

# THE FINDLEY FOCUS

Findley Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter

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## ¡SI SE PUEDE!

### Mark your calendars!

October 16th - Kindergarten to Center Grove Apple Orchard

October 21st & 22nd - Conferences

October 23rd - No School

October 27th - 3rd Grade to Central College

### WE ARE A PBIS SCHOOL!

(Positive Behavior  
Intervention and Support)

RESPECT Self

RESPECT Others

RESPECT Property

RESPECT Learning

## Welcome to Findley!

**Jaime Riebkes** is an interventionist working with kindergarten and first-grade students. Mrs. Ribkes comes to us from Lutheran Services in Iowa. **Stacey Clark** is our new Americorps volunteer. She is at Findley each morning and helps in various classrooms. Mrs. Clark's own children attend North High.

## Conferences

Conferences are **October 21 (Wed) and 22 (Thurs) after school until 8:00pm**. This is an important time to share information and hear about individual progress. You will earn money in your child's I Have A Dream college savings account just by attending. Please read the conference note in your child's backpack and confirm your scheduled appointment.

## YMCA Dreamer Laboratory

The YMCA After School Program is offered at Findley. Students have time for physical activity, snack, homework help, tutoring, and social enrichment. *The Findley playground is reserved from 3:30 - 6:00 for our students who participate in the After School Program.*

## Counseling Corner

October is National Bullying Prevention Month and we are excited to be celebrating this all month long at Findley Elementary School. During counseling, all students will be learning about bullying behaviors and how to stop it from occurring. The theme this year is, *"The end of bullying starts with you!"* Talk to your child about how to safely prevent bullying. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school. It is our goal to create a safe and caring environment for all students.



## College Adoptions

Each grade level has been adopted by a college or trade school! Kindergarten will be working with **Missouri Trade Organization**, First grade will be working with **Drake University**, Second grade will be working with **DMACC**, Third grade will be working with **Central College**, Fourth grade will be working with the **University of Iowa**, and Fifth grade will be working with **Grand View University**.

## School Grounds & Playground

The playground is closed during school hours for use by our school—this include the YMCA until 6:00pm. After 6:00pm, students can use the playground until dark. Children need to be supervised. Please remind students that they should not be playing in the street—we want our students safe!

**FINDLEY'S MISSION:**  
*Creating big dreamers and high Achievers!*

**From the Nurse's Office**

**LATHER UP FOR GOOD HEALTH**

The American Public Health Association encourages proper hand washing to help protect you and those you touch from germs.

**WHEN:** Before touching or serving food. Before treating a wound. Before caring for someone who is sick.

**AFTER:** Using or helping someone use the bathroom. After diapering a baby. After coughing or sneezing. After caring for a sick child. After wiping someone's nose. After being out in public. After playing with pets. After handling raw meat, poultry, fish. After handling garbage.

**HOW:** Use warm running water and soap. Lather up for 20 seconds. Rub lather all over, in between fingers and under nails. Rinse well and dry.

**WASH YOUR HANDS THE RIGHT WAY  
AT THE RIGHT TIMES!**

- Nurse Cynthia

**Dental Hygienists October 8th**

**Reminder to 2nd and 3rd grade parents:** Dental Hygienists from the Smile Squad at the Des Moines Health Center will be doing dental education and screening in the classrooms on October 8th. If you do NOT wish to have your child participate in the dental screening, please contact the school nurse IN WRITING.

**Community Impact**

Thanks to generous donations from Cash Saver and Fareway, students created this one-of-a-kind art piece that illustrates individual goals and dreams for the school year. This was a great experience for students to participate in and looks awesome in the hallway—come check it out! Cans will be donated to the local food pantry to help those in need.



**Dreamer Academy**

**FREE CHILDCARE DURING CONFERENCES!**

Any parents in need of childcare during conferences can bring children to the library during conferences from 4-8pm October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I Have a Dream Foundation provides **Free College Savings Accounts for ALL Findley scholars!** Students and families will have yearly milestones to earn money into those accounts, and it is at absolutely no cost to families! The funding is provided by the *I Have a Dream Foundation* and its partners in the community. Welcome to being Dreamers! Parents who have not already can register their child for an account at **Parent/Teacher Conferences on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO STOP BY THE COMPUTER LAB AT FINDLEY** while you are attending conferences. Signing up will take about 10 minutes. And guess what? **Simply by attending conferences and signing up, you will earn \$30 into your child's account!**

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- Your child's social security or tax ID number. If your child does not have one of these, you may still get an account.
- Your calendar so that you can sign up for an orientation meeting at a later date.

Attending an orientation will earn *another* \$30 into your child's College Savings Account (CSA)! Contact Billy Kirby, Findley Dreamer Academy program manager, with questions: (515)-402-6806 or [billy@desmoinesdreams.org](mailto:billy@desmoinesdreams.org)

**Have you always wanted to finish your high school diploma? Now is your chance! Make that dream come true.**

HiSET is the High School Equivalency Test, formerly known as the GED. In just 10 weeks, any Findley parent, guardian, or significant adult who wants to complete their high school diploma may do so for FREE! **NEW HiSET student MANDATORY Orientation: Tuesday, Oct. 12, 5-8 PM In the Findley Computer Lab** Class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8 PM through December 16th in the Findley Computer Lab. The class will be taught by Findley's counselor, Ms. Dehner. **If you are interested in other DMACC opportunities when your diploma is complete, we will help with that, too!**

Call or Email Billy Kirby, Findley Dreamer Academy Manager to sign up TODAY:  
[billy@desmoinesdreams.org](mailto:billy@desmoinesdreams.org)  
515-402-6806

**Faculty Spotlight: Meet Ms Keeney!**

**Where are you from?** I am from Des Moines—I went to Des Moines Christian.

**What college(s) did you attend?** I went to Luther and then Drake University.

**What is your favorite thing in the entire world?** My son, Carter. He is four years old.

**What is your favorite thing about learning?** There are so many ways to learn—and everyone learns in a different way.

**What is your favorite thing about Findley?** Everyone has been so welcoming and it's my first year here.

