New to ISD? Check out parent resources
Welcome, new families and students, to ISD! We are a community of professionals, peers and friends dedicated to helping your child succeed and feel at home. As a boarding school, you may find we function a little differently from the school district to which you are accustomed. Feel free to reach out to any staff member for guidance. Also, contact the Parent Teacher Student Staff Association at ISD to find a parent who can provide reassurance and guidance: LeeAnn Bradley, lbradley@iowaschoolforthedeaf.org. You are encouraged to join our discussions page made just for you, “Tips for Parents,” at our Facebook site: facebook.com/ISDOFFICIALPAGE.

Free statewide sign language class
Register by Sept. 9. Click the lower left graphic at the iowaschoolforthedeaf.org webpage. Families, friends and professionals can register now for beginning sign classes. Classes are held throughout Iowa at Iowa Communication Network sites convenient to the student. Both Class I and Class II are beginner courses and both are held Thursday nights Oct. 13 through March 29. Class I is 6 - 7:15 p.m.; Class II is 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Good to the Bone
This summer, the Oliver and Ferrol Barklage Foundation awarded more than $8,000 in grant funding for the science center. A poseable skeleton, laboratory laptop computers and chemical storage will be purchased with the money. If you haven’t been through the Long Hall Science Center since opening day last October, stop by the classrooms of Mel Hielen and Kristen Newton to experience the rooms in their “moved in” state.

Campus Provided Emergency Shelter
Through an agreement with the local American Red Cross, the campus Lied Multipurpose Complex was the area’s designated emergency shelter for victims of the Missouri River flood this summer. During its fully operational status, four people were provided overnight accommodations, meals and showers for 8 days, according to John Young, job director for the American Red Cross.

Lemon aides
Staff returning to school August 9 were greeted near the front entrance by retired employees Dee Van Nordstrand (left) and Joanne Shannon. The two set up a free lemonade stand, offering a cup and their well wishes for the new school year.

Upcoming events
Sept. 2:  11:30 a.m. homegoing  
Sept. 5:  Labor Day holiday  
Sept. 6:  Travel day  
Sept. 9:  Sign class registrations due  
Sept. 16:  11:30 a.m. homegoing  
Sept. 18:  Travel day  
Sept. 23:  Parent-teacher conferences  
Sept. 24:  Homecoming  
Sept. 29:  Bloodmobile  
Sept. 29:  11:30 a.m. homegoing

Hole in one at ISD tourney. See inside for details!
Recognizing
90 years of ISD
Football

This homecoming, 90 years of football at ISD will be recognized. Plans are being finalized, and may include honoring team captains and alumni who will gather at ISD Field Sept. 24. Watch the ISD Facebook page for details as they unfold, and pass the word to alumni football players!

How it all began – In 1921, Francis Jacobson, the shoe repair teacher, organized ISD’s first football team with 16 players. Boys wore stocking caps, baseball pants or overalls, work shoes or tennis shoes. Shoulder pads were made in the campus shoe shop. Five games were played that fall, including a win over Council Bluffs’ Abraham Lincoln High School 26 to 7. After the win, the coach went downtown and bought the team football pants. In the first season, ISD also played in front of a crowd of 5,000 against Omaha Commerce High, but lost 12-0. ISD tied with Nebraska School for the Deaf 13-13. Only the quarterback had a helmet that first year. The sport was included in the 1922 budget.

Dedicated staff give ISD continuity

The following staff were recognized for their years of service at the annual employee back-to-school meeting Aug. 10.

5 years – Marsha Wright, Julie Dickerson, Brenda Chappell, Cynthia Schrum, Jeremy Hanshaw, Megan Jones
10 years – Jen Herzog, Janice Letner, Todd Schut
15 years – Al Walgenbach, Nora Metteer, Sue Purcell, Cindy Romey
20 years – Marsha Gunderson, Guy Baker, Delores Willer, Nancy Pietrzak, Jeanette Watson, Elizabeth Herman
25 years – Ann Thiessen. Lois Carlson who retired from teaching at ISD in 2003 was unofficially recognized as a substitute teacher “forever and ever.”

Staff; program changes for ’11/’12

Program changes: Late in July, Gov. Brandstand signed the budget, and ISD was provided with the same budget amount as last year. The school was anticipating a 6 percent budget cut for the 2011/2012 school year. Due to increases in operating costs, some program changes will occur.

- The We Explore our Environment after school program has been discontinued.
- Some school activities and field trips may be reduced.
- For both safety and transportation cost reasons, most boarding students will stay

Snacks and friends shorten homegoing trips. (Ricky Burgess, DeMarcus Thomas, Dalton Rosch.)
on campus most weekends. Homegoings will be held about 11 times this year. Those who live an hour or less from ISD or in Nebraska will not be affected by this change.

**Staff changes:**

- Lorie Horn is working with 4PLUS students, along with Wendy Rustad and Kristi Wills. 4PLUS is Iowa’s only post-high school transition program specifically for deaf or hard-of-hearing students.

- Shari Slater will serve as principal for the entire school this year, enabling a longer and broader search for a high school principal to occur. Sue Purcell will serve as assistant to the principal, and oversees interpreter and off-campus programming.

**Hole in one at ISD golf tourney**

It was the 9th year for the ISD Booster Club Golf Tournament, and a memorable one. First, the original June date was flooded out and the event took place August 20 at Council Bluffs’ Fox Run. Second, one of the golfers who happens to also be an ISD employee, shot a hole-in-one at #15 par 3. Brad Malick, who works in the facilities department, used a 7-iron for the 160-yard drive. Thank you to the 66 participants who supported the cause.

