

Ankeny Schools Snapshot

A monthly district newsletter

October 2021 - Second Edition

First Three Words



Advancing the Vision

with Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Erick Pruitt

The Ankeny Community School District's Strategic Planning process is underway and we want to hear from you. We have a goal of acquiring 13,402 contributions and 79,395 minutes of collaborative design. 13,402 is the estimated number of students we will have in our district by 2025. Help us reach our goal and [Give Us Your Feedback!](#) Working together to develop a new vision for our district's future.

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The members of our Strategic Plan Core Planning Team met on October 25-27, for their initial planning meeting. This group is made up of district staff, external educational partners, civic leaders, corporate executives, non-profit organizers, members of the faith community, philanthropists, and most importantly, students. Learn more about our [Core Team](#) and our [Strategic Planning Process](#) on our website.

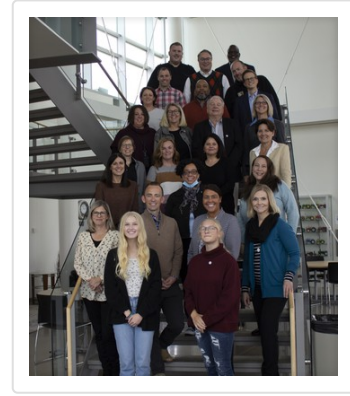
In case you missed our last [Parent Advisory Council Meeting](#) (PAC), parents had a chance to learn more about Community Engagement and give input on how they can best serve families and communities. The second half of the meeting I shared information about our district audit and development of an equity framework and gave parents an opportunity to weigh in on what our district is doing well and where we could improve. View the meeting's [slide deck](#).

Save the Date for the next PAC meeting on November 18, 2021, 6 p.m. in the cafeteria at Northview Middle School to learn more about and to share your feedback about facility planning. Participants at this meeting will also have an opportunity to learn more about the draft strategic plan framework and express interest in serving on "action teams" that will develop the action steps and metrics that will bring the strategic plan to life.

Thank you for all you do to make Ankeny Community School District a better place.

Sincerely,

Dr. Erick Pruitt



District Calendar Survey

School district staff, administration, and Board representatives meet annually to discuss and plan the school calendar for future school years. Your input on the length and structure of the school calendar will provide valuable information for this committee as they plan for the 2022-2023 school year. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts by completing a short survey. This survey will be available through Sunday, November 14th and can be accessed [at this link](#).

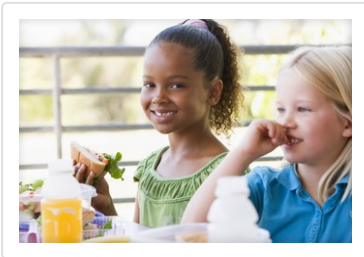


School Board Election

The school board election will be Tuesday, November 2. Listed below are the candidates running for the three open board positions:

- Sarah Barthole
- Lori Bullock
- Joy Burk
- Christian Mathew Holtz
- Lori Lovstad
- Trent Murphy
- Shelly Northway

[Click here](#) to find your polling location. Please make plans to vote!



Nutrition Services Update

Beginning Monday, November 1, Nutrition Services will discontinue the second entree option at the elementary buildings. Only the hot entree will be offered each day. This change is due to staffing, and food item shortages. When we are able, and staffing is improved, we will add back in the second entree option. Current menus can be found [here](#).

Winter Clothing Giveaway

Soon the Iowa winter will have us opening our closets for winter coats, hats, gloves and boots. Many Ankeny families lack the funds to purchase these items for their children. Project Fresh Start, supported by the Ankeny Community Education program, is stepping forward to help receive and coordinate winter clothing donations.

Donations of gently used hats/ear muffs, scarves, snow pants, coats, heavy jackets, and mittens are being collected at each Ankeny school building during November 8th-11th.

The clothing giveaway will be held on Saturday, November 13 from 11:00am-2:00pm and Sunday, November 14 from 11:00am-1:00pm at Prairie Ridge Middle School.

For more information, please contact the Ankeny Community Engagement office at (515) 965-9600.

Inclement Weather System Test on November 1

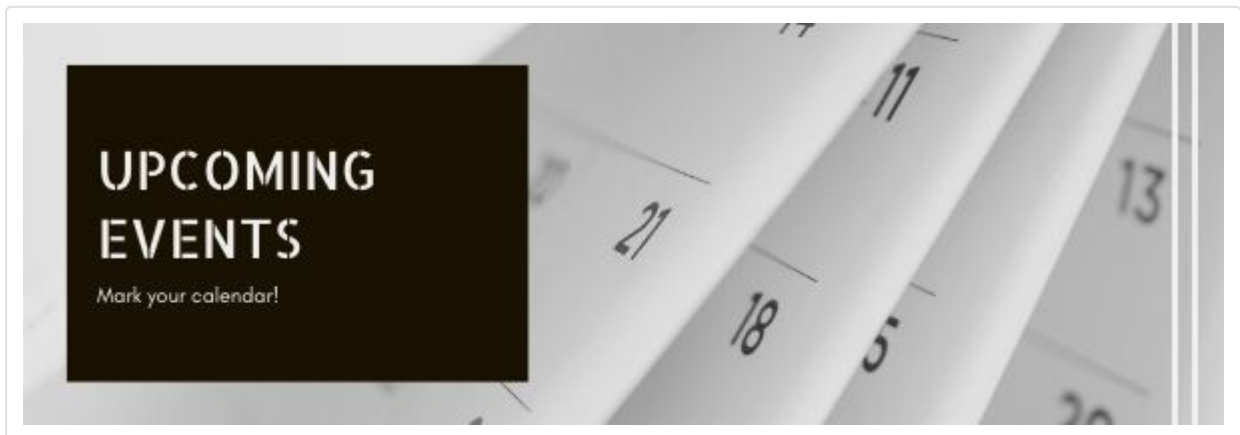
On Monday, November 1, we will be testing our Inclement Weather Notification System. This means that you will receive an email and/or text alert from our Blackboard system at approximately 12:30 PM. We do this test each year to ensure our systems are working properly and to give parents the opportunity to make sure they are signed up to receive alerts.

Please remember to mark this date on your calendar! [Click here](#) to find additional information on our Closing and Delays policy.

October Virtual Backpack

Find this month's vBackpack [here](#)!

- [Arts and Entertainment](#)
- [Camps and Scouts](#)
- [Community Engagement Courses](#)
- [Sports and Activities](#)



Upcoming Events

Board Meeting - Monday, November 1 *date change due to election* at 6:00PM

Inclement Weather System Test - Monday, November 1 at 12:30 PM

School Board Election Day - Tuesday, November 2

Parent Advisory Committee - Thursday, November 18 at 6:00PM

Flex Day, No School - Wednesday, November 24



Thanksgiving Break - Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26



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