



INDIAN LAKE NEWS

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A Word From Our Principal

Parents,

The teachers and I want to THANK YOU for your tremendous response and participation for Parent Conferences on the evening of October 8th. There were a total of 534 conferences held from 1:00-8:00pm. We also appreciated the delicious dinner provided by the First Grade Pet Parents.

Congratulations to our Just Say No Club for receiving Honorable Mention for the Red Ribbon Week decorations, student, parent, and teacher participation. A special THANK YOU goes to Madelon Lycans, Danielle Robinson, Linda Longe and Julie Leath for their leadership and involvement with our 5th grade Just Say No Club. We also appreciate the many parents who have participated for a couple of weeks helping with the decorating of our school.

Our first grade students are preparing for a special music program for the PTO general meeting on Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. We are also looking forward to the Annual Fifth Grade Musical scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th. Please mark these dates on your calendars for these outstanding performances.

We are so pleased with the progress of our technology goals for ILE. We have made such fantastic improvements during the past five years due to the support of the PTO and the fantastic leadership of Mike Finlin, technology facilitator. We would like to invite anyone who would enjoy working with our technology committee to contact me or Mike Finlin to help us continue our goals for the school.

I want to THANK Beth Wettengel, our PTO president, for her hard work and persistence to be able to get the front awning extension in place during fall break. It looks great and will add some additional coverage for our students.

The office staff and I would like to wish ILE School community a season of peace, love, and joy during the coming holidays.

Jewell McGhee

The President's Post

A Season of Thanks....

We are so incredibly fortunate to send our children to ILE. Did you know that **less than 4%** of all public, private, charter, and parochial **nationwide** have been designated as a Blue Ribbon School? As a **top 100 school** in the state, we should all be very thankful for the educational experience provided to our children.

The Directory – Kim Sprout and Betty Salyer did a tremendous job compiling the students' information and formatting the directory for print. We appreciate the many hours it took to produce this handy tool.

Also, a special thanks to **Jennifer and Vince Croyle** for printing the directories. They have always been so generous with our printing and publishing needs. We are very blessed to have these families helping our school.

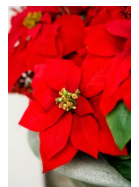
Just Say No - Danielle Robinson, Linda Longe, Madelyn Lycans, and Julie Leath have gone above and beyond the call of duty with their Just Say No positions. Thank you so much for the amount of time and effort that went into making the JSN Week fun and message-driven. Our kids are learning a valuable lesson with this program.

Fall Fundraiser – Carol Ernst, for the second year, has done an amazing job with our fall fundraising efforts. Because of Carol's meticulous personality, we had a smooth and successful fundraiser.

YOU- For all the **parents and kids** who sold items, made monetary donations, or helped by giving of your time...you have my deepest gratitude. G.K. Chesterton was quoted "gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." I am amazed by your generosity. **We achieved 104% to our fundraising goal.**

Thank you so much. Have a blessed Holiday season.

Beth Wettengel



Fall Fundraiser

Thank you for all your support during our fall fundraiser! Whether you sold products or "invested" we couldn't do it without your support, however, big or small. We had a total profit of \$23,675.00! Congratulations to the following:

Our **Top 3 sellers**: Our **1st place-winner** of a \$100 gift card-is **Femi Odunusi** in Mrs. Cearley's 4th grade class. The **2nd place-winner** of a \$75 gift card- is **Patrick Finlin** in Mrs. Park's 3rd grade class. The **3rd place-winner** of a \$50 gift card- is **Eli White** in Mrs. Hick's 3rd grade class.

The following teachers had the highest sales and investment opportunities: Kind- Mrs. Bostelman, 1st grade-Mrs. Engle, 2nd grade-Mrs. Branch, 3rd grade- Mrs. Park, 4th grade-Mrs. Cearley, 5th grade-Mrs. Nangia. They each received a basket from Innisbrook valued at \$100.

"Instant win" prize for EZ order entry: Hayden Lane in Mrs. Dillehay's 3rd grade class- won a shopping tote just for entering their order online.

Top 10 sellers from Kindergarten: Kaylee Spurlock, Sydney McDaniel, Kolby Adams, William Becker, Madelyn Simpson, Madeline Jones, Bray Roberts, William Moore, Ryan Dillon, & Chloe Ward.

