



# INDIAN LAKE NEWS

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## A Word From Our Principal

Indian Lake students in grades 3-5 completed successfully the state TCAP test on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. I am proud of how seriously our students worked on their test and did their best. I also want to thank all of the parents for seeing that your children arrived in plenty of time each day and a special THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped proctor in our classes, worked in the office, and helped monitor in the lunchroom all four days of testing. Alison Muncy did a terrific job helping to pull together the volunteers.

The school year is quickly coming to a close the last full day for our students is Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and Report Card Day is Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The month of May is full of a lot of exciting activities that our students will be participating in beginning with our Field Day on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The rain date, if needed, will be Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. You will be getting information coming soon on all of the activities.

Even though, the school year has not concluded yet, I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for the fantastic job our PTO Board has done this year under the leadership of Annie Koch. It has been a real pleasure to work with Annie and all of the many, many volunteers. Parents you are always so supportive and "backbone" of our great school.

I wish all of you a happy Easter and a wonderful summer vacation.

Jewell McGhee



## President's Corner:

I can't believe we are coming to the end of the school year. I look back at all of our achievements during this year and I am very proud of our many successes! The first warrior walk was a fun, active way to support the school. Our annual traditions of the Halloween parade, Thanksgiving lunch, mother/son and father/daughter breakfast, the spring auction and festival. We still have many exciting events coming our way: teacher appreciation, field day, and author's reception. We will be saying goodbye to another class of fifth graders and welcoming a new class of kindergartners.

We are finishing up gathering the information from the survey for proposed improvements to the school. We will not be able to do everything we want but because of all your participation this year we will be able to make some much needed improvements to our school for the students of ILE.

I want to thank Corinne Perry, Cynthia Burke, Beth Wettengel, Stacey Becker in their leadership with the spring auction and festival.

Mike Finlin, Anne Fowler and Shawn Lance in their efforts getting our new computers imaged and installed into the classrooms.

All of the PTO board for a great positive attitude and a willingness to lead our school this year.

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I saw the drive in front of our school was named Integrity Way. I think that was a great choice for the entrance to ILE. I believe that our principal, teachers, and parents of ILE are people of integrity. This ideal will be passed to our children as well.

The definition of Integrity is:

A firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values :  
INCORRUPTIBILITY

An unimpaired condition :  
SOUNDNESS

The quality or state of being complete or undivided :  
COMPLETENESS

I continue to be amazed at the wonderful team spirit you find at ILE!

Sincerely, Annie Koch  
ILE, PTO President

## CALENDAR EVENTS

- APRIL 29: KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2011-2012
- MAY 2-6: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
- MAY 6: FIELD DAY
- MAY 12: WALK TO ROCK CASTLE
- MAY 12: KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM 7 PM
- MAY 20: FIELD DAY RAIN DATE
- MAY 25: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

*We would like to thank the Kindergarten PET Parents for our delicious Mexican lunch in April. Everyone enjoyed the meal and we appreciate your support.*

*Debbie Meyer, Debbie White, & Betty Salyer*

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**Parents:** Please look for the 2011/2012 Student Registration cards that will be sent home with your student(s) in April. This is for all students returning to Indian Lake. Thank you.

Debbie Meyer & Debbie White

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We would like to welcome Riley in Mrs. Bostelman's class to ILE!

Just like the rest of the year, the next few weeks are going to be jam packed full of good times! Here are a few dates you won't want to miss!

May 6 - Field Day

May 12 - Kindergarten program, How Does Your Garden Grow? 7 p.m.

May 17 - Field trip to Nashville Zoo

We have enjoyed watching your children learn and grow over the past school year. Kindergarten is such an adventure and we have been privileged to spend this time with your children. Thank you for sharing this year with us!

The Kindergarten Teachers



## FIRST GRADE NEWS

First grade is excited for our up coming field trip to the Bowling Alley and Kids Kingdom on April 29. If you have not turned in your child's permission slip and money, please do so ASAP.

We will be doing a unit in science on balls and ramps. During this unit we will observe and experiment with different balls and their movement. It is a fun time for the kids.

In reading we have just finished up our fourth reading unit and are starting our last reading unit. This unit's theme is "Great Ideas". We will be talking about clever solutions, seeking advice, answering questions, how machines help people, and learning about some famous inventors. It is a very interesting unit and it is amazing to sit back and listen to all of the fluent readers we now have!

The First Grade Teachers

## SECOND GRADE NEWS

We have been busy in 2nd grade! Our students have been studying science through a unit called "Balancing and Weighing". The unit ends with a class circus. What fun!

We have studied descriptive paragraphs and practiced writing them in language. They have become such competent writers.

In math, we have studied graphs and probability, and are now learning about geometry. We will introduce multiplication at the end of this year.

We continue to read many great stories and study story elements in our reading textbook.

It is amazing how much our students have learned. We are proud of them for making so much progress this year.

