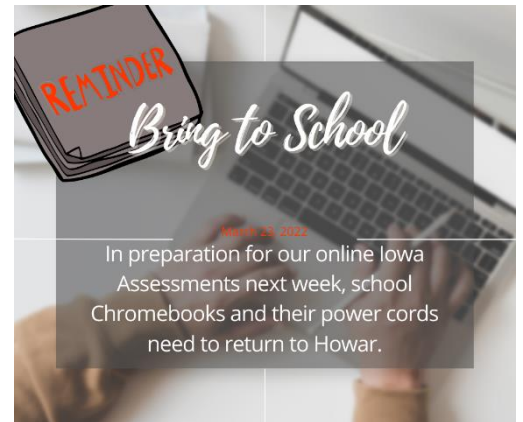


Student Achievement

Do you remember ITBS?? (Iowa Test of Basic Skills)

- They are now called ISASP and align better to the core standards that are taught. The State of Iowa uses our student growth results as well as student proficiency results as part of the Iowa School Performance Profile.
- Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) will be given on March 29, 30, 31 at Howar Middle School. Make-up tests will be given the following week.
- We've asked our students to bring their Chromebooks and charging cords to leave at school so they are ready to go for our testing days.



Professional Development & Training

We've adopted the new NGSS standards (Next Generation Science Standards) and are using a hands-on curriculum from Open-Sci-Ed. This month, Miss Moorman's 8th Grade Science classes studied waves and used musical instruments as they master the standard *"Develop and use a model to describe that waves are reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through various materials."*



Culture & Programs

Our new lobby learning space is a great place for students to collaborate. Feel free to check it out!

Family & Community

The HMS Drama Club led by Marcia Bowen and Shawna Jacobsen put on an excellent play on March 11-13. The cast and crew gave 5 performances this year, including Friday matinees for our HMS students & Lakeview 5th graders. BRAVO to all our students and staff!

Important dates to remember:

- March 29-31** – ISASP testing
- April 13-** 1 hour early-out before Spring Break
- April 14-18-** Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
- May 14-** 8th Grade Dance, 6:30-8:30 pm
- June 1-** Students' last day of school, 2 hour early-out
- June 2-** Teacher Workshop Day (last day)