Top 10 sellers from 1st grade: Preston Driver, Mason Wettengel, Addison Alexander, Joshua Turner, Callie Keightley, Kate Agee, Hannah Mertz, Zane Dunnells, Kellie Murray, & Eryn Petty.

Top 10 sellers from 2nd grade: Cason Smith, Eric Kohls, Ryan Sprout, Caitlyn Reeves, Tristan Nguyen, Rachel Taylor, Griffin Johnson, Landon Word, Kiera Gratrix, & Katie Rathert.

Top 10 sellers from 3rd grade: Patrick Finlin, J.T. Ernst, Olivia Mayskens, Griffin Layhew, Elizabeth Jones, Eli White, Rossell Brewer, Wilson Higgs, Karina Swauger, & Henry Sprouse.

Top 10 sellers from 4th grade: Femi Odunusi, Harrison Moulton, Melyssa Williams, Alec Oliver, Griffin McAuley, Hannah Hudson, Julie Ann Ferguson, Emma McGinley, Kendal Nolen, & Jonathan Cook.

Top 10 sellers from 5th grade: Makensie Cotter, Josh McCoury, Jared Puckett, Brady Watkins, Matthew Jackson, Layne Jontz, Haley Bartlett, Michael Luttrull, Caroline Johnson, Seth Swafford & Kendall Irons.

Several people questioned me whether they received all of their prizes so I wanted to mention this to clear it up. If you entered 1 item **online** you should have received the "Jungle Scramble" downloadable game in your email. After **entering** and submitting 10 items, you should have received the "Monkey Mayhem" in your email. Check your "spam" if you entered your order and didn't get them. Only the downloadable games and the maze book were cumulative. Innisbrook wanted to give you a better prize for the total items you sold instead of several less expensive prizes.

Thanks to all my volunteers who helped on delivery day! Many hands make light work. You can continue to order at Innisbrook.com all year and ILE will profit.

Thanks again to everyone who participated!

Carol Ernst



Dates to Remember:

NOVEMBER

12th 7pm PTO General Mtg.—First Grade Program

20th Thanksgiving Lunch

25-27th Thanksgiving Holiday Break

DECEMBER

4th Adopt A Family items due

7th Adopt A Family items distributed

15th Fifth Grade Holiday Program—7pm

18th Christmas Parties, Abbreviated Day (go to ileonline.org to see times of parties and dismissals)

Dec. 19th—Jan. 4th Winter Break

"THANK YOU"

I want to thank everyone who so generously signed up to give their time to coordinate the Adopt-a-Family program. It is going to be a great experience for all who are involved. Also, I want to thank the entire ILE school as I know their generosity will provide Christmas to many hurting families located in our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
Annie Koch
President— Elect

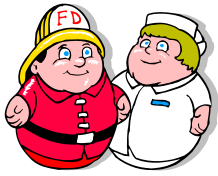


"Spring Live/Silent Auction News"

We are WAY ahead of the March Spring Festival, but the crew is starting to put together some new & unique ideas for the silent and live auction. How can you help? Do YOU or someone you know have the following items and would be willing to donate: **Frequent flyer points for hotel stays and airline tickets? A vacation home? Tickets to concerts, sporting events, etc? A service or item from your business?** If you answered yes or have some other ideas, please contact Cynthia Burke clsburke@msn.com 826-9579 or Corinne Perry corinneperry@comcast.net 310-3080 TODAY!!

Auction Dates: March 5th & 6th, 2010

FIRST GRADE



First graders took a field trip to see Junie B. Jones. We enjoy reading about her in class and also enjoyed seeing her in a play. Also, first grade is learning about community helpers and will soon be dressing as our favorite and reporting about their duties. We now are working toward Accelerated Reading Goals and are they ever reading and testing! We are learning new strategies for addition and subtraction and beginning Accelerated Math.

Second Grade Safari News!

Your students have been "falling" into learning as we discussed animals, what animals need to survive, and different animal groups. Looking ahead on our Second Grade Safari, you will see students studying Native Americans and the Pilgrims voyage to a new land. In Language, your second grader worked with nouns and plural nouns as well as possessive nouns. Wow, what a great job! Soon your student will focus on verbs. Most second graders are working on or beginning work with addition with regrouping. The next math concept is subtraction with regrouping. Please remember to encourage your child to read to meet his or her Accelerated Reading goal. Also, don't forget to read with your student for the B.E.A.R. Calendar. We are looking forward to a great second 9 weeks.



