

FOUR MILE FAMILY ZONE

IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday, February 6- Super Bowl Day (wear jerseys)
- Tuesday, February 10- PTA Meeting, 6pm
- Friday, February 13- Valentine's Day Parties
- Tuesday, February 17- Four Mile Family Engagement Night (Winter Olympic carnival theme)- SEE PAGE 2
- Friday, February 20- Kindergarten field trip to the ELC
- Monday, March 2- Read Across America Day celebration at Four Mile. Dress up as your favorite book character!
- Tuesday, March 3- PTA Meeting, 6pm
- March 3rd: Community Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse 4:00pm - 9:30pm
- Wednesday, March 4- Grades are due by 4pm
- Thursday, March 5- 1st Grade Field Trip to Civic Center
- Friday, March 6- Pajama Day for National School Breakfast Week (district-wide)
- Friday, March 6- Grades are available to families in Infinite Campus
- Tuesday, March 10- Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, March 11- Talent Show, 10am-11am
- Thursday, March 12- Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
- Friday, March 13-Friday, March 20- Spring Break



Student Lighthouse Team



The Student Lighthouse Team continues to shine as leaders across our building. Through daily schoolwide announcements, team members use the intercom to keep our school informed while building confidence, responsibility, and strong communication skills.

In January, the team refreshed our Lighthouse Mural, a meaningful landmark that welcomes students, staff, and guests into the 4th-5th grade and library wing.

Coming up, the Student Lighthouse Team will take on an important leadership role as hosts for the Southeast Polk School Board during their annual visit to Four Mile. They will also serve as hosts for Leader in Me representatives from FranklinCovey during visits in March and April.

We are so proud of the confidence, responsibility, and leadership these students demonstrate every day! Thanks to Mr. Kayser, Mrs. Telfer and Ms. Dompke for leading this special team!

FRESH ATTENDANCE DATA

January Attendance Data:

PK - 96.74%

K - 94.01%

1 - 94.98%

2 - 95.01%

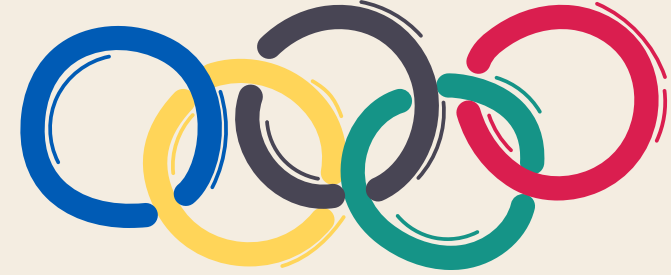
3 - 95.72%

4 - 95.48%

5 - 94.76%

Our goal as a school is 96% or higher!
Shout out to PK for making that happen!

We appreciate all of the families who have been supporting our students on improving attendance.



Four Mile Elementary Olympic Carnival

Tuesday, February 17, 2026; 5-6:30pm

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

MEAL PRE-ORDERS ARE REQUIRED.

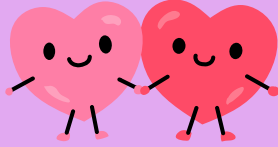
\$5 per student. \$5 per meal

[Click here to REGISTER](#) before FEBRUARY 10 IN ORDER FOR YOUR STUDENT TO ATTEND THE EVENT. Pre-orders for meals are also required. Please send payment ahead of time to our Four Mile office in an envelope labeled with your child's name.

- *Carnival games with prizes!*
- *The first 100 registered students will receive a bag of math and reading materials for home.*
- *This event is only for PK-5 Four Mile students.*
- *Students must be accompanied by at least one adult. Supper will be available.*
- *Profits will go to the Four Mile School Improvement Fund.*

Valentines Day Parties

Four Mile Valentines Day parties are on Friday, February 13. Grade level teacher teams will determine the time for the party. Please sign up at this [link](#) if you can donate snacks, drinks, paper products or money to pay for the party games and materials. Thank you! This is the same link as what has been shared through email and social media.



FOUR MILE PTA NEWS



We had an AMAZING time at our annual Family Bingo Night! THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support us and enjoy food and fun! If you have any specific feedback or suggestions regarding the event, please let us know: fourmilepta@gmail.com

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 6:00 pm in the Four Mile Library! We welcome everyone to come and hear what's been going on at Four Mile, find out what's to come, and meet fellow Four Mile families! It's a casual atmosphere and you will not be pressured to do anything!

Mark your calendars:

- Feb 10th: PTA Meeting in the Four Mile Library at 6:00pm
- March 3rd: Community Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse 4:00pm - 9:30pm
- April 9th: Community Spirit Night at Chuck E. Cheese at 3:00pm
- Saturday, April 25th: Spring Vendor Show 10:00am - 3:00pm

As always, please reach out to us at fourmilepta@gmail.com anytime!

Leader In Me Poster Contest Winners

Thank you to all of the student-designers who submitted a poster for the Leader in Me poster contest! The following students were the grade level winners. They will receive a free t-shirt and a '25-26 Iowa Children's Choice nominated book. CONGRATULATIONS!

- K- Salvador (Mrs. Sandmann's class)
- 1- Adeline (Ms. Jordan's class)
- 2- Abhay (Mrs. Piatt's class)
- 3- Atlas (Mrs. Whipple's class)
- 4- Leah (Mrs. Moorman's class)
- 5- Lauren (Mrs. Telfer's class)



FROM PRINCIPAL STEENHOEK

We are so grateful for the strong home-school partnerships at Four Mile. Your involvement makes a real difference in your child's success and sense of belonging at school. One of the most powerful ways to support learning and school connectedness is ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time- **consistent routines truly matter**. You can also support growth at home by practicing math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division, depending on your child's grade level and readiness) and by reading together daily. This might mean having your child read to you, but it also absolutely counts when you read to your child for at least 10 minutes a day.

Talking about the school day is another meaningful way to stay connected. Try open-ended questions like, "What was the best part of your day?" or "What was something hard today that you worked through?"

Finally, consider getting involved by joining PTA, attending community events like our upcoming Winter Olympic Carnival, or helping with parties if you're able. When children see their caregivers engaged in the school community, they are more likely to develop that same positive attitude toward school.