



January 2024

As you may have heard, the Iowa School Performance Profiles were published by the State Department of Education on October 26, 2023. These profiles function as our school's "report card" for the State and Federal government. The state collects information throughout the school year and uses it to calculate a score for our school based on metrics that are required by State and Federal law – for our school, that includes:

Elementary/Middle/High: Assessment Participation on ISASP, Average School Achievement on ISASP, Conditions for Learning survey, Growth on ISASP, Percent Proficient on ISASP, Progress toward English Language Proficiency

High School: Graduation Rate (4 year and 5 year), Postsecondary Readiness

The information used to calculate the Iowa School Performance Profile this year was collected during the 2022-2023 school year.

Here are a few key celebrations we identified as the result of our school's commitment to student learning:

1. Our student growth in English Language Arts is above the State of Iowa average growth.
2. Our Multi-Language learner's performance in English proficiency is above the State of Iowa average growth.
3. Our student's report the highest area of Conditions for Learning, is their relationship with their teacher. Students say their teachers really care about them.

Here are the areas we identified as opportunities for continued improvement at our school:

1. We are continuing to work on increasing literacy proficiency through our implementation of the EL curriculum and GLEAM practices.
2. We are continuing to work on increasing mathematic proficiency through our implementation of IM curriculum and GLEAM practices.
3. We are continuing to implement a core guidance program, building wide Leader in Me SEL core program and student to student relationships that will enhance our students social and emotional growth.

Our school always strives for continuous improvement, and this Performance Profile is just one tool in our tool belt for creating an environment where every student who comes to DMPS and to Hillis Elementary School becomes their best here. More information about the Iowa School Performance Profile is available from the website linked below.

[Department of Education - Iowa School Performance Profiles \(iaschoolperformance.gov\)](https://iaschoolperformance.gov)



### Cold Lunch

Please be sure that cold lunches are balanced and nutritious. Lunches consisting primarily of candy and soda will not be allowed in the cafeteria – hot lunch will be provided and the candy and soda sent home.

This is to ensure that our students are receiving quality and nutritious food.

### Spring Conferences (February 12 & 13)

Please see links to sign up for conferences at the end of the newsletter. We will send out information via snap connect and infinite campus in early January. If you have questions or need assistance in signing up please contact Ms. Cathy at [Hillis@dmschools.org](mailto:Hillis@dmschools.org) or 515.242.8412.

### Upcoming Dates

- January 11<sup>th</sup>- Hillis PTO meeting in the Hillis Library at 6:00pm
- January 15<sup>th</sup>- MLK Day- No School
- January 16<sup>th</sup>- Professional Development Day- No School
- January 17<sup>th</sup>- Professional Development Day- No School
- January 19<sup>th</sup> Hound Pack Rally 8:00-8:30 am

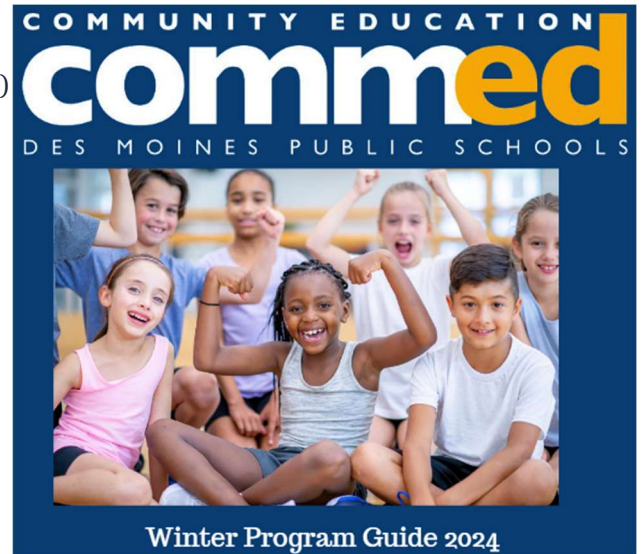


## Community Education programs offered at Hillis

We hope you had a restful break and are ready for an exciting start to the new year! We're thrilled to announce a range of afterschool programs that will add an extra layer of enrichment to your child's learning experience. Below are the details for each club offered at Hillis:

To register please go to this website <https://www.dmschools.org/community-education-at-dmps/>.

