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**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
DRIVE  
SAFELY

Learn the school bus laws and always follow them, as well as the flashing lights that school bus drivers use to alert you.

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. You should slow down and prepare to stop your vehicle.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. You must stop your car and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving, before you can start driving again.



Did you ever wonder what the black strips on the side of the bus were for.? They are known as rub rails and are 16 ga steel. Typically they are placed at shoulder level, seat level and floor level. The fire departments use them as guides in case of an accident.

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Notices:

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL DUE: by the 25th of the month for the next month's edition. Send by email to [ellsworthca@netins.net](mailto:ellsworthca@netins.net) or Ellsworth Community Association, PO Box 272, Ellsworth, Ia 50075. Subscribe/ unsubscribe by email: send your request to [ellsworthca@netins.net](mailto:ellsworthca@netins.net).

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**Ellsworth Meals:** Contact Linda Clark 515-297-3012 if you wish to have the noon meal delivered. Delivery Monday thru Friday, no holidays. Each meal \$5.00

**Community Coffee** - Tuesdays 9:30-?. Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellsworth. Everyone welcome.

**Lord's Cupboard:** Bethesda Lutheran Church, Jewell, 1st Monday 1:00-2:00, 5:00-6:30, other Mondays 5:00-6:30.

# Birthdays This Month

## ANNIVERSARIES

Merlyn Evans	1st	Britany Nicholson	12th
LaVone Flygstad	2nd	Linda Bottorff	15th
Jessica Nelson	2nd	Brooklyn George	18th
Todd Hill	2nd	Matt Laube	18th
Marty Naber	5th	Karlie Hill	21st
Molly Henderson	6th	Brandon Hill	23rd
Teri Hill	6th	Preston Hill	23rd
Stephanie Nicholson	7th	Carter Nelson	24th
Wyatt Gelder	10th	Katalina Solis	30th

Teri & Eldon Hill	2nd
Deb & Steve Senn	4th
Linda & Kevin Bottorff	5th
Marcy & Bob Olson	14th
Jan & Bruce Thompson	17th
Linda & Larry Barquist	25th
Laura & Jon Rollefson	25th

## REMEMBERING THE PAST: First Public School in Ellsworth



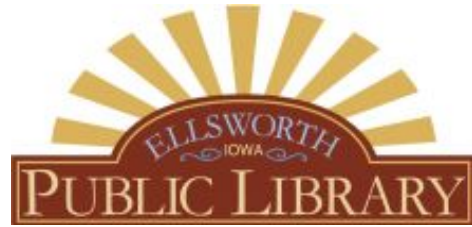
The pioneers were eager to build a school in the community after the building of several homes and church. So Ellsworth Public School was established and in full operation by 1900. The first public school stood on the east side of Delphi St in the 1700 block (across from the present ball diamond where two homes now set). The first public school had two parts to the two story frame building. The front part was built in 1885 and the back in 1900. These two parts were later divided and moved to DeSota St and used as homes. One part has

been torn down but the other half is still on the east side of DeSota St.

A brick Grade School house was built in 1913, facing DeSota St on the eastern portion of the same block as the earlier building. The High School building was built across the street east of the grade school in 1916. The Ellsworth Consolidated School Gymnasium was built in 1951 and was a vast improvement over the old gym. Grades K-12 were held in these locations until 1962.

The Grade School was torn down in 1975 and two homes are now on that site. The High School building and gymnasium still stand in the original area. The gym now is the Community Center with various activities held there.

# September 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Library Closed for Labor Day | Monday, September 1
- Card Group | 1:00-4:00pm on Tuesday, September 3
- Board Meeting (open to public) | 5:30-6:30pm on Thursday, September 5
- Card Group | 1:00-4:00pm on Tuesday, September 10
- WIP Group (Work in Progress) | 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, September 16
  - Calling all quilters, knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, painters, etc! This is a time to work on our projects together. For anyone who wants to join but doesn't have a project, we will also have adult coloring pages and brush lettering kits.
- Card Group | 1:00-4:00pm on Tuesday, September 17
- Cook the Book Community Potluck | 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, September 23
  - Stop in the library to sign up for the dish you are bringing and check out a cookbook from our collection!
- Card Group | 1:00-4:00pm on Tuesday, September 24
- Early Childhood Storytime | 10:30-11:30am on Friday, September 27
  - All kids birth to preschool age and their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us for a fun and interactive storytime to promote literacy skills in children.
- Young(ish) Adult Book Club | 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, September 30
  - Contact us to join this new book club! This month, we will be discussing our first book, *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson.

## VOLUNTEERS & SUPPLIES NEEDED:

We are currently searching for volunteers to lead various programs! We know our community is full of people with a variety of skills and interests. If you would be willing to share your strengths with other community members, please contact us at [director@ellsworth.lib.ia.us](mailto:director@ellsworth.lib.ia.us)

- Arts (for kids or adults)
  - Painting
  - Drawing
  - Acting
  - Photography basics
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
  - Science experiments/activities
- Reading/Writing
  - Guest storytime for kids
  - Poetry
  - Local author presentation
- Other fun activities/skills you may be interested in sharing!

We are also accepting donations of individually packaged snacks for our after school programs this year. Examples include chip bags, fruit snacks, granola bars, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the library during our open hours.