The 2nd grade teachers would like to extend a thank you to all the parents that come to conferences. It was nice seeing you again.

2nd Grade Teachers

THRID GRADE ROCKS!

Multiplication mania is beginning in Math. Our focus is on the memorization of the facts. Adding to the excitement is our unit on plants and animals in science. Our field trip to the Adventure Science Center on Nov. 12th will deepen our previous study of the solar system. Communities is the unit in Social Studies.



We are continuing our work on writing, as we begin to focus on paragraph construction. Cursive writing will be more of an emphasis as the year progresses. As always, our work on increasing students' reading comprehension continues as we decipher fiction and nonfiction pieces. Student independent reading goals re very important, too.

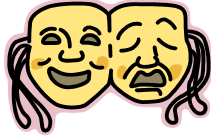
5th Grade Newsletter

Fifth grade has been busy, busy, busy! Red Ribbon Week was an amazing success. Thank you to the Just Say No sponsors and all the parents who worked so hard to make Red Ribbon Week so special for Indian Lake students. Also, a special thanks to all the parents who helped with the Halloween Party. Everyone had a such a great time.

We also want to welcome Jennifer Donahoe to 5th grade. She is a student teacher in Mrs. Pursley's class. We look forward to starting 4-H, continuing with Just Say No, the Thanksgiving Lunch, and preparing for the Christmas program in the next few weeks. With so many fun things going on in 5th grade time is flying by!

****FOURTH GRADE****

The 4th grade teachers want to thank our room mothers for organizing our Halloween festivities. The students had a great time. Our field trip is scheduled for November 19th. We will be going to the Nashville Children's Theatre and seeing Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. Indian Lake Elementary and the 4th grade would like to welcome our **new students Marissa Burnside and Nathaniel Werner.**



ART NEWS



Kindergarten and first grade classes are learning about a foreign culture (Kenya, Africa) through a folk tale titled, "How Zebras Got Their Stripes". They learn about animal body structure by drawing and painting their zebras. Line and pattern are also explored by adding colorful borders to their pictures.

Second grades are drawing *butterflies* from a bird's eye view. They can see how butterflies appear symmetrical in shape, color, and pattern. Through a previous unit in their regular classroom they are already familiar with the parts of the butterfly and how to draw them. This lesson focuses on the comparison of stained glass and butterflies. Lead strips hold the colored pieces of glass together in the same way that shapes are seen in butterfly wings. Everyone enjoyed drawing one half of the butterfly and then using a "secret" way to draw the other half. Ask them how they did it.

Third grades are studying how artists use *contrast* in artwork to make color and subjects stand out. On their pumpkin still-lives they are using warm colors of tempera paint next to cool colors. By doing this, they learn how to draw attention to their subject matter.

Fourth and Fifth grades are sharpening their perception skills by drawing sea shells. By overlapping their shells they create a sense of depth. Watercolor pencils are used to add color. This lesson also helped heighten the students' awareness of positive and negative space. Line and pattern reference sheets helped them create lines and patterns for their negative spaces. Although the lesson was very time consuming, the outcome was well worth the effort.

Melissa Charles

A QUICK MUSIC NOTE



Following their great performance, the 2nd Grade has been learning about the rhythm theory of music. We have now begun to play a competitive game where each team (of 2-3 students) can win points for every correct rhythmic dictation. The winning team or teams will be able to visit the treasure box. Each team has a pencil, piece of paper and a drum to work with.

Grades 3-5 are in the process of setting up a competitive game using harmonic theory. Using the two main clefs and the grand staff, we are learning how to use sharps and flats to create the melodic and harmonic sounds we want. Kindergarten has done some rhythmic work with the rhythm sticks and has now been singing.

The 1st Grade is working hard on preparing for their PTO Performance, which is going to be on Thursday November 12, at 7:00 pm. Please plan on attending.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions, and please don't forget to check my website frequently on the Indian Lake web-page for more or updated information on all the music classes. Go to www.ileonline.org, click on **Teachers**, scroll down to my name and click on **WEBSITE**.

