane as it was planned for – *a quick and safe drop off/pick up lane with smooth flowing traffic.* There are several new families to the Poyner Community, therefore a quick review of the procedures is necessary.

Please keep the right lane, the inside lane, of traffic moving efficiently by always pulling forward to the open spot ahead of your vehicle.

- * Adhere to the posted signs stating “No Parking from 3:15-3:45 and 2:00-2:25 on Wednesdays.”
- * There is no parking along the exit or in front of either crosswalk.
- * Children are allowed to enter and exit your vehicle on the passenger’s side only.
- * Use only the crosswalk by the main entrance or the east entrance when crossing the Hug and Go Lane. (These will soon be clearly marked!)
- * The exit is a 2-lane exit with traffic on the right side moving forward only toward Bungler, and traffic on the left turning left only. (This, too, will soon be clearly marked!)
- * The exit is a 3-way stop. Thank you for waiting patiently for your turn.

By continuing to follow these procedures, the Poyner staff can assure your child will be dismissed safely and orderly in a timely manner. Thank you to all who follow these procedures.

WEBSITE Check out the updated Poyner website!
<http://www.waterloo.k12.ia.us/schoolsites/poyner/>
You will find the latest news and information about Poyner here!

SCHOOL PICTURES School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 12. Information will be sent home with the students. For Fall Picture Day, students MUST be in dress code attire. On Spring Picture Day, students will be allowed to wear dress up clothing or be in District dress code.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

October 20th & October 21st

Your scheduled time will be sent home soon.

TRANSLATIONS If your needs for translated materials have changed, please inform the office as soon as possible.

CALENDAR

October 4	PTO Meeting with 5th grade trip meeting for parents immediately following.
October 12	School Picture Day
October 15	SPIRIT DAY!!!!
October 20-21	Parent / Teacher Conferences
October 28	Fall Parade “Say Boo! to Drugs!”

PREPARED FOR SCHOOL Did you know that sleep affects how your child performs in school? Use the following guidelines to determine how much sleep your child should be getting every night.

- 1-3 years old: 12 - 14 hours per day
- 3-6 years old: 10 - 12 hours per day
- 7-12 years old: 10 - 11 hours per day
- 12-18 Years Old: 8 - 9 hours per day

Developing a bed time routine will help your child wind down for the night. For example:

1. Go to the bathroom / Take a bath
2. Brush Teeth
3. Read a book
4. Sing a Song
5. Say Goodnight



Keeping your routine the same each night will help your child feel safe and secure. Choose one that works for you!

MUSIC PROGRAMS 2011-2012 Music Programs will be held at 6:30 at Poyner on the following dates:

- November 15 - 3rd Grade
- December 13 - 2nd Grade
- February 21 - 5th Grade
- March 27 - 1st Grade
- April 17 - 4th Grade (with 5th grade Band)
- May 1 - Kindergarten

NOMINATE A TEACHER The 7Wonders of the USA Teacher Tour honors American teachers who inspire a sense of wonder in their students, by giving teachers a chance to visit one of the 7Wonders of the USA to teach a class remotely.



To nominate a wonderful teacher, visit the 7Wonders of the USA website at www.7wondersoftheusa.com and tell Wonder how a teacher has influenced a child today. On the site, parents and kids can learn about each of the 7Wonders with fun facts and family-friendly activities. They can also learn more about how Teach For America promotes educational excellence and equity across the country. The deadline for nominations is October 24.

INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL



Poyner still has many families that have not taken the opportunity to sign up for the infinite campus parent portal. You are missing out on lots of information provided by your child's teacher. If you have not signed up, visit the following website: <https://campus.waterloo.k12.ia.us/campus/portal/waterloo.jsp> to enroll for access to your child's grades and information from the teacher. Computers will also be available for you to sign up for the parent portal during Fall Conferences!

EARN MONEY FOR POYNER!

Keep Collecting!!!!

Box Tops, HyVee Receipts, Tyson Project A+, Milk Moola



FUNDRAISER NIGHTS

Do you love pizza?!? Order from Godfather's on the following dates from 11am - 10pm and turn in your fundraising card to earn money for Poyner! For each card turned in, Godfather's will donate \$3 to Poyner! And classrooms will have a chance to earn a pizza party for their whole class. (Make sure your teacher's name is written on the back.)

- October 27
- November 17
- December 15



Using the card will also earn you a discount on your pizza. \$3 on Jumbo, \$2.00 on a large, \$1.00 on a medium. Offer is good for eat in, carry-out, or delivery at the Schukei Rd. Godfather's in Waterloo.

PERSONAL ITEMS A reminder that all personal student items should be left at home. While we do our best to make sure personal belongings are safe, they will be safest left at home. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE—It is very important that your child attend school on a regular basis AND STAY THE WHOLE DAY!

