



Iowa Valley Tiger Tracks

Farewells are Bittersweet

Graduation is a reflection time for seniors and their families of 13+ years of schooling, a time of bitter-sweet memories. Tears will be shed thinking of the wonderful times of the past but an eager anticipation of the future will also be apparent. It is our district's hope that each graduate will enter the "real world" with enthusiasm, optimism, and hope of making positive changes for the communities in which each of our graduates will live, learn, and love. I would like to share some of my **Lucky 7 Words of Wisdom to the Class of 2017:**

1. **Don't let the virtual world take the place of the real one.** Don't let Facebook, Twitter, email, and texting be a substitute for the real faces of your family and friends. Success is about the people you interact with and the lives you change in small and possibly big ways.
2. **If you want your dreams to come true, you can't sleep 'til noon.** Don't take the easy road. In today's world, it is far too easy to be cynical. It is comfortable to be disengaged, relying on others to get things done. Taking the easy road is a dead end. Get out there and live life to its fullest. You are missing half of the day if you are sleeping 'til noon.
3. **Never go to the doctor whose office plants have died.** This speaks for itself!

4. **Express appreciation.** You cannot get through life doing everything by yourself. If you have a special someone who has helped you get to where you are today, please take time to thank him/her. Your biggest "thank you" might go to ones you take for granted, your parents.
5. **Be something larger than yourself.** I urge you to think outside the box and get involved in your community where you will live or go to college. Do not wait for people to come to you, reach out to them. Communities today need positive, involved people who are cheerful givers, not takers.
6. **Keep your priorities straight:** Begin this new phase in your life by thinking with the end in mind. In other words, know where you want to go and make a plan or route in getting there. Remember that choices you make today will affect your future, so act accordingly. Do not do or say something you might regret later.
7. **Have fun.** Live life to the fullest each and every day. We only go around once in this life so make the most of it.

Important School Dates for 2017-2018

- August 9 Registration
- August 21 Elementary Meet and Greet and 7th grade Orientation
- August 23 First day of school
- September 27 Secondary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 16 No school- all-day in-service
- November 1 and 2 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences

- November 3 No school- comp day
 - November 22-26 Thanksgiving break
 - November 29 Secondary Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - December 22 End of first semester classes and 1:00 dismissal
 - December 23-January 2 Winter break
 - January 15 No school- all day in-service
 - January 31 Secondary Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - March 27 and 28 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - March 29-April 2 No school-comp day and spring break
 - April 18 Secondary Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - May 15 Last day for seniors (depending on number of snow days)
 - May 20 Commencement
 - May 22 End of second semester classes (pending no snow days) and 1:00 dismissal
- 1:00 Dismissal Dates:
September 13, November 15, December 13, December 22, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, and May 22 (or last day of school).



Mrs. Donita Joens, Superintendent of Schools

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May 2017

Special points of interest:

- May 2 B & G Varsity Track
- May 4 B & G Varsity Track
- May 5 Large Group Music Contest
- May 6 FFA Greenhouse Sale
- May 9 Youth Market Place
- May 9 6th Grade Celebration
- May 10 1 pm early dismissal
- May 13 FFA Greenhouse Sale
- May 15 Class Night
- May 16 Fine Arts Banquet
- May 17 Baccalaureate
- May 21 Commencement
- May 23 Elementary Track & Field
- May 23 Preschool Graduation
- May 25 Last Day of School
- May 25 1 pm early dismissal

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First Grade News

First Grade is really springing for joy! They have been visiting their buddies at Rose Haven Nursing Home, our CAKE partners and experiencing the birth of babies in the classroom.

It has been an exciting few days hatching chicks at school for the 7th year!

The first graders got to see the first 3 on Tuesday then spring break started on Wednesday. Now we are up to 9 chicks.

Thank you to Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program for supporting this exciting experience!

Thank you FFA and Mrs. Kilgard for teaching us about the life cycle of a baby chick. It is eggciting!

Mrs. Polly Gunzenhauser, First Grade Teacher



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Join us for a **FREE** lunch!

- **Open to all children and teens 1–18**
- **No registration or identification is required**

Dates: June 5 – July 14, 2017

(No service on July 3rd and July 4th 2017)

Time: 11:00 a.m - Noon

Location: Iowa Valley Jr.- Sr. High School

High School Cafeteria

359 E Hilton St



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