**Need a business card?** Although many ISD staff do not have need for business cards, there is a new option for those who do. These cards are plastic-coated and feature the manual alphabet on the back. Request small quantities of cards from Cindy Schrum, who will make up clear labels featuring your name, title and e-mail address. The labels are affixed to the front.

**Don’t miss the opportunity** We are annoyed when people don’t return our calls, yet do we ever say, “I am too busy to return my business calls?” Failure to return calls result in failed opportunities to serve our current and future students and families. ISD is perceived as a resource on deafness in Iowa. Let’s make the extra effort to return calls, even if sometimes it is to admit we are unsure of an answer.

**Keep it together** Outreach has ISD logo plastic presentation folders perfect for bundling information. They fit inside standard manila mailers. Contact Cindie Angeroth for details.

**Sign, sign, sign some more** A major reason families and schools choose ISD is because of its language-rich environment. Remember to provide access to your communication by signing, especially if you are a hearing employee conversing with another hearing employee in an area where deaf staff or students may see you.
ISD Bloodmobile is Sept. 29
Sign up to donate blood Friday, Sept. 29 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in front of the ISD Careers Building. Register in advance with Bob Schulze, bschulze@iowaschoolforthedeaf.org.

Shop online for books and benefit ISD
Scholastic Dollars are earned every time someone shops for books online and indicates affiliation with ISD. Scholastic Dollars allows the ISD library to purchase items for student check-out. The online service will be available closer to the ISD Book Fair, scheduled for homecoming Friday and Saturday. Watch the ISD Facebook page for details.

Science + metals
High school teachers Kristen Newton (science) and Bob Schulze are having their students collaborate on a rain gauge project. Newton’s students will research how to graduate the cylinders and Schulze’s students will design a stand that is durable and attractive. Look for a prototype by mid-trimester.

Discount coupons for Fontenelle Forest
There are coupons at the ISD front desk which will admit one person with a disability and up to four family members or caretakers. The coupons are good through the end of September.

When? Where? They’ll be there
Yearbook sponsor Beth Chadwick is requesting to be informed of unique and fun activities on campus so she can dispatch a star photographer to the scene! E-mail bchadwick@iowaschoolforthedeaf.org.

No sting in this lesson
Interpreter Monica Dixon brought in a tomato hornworm caterpillar to Kristen Newton’s science class with wasp eggs on it. After watching the wasps hatch, the wasps and caterpillar were killed and studied under microscopes. Students studied the baby wasps, larva cocoon and caterpillar with holes in its side where the wasp larvae had eaten through.

Volleyball
“The Word”– Six-foot senior Lauren Wellman - returning after a year off the court - joins four experienced juniors to help anchor Iowa Deaf this fall. The veteran savvy should pay dividends with fewer mistakes and more consistent offensive sets. The Bobcats have plenty of incentive to improve with the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf tournament coming to their school in late October. Key players named in the article: Johanna Scherling, Cassie Contreras, Auna Ferguson, Annette Hough and Lauren Wellman.

Football
“The Word”– With almost no one left from Iowa Deaf’s 2009 co-national championship team, the current Bobcats may take awhile to find their identity. But the team won’t have to leave CB until October. A small roster- and uncertainty as to whom will show up when practices begin- makes this senior-less team tough to predict this fall. Key players named in the article: Okola Esbeck, Brendan Booth, and Ty Waits.

Post comments about games on the ISD Facebook sports discussion page!
Stop looking for the garage remote in the new ISD fleet Dodge Caravan models because they don’t exist. Instead, check the visor for a built-in remote. Take some time to familiarize yourself with the features to make your long journey enjoyable. There is a back-up camera for enhanced safety, lumbar support and heated seats for comfort and a lot more!

Omaha Hearing School closes
After 60 years in business, the Omaha Hearing School did not open its doors this fall. The private nonprofit school decided it could not bridge a $250,000 gap in its budget. According to an Omaha World Herald article, fewer public school districts were sending students to the school and opting instead to provide their own in-house services and keeping their dollars within their districts.

How often does that happen? Brad Malick’s hole-in-one, according to experts Golf Digest hires to estimate the probability, is 12,000 to 1 for an average player. Low-handicappers playing 1,000 rounds of golf have a 20 percent chance of recording an ace.

One-third less energy will be used with the installation of new low-energy, yet vibrant fluorescent light bulbs. ISD and Hiller Electric staff began installing the bulbs throughout the administration building this summer.

Homecoming is a big deal at ISD. If you are a new parent or a parent/staffer who has never experienced it, come this year! The atmosphere is upbeat; friends are reunited. It’s easy to see why Iowa School for the Deaf has been life-changing for so many Iowans. There are athletic events, alumni programs and lots of things for sale. Support your school! The main day is Saturday, Sept. 24. Check the Facebook discussions page for a schedule, to be posted the second week of September.

Getting there will be a challenge for ISD’s high school students who have met application requirements for Close-Up (a legislative experience in Washington, D.C.) and Space Camp (a space simulation learning and competition week in Huntsville, Ala.). They will be fundraising throughout the year with jeans day sales, Younkers Community Days and more. Space Camp is looking to take more students than ever before this year, so the financial need is greater. Let us know if you think of a great fundraiser!

Marlee Matlin will be in Minneapolis Saturday, Oct. 1 at Mall of America. She is sponsored by Communications Services for the Deaf. For details, check the CSD website: www.c-s-d.org.