1. Sports Club: Instructor Kaylee Horn
  - Grades: 3rd to 5th
  - Day: Mondays
  - Duration: January 22 to March 4 (no class on February 12)
  - Time: 3:00 to 4:00 PM
2. Art Club: Instructor Mrs. Chojnacki
  - Grades: 3rd to 5th
  - Day: Tuesdays
  - Duration: January 23 to March 5 (no class on February 13)
  - Time: 3:00 to 4:00 PM
2. Gardening Club: Instructor Lexi Young
  - Grades: 2nd and 3rd
  - Day: Wednesdays
  - Duration: January 24 to February 28
  - Time: 3:00 to 4:00 PM
3. Hy-Vee Kids in the Kitchen: Instructor Katie Schaeffer
  - Grades: 1st to 5th and 6th
  - Day: Thursdays
  - Duration: January 25 to February 29
  - Time: 3:15 to 4:15 PM
4. Reading and Relaxation Class
  - Grades: k-2
  - Day: Fridays
  - Duration: January 26 to March 1
  - Time: 3:00 to 4:00 PM
  - Instructor: Juli Friends



We're excited to have these clubs as part of our afterschool offerings and look forward to seeing your child's enthusiasm and participation. If you have any questions or need help please reach out to Dema Abuassaf: [dema.abuassaf@dmschools.org](mailto:dema.abuassaf@dmschools.org).

## Orchestra Winter Concert

Winter concert (short beginner concert) with Hoover High School feeder elementary schools (Hillis, Monroe, Moore and Samuelson) was held at the Hoover High School auditorium on Tuesday December 19, 2023. Mark your calendar for Monday, May 13, 6 p.m. Hoover Orchestra Festival, at Hoover High School in the auditorium.



# Hillis Spring 2024 Conferences

## Sign-Up Genius Links

Please select the link next to your students teacher to schedule your conference time.

Belloma <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Belloma>  
Davenport <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Davenport>  
Hensley <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Hensley>

Bandy <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Bandy>  
Hadaway <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Hadaway>  
Joyce <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Joyce>

Egge <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Egge>  
Suceska <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Suceska>

Krzton-Presson <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/KP>  
Lowe <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Lowe>  
Ortiz <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Ortiz>

Gaskin <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Gaskin>  
Gilbert <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Gilbert>

Draeger <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Draeger>  
Gajewsky <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Gajewsky>

### Instructions:

1. Click the link next to each student's teacher
2. Select a date and time that is available – click the sign up button then save and continue
3. Enter your students name
4. Enter your email and phone number

Mrs. Hensley  
**Kindergarten - Mrs. Hensley Spring Conferences 2024**  
HE Hillis Elementary Contact

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

Location Hillis Room 123

Share

Dates shown as mm/dd/yyyy MST

Date	Time	Available Slot
02/12/2024 Monday	3:30pm-3:50pm	Time 1 slot available Sign Up
	3:50pm-4:10pm	Time All slots filled Full

### Sign Me Up

Sign me up for:

Available Slot	Date (mm/dd/yyyy - MST)	Student Name	Quantity
Time	Mon., 02/12/2024 3:30pm - 3:50pm	Student Name	1

Sign up as: Hillis Elementary (hillis@dmschools.org) This isn't me

Display an alternate name on the sign up (like a child or spouse)

Phone: 555-555-5555 Mobile

Save my contact info for use on future sign ups

By signing up, you agree to the SignUpGenius [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

Sign Up Now Cancel



Our school is excited to be partnering with SchoolCNXT to provide a platform to communicate with you on your mobile phone or tablet! This app is free and will provide school and classroom news, in-app text messaging, translation services, and more!

You will be able to:

- Send and receive messages to teachers and parents
- "Like" school and classroom news items
- RSVP to events
- Stay connected to your child's classroom and school!

You will be receiving a text message on your mobile phone with a link to download the app. Please click the link follow directions to create an account. This will be the best way to stay up-to-date about what is happening with your child's school!

We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to communicating with you through SchoolCNXT.



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