Thank you!
Mr. de la Vega

!!SEARCH & RESOURCE!!

SEARCH:

All students are beginning a poetry unit. They will be learning how to write many types of poems and will be compiling a book of their best poetry writing. This unit will help prepare them for a songwriting unit in the winter and a trip to the Country Music Hall of Fame. 4th and 5th graders will soon be preparing for the Geography Bee which will be held in early January. We are in the midst of 4th grade gifted screening at this time. Mrs. Getter is excited to be able to attend the National Gifted Education Association Conference in St. Louis in early November. She is hoping to get lots of new ideas for SEARCH activities.

RESOURCE:

Our classes are going strong. We have been emphasizing progress monitoring this year and all students in reading classes are being monitored at least once a week. Our math classes have done many hands-on activities including math art projects. Some of these are on display in the resource room. We continue to be impressed with our hardworking students and the progress they are making!

Jean Getter
Sheryl Godsey

Computer Bytes

We've been having a great time in the Computer Lab. The Kindergartners are already starting to work in their rotations. They are listening to CAT, DOG and FISH on the computer and the tape player with our Writing to Read Program. They are also practicing their alphabet sequencing with our Make Words Table and playing some fun learning games at Starfall.com.

Your First Graders are starting their second journal in our Writing to Read Program. They have been working very hard in their rotations as well. I hope you are enjoying the fun and interesting stories they have been bringing home. Orchard and Starfall are also a big hit along with Fun4thebrain.com.

The Second Graders are playing some fun learning games in our Orchard Program. They especially like the teddy bear math games. They are doing very well. Your Third Graders are also having fun with Orchard games. They are getting in some good multiplication practice as well, at Multiplication.com.

The Fourth Graders have been doing double duty with our Orchard Program and Mavis Beacon. They have been challenging themselves with our Orchard Games, especially those Fractions. Plus, they've been working on their typing skills. When they work hard, the program rewards them with some fun typing games. Finally, your Fifth Graders have been doing all kinds of things. They have been working some in our Orchard and Mavis Programs. However, lately they've been hard at work on their Red Ribbon Week Newsletters. They worked as a team to research and write their articles to persuade you and others to Just Say No to drugs and alcohol. They have done an excellent job.

Keep on typing,

Mrs. Weddle

LIBRARY NEWS



We would like to say "Welcome Back" to Ms. Jones as she has been able to come back and work in the library. We would also like to thank Mrs. Ernst for the great job she did while she filled in for Ms. Jones. I would also like to thank the students and parents who participated in the Fall Birthday Book Club. We had 15 books purchased for the school!!! I know the entire school will enjoy the great books you selected!!!

I am excited to announce that we will be having a *Fall Book Fair* this year which will begin on Wednesday, November 18th and end on Tuesday, November 24th. The Book Fair will offer many new titles and holiday items for those wishing to do some early Christmas shopping. We are excited because we will be open on the day of our Thanksgiving Lunch so parents and grandparents can drop by and shop. We will be sending home a letter with all the details and a preview flier with the students in the next few days.

During the month of November we will be listening to stories about Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. The classes in grades 3-5 will be working on using Reference Items to find out information about our Thanksgiving customs. Classes in grades K-2 will extend the stories by focusing on the sequence of events in the story, retelling the story, and looking for patterns in the stories we listen to. We are excited about the many students who are reading and enjoying the books in the library!!!!

Mrs. Patti Whitaker and
Ms. Sarah Jones

JUST SAY NO!!

The 5th grade kicked off its 1st Just Say No meeting on September 25, 2009 with guest speaker and co-sponsor Madelon Lycans. Approximately 80 students attended the voluntary meeting.

We celebrated **Red Ribbon Week** October 26-30, 2009, with excitement and great involvement by the whole school. . The 5th graders also raised \$168.00 for the Ronald McDonald House by selling bracelets and pencils each morning, while marching with picket signs that read "Just Say No".



Our poster winners were Michael Luttrull, Mitchell Hall and honorable mention to Tori Payne. Essay winners were Alden Barrett and Kendall Irons.

On Thursday, October 29th we had our second Just Say No meeting with approximately 70 students attending. Officer Holcomb and his canine partner, Rocket, were our guests.

The next meeting will be January 29, 2010 due to the holiday schedule in November and December.

