



# DESERT HAPPENINGS

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September 16-20	September 20	September 23	September 24	October 4-5
IA Testing	Fall Fundraiser Kick-off	Picture Make-Up	McCallum Field Trip	5-6 Outdoor School

## IA Testing Next Week for Grades 3-8—Be Prepared

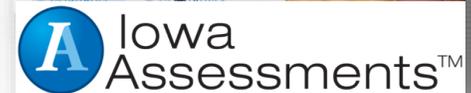
**N**ext week, students in grades 3rd-8th will be participating in the Iowa Assessments (IA), formerly known as the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). This is a nationally administered set of exams designed to assess the abilities of students. These tests leverage over 80 years of research and provide our educators a diagnostic look at how their students are progressing in key academic areas. It also offers diagnostic data that can be used to create intervention groups and to drive curricular decisions. The

tests will assess the areas as follows:

- Vocabulary
- Word Analysis
- Listening
- Reading Comprehension
- Language
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- Sources of Information

Testing will take place the majority of the week from Monday-Thursday in the morning. Please be sure your child gets plenty of sleep

each night, eats a proper breakfast, and comes prepared to do their best!



## Renweb is now FACTS SIS—Log in to ParentsWeb

**A**s of October 2018, Renweb is now FACTS SIS. If you already have an account with Renweb, you should see a seamless transition logging into your account. If you have the home page bookmarked, you will be redirected for awhile, but will need to make note of the new website. While you may still see Renweb's name throughout the site, it will be totally faded out by the end of this year.

If you are new to our school this year, or do not have a Renweb/FACTS SIS account, please make one to access school information, your student's assignment/grade records, behavior reports, hot lunch schedule, & more.

To make an account:

- Go to [factsmgt.com](http://factsmgt.com)
- Click on *Parent Log in* in the upper right corner. Click on

*FACTS Family Portal (ParentsWeb)*

- Click on *Create New ParentsWeb Account*.
- Use District Code: *DA-CA*
- Use the email address you provided on your school application.

If you any difficulty making an account, please contact the school office for assistance.



Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Pizza	Bean & Cheese Burrito	Mac 'n' Cheese	Haystacks

## Bible Text of the Week

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8 NIV

## Turn in Your Box Tops!!!!



## Fun Facts:

- September is National Piano month.
- September is also National Potato month.
- September 15 is curiosity day in honor of Curious George's birthday! Read a book in his honor.
- September 16 is National Play-Doh day.
- September 17 is Constitution Day. This day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on September 17, 1787
- On September 18, the first edition on the New York Daily Times (now The New York Times) was published in 1851.

## Volleyball Coach Needed

**M**any of our girls have been asking out this year's volleyball season. Unfortunately, we can't have a season without a coach. If you are able and interested in coaching this year's girls volleyball team, please contact Mr. Emery as soon as possible so we can start practicing. Our girls volleyball team has a rich history of victories & triumphant homecomings bringing home trophies including being undefeated champions, 9-0, in 2015. We would love to continue the tradition. Please volunteer today!

## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: 2nd-4th Grade Class Enjoys Pirate Theme This Year

**A**rghh...Hello Mates! Hop on board the Scarlet Rose with us and journey through the first couple of weeks of school.

The pirates on the Scarlet Rose start everyday with their pirate motto that pirates on this ship are: prepared, informed, ready, and together every day.



Jonah Candari makes an amazing tower out of pencils.

We have trekked through the land of DAA searching for the treasured verses that God shares with us in the Bible about our salvation. We have gone on expeditions to create a pulley from school supplies or made towers with pencils.

In P.E., the Scarlet Rose Pirates have learned about kickball and have been playing it with Mr. Emery.

They have voyaged through the states of Alaska, Alabama, and Arizona learning about famous landmarks, state birds, and so much more.

In the upcoming weeks, we will be going on science voyages



Miriam-Esther Galan creates a pulley out of school supplies.

learning about living things and how they grow, rounding and place value to the millions place. We hope that all the fun we are having will continue to make this year the best trip yet.

- Mrs. Rivas