

**Ames PTA Meeting
April 5, 2011**

Administration Report, Principal, Colleen Lieggi –

- All forms for the Ames Talent Show 2011 are available on E-backpack. Please note the changes in audition dates. All types of routines are encouraged in the show which will take place on Tuesday, May 24th at 1:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m.
- Trout Unlimited will provide a lesson on trout on April 11th for the fifth grade students. The Trout Release will take place on May 7th for students and their families.
- The World Language Study Group, comprised of educators and parents, will explore various languages to determine which would be the best language to be studied by District 96 students. Their recommendation will be made during the 2011/2012 school year.
- The Spring Music Program will be held on Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. and feature fourth and fifth grade students.
- Teacher Appreciation Week will begin Monday, May 2nd and the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be held Thursday, May 5th.
- The last day of school has been changed to June 3, 2011 due to the snow day in February. The fifth grade clap-out will now be held on June 2, 2011.

Presentation on Quest Program, Susan Battersby and Colleen Lieggi –

Principal Lieggi and Ames teacher, Susan Battersby, provided a presentation on the Quest program for students gifted in math and/or reading. A detailed summary of the presentation can be found on the Quest website which is located on Ms. Battersby's page on the Ames website.

Meet the Riverside Village Trustee Candidates –

Village Trustee Candidates Jean Sussman, Ben Sells and Joseph Ballerine were scheduled to speak at the meeting but had to cancel because Ames School is a polling place and persons running for public office cannot enter a polling place for reasons other than voting on election day.

Officer's Report, Jen Kaiser and Lisa Freel –

- The following individuals were elected as Officers for the 2011/2012 Ames PTA Board:

Co-Presidents – Lisa Hennelly and Lisa Freel
First Vice President (Cultural Arts and Educational Programs) – Phyllis Lukas
First Vice President (Fundraising) Lisa Swicionis
Second Vice President (Room Representatives) - Maureen Dvorak
Second Vice President (Hospitality) – Lisa Carlson
Secretary – Michelle Holman Van Nice
Treasurer – Jen Kaiser
- A motion was approved to make an adjustment to the 2011 PTA budget to increase the PTA's donation to Teacher Appreciation Week by \$400.00. The motion also approved the payment of the \$5,000 that the PTA owed District 96 for new playground equipment and the repair of the monkey bars.
- The PTA agreed to host a screening of "Race to Nowhere", a documentary on current educational systems and trends.
- Ames Kids Fun Night (and Parents Night Out) at Flying High Gymnastics is an Ames PTA fundraiser and will take place on Saturday, April 13th from 7-10:00 p.m.

THANK YOU TO:

- o Michelle Holman Van Nice and Christine Kawiecki for organizing a great Donuts with Dads Day
 - o Serina Ranft and Lauren Allen for their hard work on the Science Fair
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Announcements:

5 th to 6 th Grade Parent Orientation at Hauser	Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00pm
School Supply Sale ends	Wednesday, April 13
All District Band Concert at Hauser	Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00pm
Ames Open House	Thursday, April 14 at 7:00pm
Spirit Day/Bank at School	Friday, April 15
Fifth Grade Games Night at Hauser	Friday, April 15, 6:00-8:30pm
Talent Show Sign Up Forms due	Friday, April 15
Green Wheel Day	Wednesday, April 20
Non-Attendance Day	Friday, April 22
K-2 grade Talent Show Auditions	Tuesday April 26, 11:30-12:25 pm
3-5 grade Talent Show Auditions	Wednesday, April 27, 11:30-12:25 pm
Teacher Appreciation Week	Monday May 2 - Thursday May 5
PTA Meeting –Installation of Officers	Tuesday, May 3 at 8:45am
Ronald McDonald Pop Top Contest ends	Wednesday, May 4
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	Thursday, ay 5 at 11:30am
Spring Music Program Grades 4-5	Monday, May 9 at 7:00pm
Talent Show Rehearsal (1st half acts)	Wednesday, May 18, 3:30-5:00pm
Talent Show Rehearsal (2nd half acts)	Thursday, May 19, 3:30-5:00pm
Afternoon Talent Show	Tuesday, May 24 at 1:00pm
Evening Talent Show	Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00pm