The Second Grade Teachers

## THIRD GRADE NEWS

Hats off to third grade! We have been working super hard preparing for and taking our first TCAP tests. And the verdict is in- - - the students did a marvelous job! Way to go third graders!

This year we've started something new in our grade; the 100's club! Each week we have a chance to pass 100 multiplication problems in 5 minutes. Those who pass become exclusive members of the 100's club, and at the end of our deadline, will be entitled to a tasty sundae party!

In May, we have an exciting field trip planned! We will be visiting the William P. Ridley 4-H Center in Columbia, TN. This will offer our students a hands-on science experience learning about earth science, forestry, wildlife, and team building. We will also have a chance to make crafts and even play cooperative games! This will be our grade's first visit to the 4-H camp, and we are really looking forward to a terrific time!

There's always so much to look forward to at the end of the year. We've had a great one, and we're just about ready to rock on to 4<sup>th</sup> grade!

The Third Grade Teachers

## FOURTH GRADE NEWS

WOW!!! The year has flown by in fourth grade. We are wrapping up the school year. Now that TCAPs are completed, we will move into the fifth grade skills and wrap up some fourth grade skills.

We do have a couple of fun things coming up in May.

1. Our last field trip will be to the TN State Museum on Thursday, May 5th. Details will be in Wednesday folders.
2. Our annual Book Float Parade will be taking place in May. The date has not been finalized just yet. Students will create a float based on an AR book they have read this school year.
3. One afternoon in May students will show off their floats in front of the school. Anyone is welcomed to come and watch. Be sure to look for information in your child's Wednesday folder.

The Fourth Grade Teachers would like to say a BIG THANKYOU to the PET moms this year for the wonderful lunches provided throughout the year. It's been so nice!

The Fourth Grade Teachers

## FIFTH GRADE NEWS

We are very busy in fifth grade. Students have really worked hard on TCAP preparation and are continuing to work hard on the actual testing days.

Fifth grade has many exciting events coming up this Spring: Rock Castle, Field Day, J.A. Biztown and graduation. Thank you to all the parents that make these fun and educational events possible for our students.

The year has really passed quickly with all the fun and exciting things going on in fifth grade!

The Fifth Grade teachers would like to wish all the fifth graders much success in middle school.

The Fifth Grade Teachers

## SEARCH and RESOURCE

### SEARCH

All SEARCH students have become expert logic puzzle solvers. We have been working on these puzzles daily and they are becoming more and more challenging. 2nd-4th graders are continuing to also write poetry of various kinds and will be compiling a book of their best writing. The 5th graders are preparing for their Rock Castle presentations. They are researching different areas of colonial life. With help from Cherri Coleman, a local colonial expert and educator, they are learning about their topics in depth. The school will be coming to see the presentations on May 12 and it should be an interesting and educational day for everyone. Look for a school permission slip to come home soon about this.

SEARCH will also be having their annual math and science contests in late April and early May. SEARCH parents should be looking for a note about this as well. We will spend some class time preparing for these contests in the 2nd -4th grade classes.

### Resource

Our classes continue to hone their basic skills in reading, math and writing as we prepare for TCAP testing. Many students are responding well to hands-on approaches in math and reading. There has been a lot of good progress since the beginning of the year. Keep up the hard work, everyone!

5th graders

We have had some of you in class since 1st grade and we are so proud of how far you all have come. It has been great to see you become knowledgeable, confident 5th graders. We will miss you next year. Do great things at Ellis! We know you will.

Mrs. Getter  
Mrs. Godsey

## GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

In **kindergarten**, we are talking about caring and helping others. We are focusing on how our words and actions can show others that we care about them.

In **1<sup>st</sup> grade**, we have met Maureen Jellybean, and are talking about what it means to be "self-knowing." We are talking about our families and things we enjoy, and will also discuss our strengths and weaknesses and how we talk to ourselves in our heads.

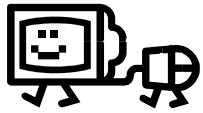
In **2<sup>nd</sup> grade**, we have started the WhyTry curriculum. Students are learning why we should put effort into our school-work, friendships, and anything that we decide to do. They have learned that our goal is to gain opportunity, freedom, and self-respect, and our choices should lead us to those things.

In **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades**, we are doing role-plays that focus on the skills needed to work well in groups.

In **5<sup>th</sup> grade** we are continuing to work on the WhyTry program, and have been learning about peer pressure (The Crab Pot) and problem solving in difficult situations (Jumping Your Hurdles).

If you know any high school students that are looking for a senior project placement for next school year and would like to help tutor students at Indian Lake, please have them contact me. I am also looking for adults that would like to help tutor during the school day. Please let me know if you are interested!

Julie Gunselman  
School Counselor



### Computer Bytes

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over. It seems like yesterday when I was meeting the kindergarteners for the first time. They have come so far this year and are going to do a great job in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. They are just beginning their third journal and will be bringing it home sometime in May. If you get a chance, please practice the words in all three journals this summer. This will be a great refresher before they start school in August.