We have noticed a lot of parents coming in between 3:00 and 3:30 to pick up children early from school.



Your child is still learning at this time! Picking them up early results in many teaching minutes lost during the year. If your child is picked up 30 minutes early once a week for the whole year, they miss out on 18 hours of instruction! Please help us make the most of each day by allowing your child to remain the full school day!

AFTER SCHOOL The safety of students who ride a bus is very important to us. To make sure that you approve when your student wants to take a different bus after school, or wants to get off at a stop other than the normal one, we need a written note from the parent or guardian. This note gives your permission for the change for that day. Send the note to the office and we will give a copy to the bus driver. Students who do not provide this written permission from their parent or guardian will not be permitted to ride a different bus or get off at a different stop.

Any changes in after school arrangements need to be given to the secretary in writing by noon. We do everything we can to ensure that students are getting to the right place after school. When we receive several calls throughout the day, it is difficult to make all the necessary arrangements and notifications.

Students must be picked up by 3:45 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. On Wednesday, students must be picked up by 2:25 p.m. After these times we do not have supervision. If this does not work with your schedule, the YMCA provides a before and after school program.

SCHOOL STORE The Poyner School Store will be starting on Tuesday, October 4! Members of the Poyner PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) will be available from 8:30 - 8:50 in the grade level wings to sell school supplies to students.

Tuesdays - 4/5 Wing

Wednesdays - 2/3 Wing

Thursdays - K/1 Wing



SPIRIT DAYS On spirit days students may wear Poyner Elementary School designed t-shirts or polos with a collar along with approved dress code bottoms. ***No other purple t-shirts or shirts without collars are allowed.*** The following dates are Poyner Elementary Spirit Days:

October 14

November 11

January 13

February 17

April 20

May 11

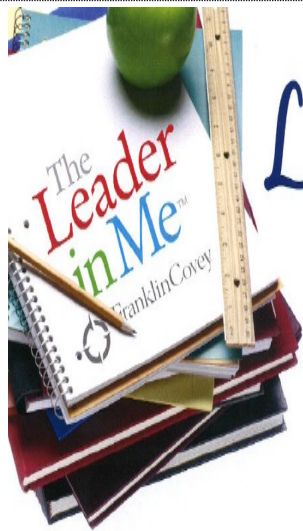
***Poyner
Parent Committee /
SITE Council***

October 4 @ 5:30 p.m.

Poyner Media Center

We invite and welcome all
parents to join us!!!

5th Grade Trip Meeting
following @ 6:30.



Leader Valley Rally

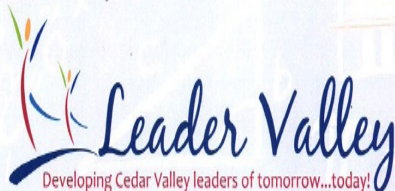
Monday, October 24th | 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Gallagher Bluedorn on the UNI Campus

Students, families, educators and community members are invited to the **FREE** Leader Valley Rally event so they can:

- Learn about The Leader in Me initiative that will be implemented in every Cedar Valley school and how it will influence students and their families
- Hear from fellow students, parents, faculty and community members who have already felt the impact of Leader Valley
- Become inspired by Sean Covey, author, and Muriel Summers, principal of the first Leader In Me school in Raleigh, NC.

Presented by:



319.232.1156 LeaderValley@CedarValleyAlliance.com

With support from:



FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

Allen College Engagement & Salvation Army Partnership (ACE-SAP)

Partnering to offer preventive healthcare and experiential learning through service.



What is ACE-SAP Clinic? It is a free clinic that offers the following services. Care is provided by registered nurses who are students in Allen College's nurse practitioner program (supervised by a certified nurse practitioner instructor) as part of their clinical and service learning requirement.

Services provided:

- * Complete health history
- * Full physical (health check-up)
- * Medications necessary for treatment
- * Cholesterol and blood sugar screening done on-site with results ready in 5 minutes. Persons should come fasting (nothing to eat or drink besides water after midnight)
- * Health education and referral
- * Immunizations as recommended

Where is the clinic? The clinic is located at the Salvation Army on the corner of Logan Ave. and Hwy 63. Persons should enter the 207 Logan Ave entrance (by the chapel) and signs will direct you downstairs.

Are appointments required? No, but appointments are encouraged if you have special needs such as specific immunizations or need an interpreter.

How much does it cost? All services provided at the clinic are free including medications, vaccines and lab tests.

When is the clinic open? Since the clinic is staffed by students, the times vary depending on student schedules. You can call the Salvation Army at 319-235-9358 for information on clinic times