Your 1<sup>st</sup> graders are really excelling. They are moving quickly through their journals and have mastered our make words table. I am so proud of how much they've accomplished this year. The second graders have also made huge strides. They have done an amazing job in our Orchard program and are really quick now at their addition and subtraction facts thanks to our Education City program and monkey games.

The third graders are now lightning fast on their multiplication facts. I have really enjoyed seeing how much they've grown and learned this year. I can't wait to teach them typing next year.

As for your fourth and fifth graders, they are becoming more and more comfortable with the keyboard. I am so proud of how fast they are typing and how well they are doing in our Orchard program. It's been a great year. I hope your children have enjoyed their time in computer lab. I know I have truly enjoyed working with them all.

Mrs. Weddle



### JUST A QUICK NOTE FROM ILE MUSIC

It's hard to believe that this school year is almost over, but wait, it's not done just yet. We still have some time left and things to do! First I'd like to say how proud I am of all the 4th grade students who performed in the 4th grade PTO performance. They did an outstanding job and should feel very proud of their show! That performance is most involved out of all grade levels. Now that it's over, the 4th grade will start catching up with the other grade levels in the final unit on which is on the instruments and their families.

During the final unit (on instruments and their families), we start to tie some of the other areas, such as melodic motion and rhythm together with various instruments. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, this is extremely important for all grade levels, but especially the 5th grade students. They will be attending middle school next year with most at Ellis Middle School. They will have the opportunity to play an instrument, either band or orchestra and should be encouraged to do so. If a student is even considering an instrument, they need to start at the beginning or very early in middle school or they wouldn't be able to join later. If for some reason a student doesn't want to continue (which is very rare) they can drop out of that instrument ensemble. I try to make sure that all the students get their hands on a variety of instruments during this unit!

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at: 615.824.6810 and/or  
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Mr. de la Vega

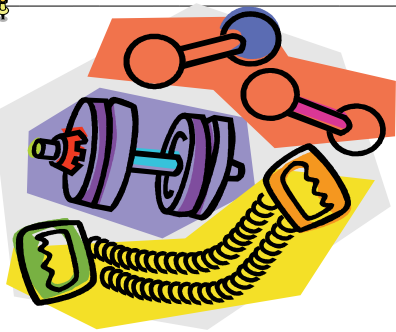
### LIBRARY

We wanted to say a huge THANK YOU! to all the students and parents who came to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Book Fair during the Family Festival. We sold over \$11,000 in books. I have ordered and received available AR tests for the books that were at the Fair. They are on the computers and ready for testing. We are going to use our profit to add additional books; AR tests; and to build our Math/Science Materials area in Audio Visual Library (these material are used by the teachers to enhance their lessons in the classroom). We would not be able to make all these additions without your support and purchases at our Book Fairs!!!

We will be getting ready for the end of the year as May approaches. I will begin collecting library books on May 12<sup>th</sup> and finish on May 18<sup>th</sup> (as each class comes to library they will turn their books in). We will be sending out letters for missing books in the weeks ahead. If you find any library books hiding at your house please send them in with your student!

Mrs. Whitaker  
Mrs. Long

## Physical Education News



The end of the year is approaching us and summer is just around the corner. That means it's time for Field Day!!! Field Day will be held Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and allow us to have a fun and exciting Field Day! If the weather is bad, we will move field day to Friday, May 20th. The decision to postpone Field Day, if necessary, will be made as early as possible on

Friday.

The schedule will be as follows.

- **9:30 am:** Classes move around to different games and stations.
- **Lunch:** Classes keep their same lunch schedules.
- **1:15:** Tug-of-War

Here are some helpful Field Day tips:

- Please make sure that your child is wearing athletic shoes with laces or velcro fasteners.
- Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle and sunscreen.

I look forward to this year's Field Day and hope you will join us! Please feel free to email me with any questions. I want this day to be enjoyable for everyone.... teachers, students, and parents.

Over the past few weeks K-5 students have been extremely busy working on kicking skills, and field day activities. With the school year rapidly coming to an end, we will be working on summer fitness concepts and favorite activities from the current school year.

May is National Physical Fitness and Sport Month, and this year's theme is, "Be Active Your Own Way". Here are some tips for helping children to become more physically active in their own way at home and in the community. Some ideas for home include incorporating physical activities into birthday parties and family gatherings, giving gifts that encourage activity such as a jump rope, roller blades, or baseball glove, and assisting your child in selecting physically-active after school activities that match their interests. In the community, parents can assist their children in becoming more physically active by planning family outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, and swimming, and taking advantage of recreational opportunities that exist in your community such as sport teams, dance, martial arts, or other organizations that involve physical activity and exercise.

With spring and summer weather upon us, get outside and engage in physical activity with your family. Your child has learned new skills this year in physical education and worked to improve her/his level of physical fitness. Ask your child to share favorite physical activities and teach them to the entire family. It is a great way to have fun and improve health.

Join us in making May the start of becoming active in your own way for all the special people in your family!

Have a Safe and Healthy Summer!

Mr. Knupp

