



INDIAN LAKE NEWS

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A Word From Our Principal

The first semester of school is going by so quickly. The 9 week mid-term progress reports will go home on Tuesday, November 16th. Our students are continuously engaged in enriching learning activities at each grade level. ILE's faculty and staff participated in some excellent training during our Stockpile Day, on November 2nd. We are so fortunate to have Jill Olund, our Academic Coach, working with our teachers. She provides all kinds of staff development training, sharing many strategy ideas, and she truly is a positive encourager for everyone who comes in contact with her.

I would like to THANK Jacqueline Phillips and Bethany Bennett for doing a superb job working with our Just Say No Club 5th grade students. Red Ribbon Week was successful with a lot of student participation. The student silhouettes' placed around the building looked absolutely fantastic. Great job ladies!!

We are looking forward to the first graders performing on Thursday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. for our PTO Meeting. The fifth graders will be performing their musical on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. I know it will be an exciting evening.

The holiday season is coming soon and the office staff and I would like to wish our school community a season full of peace, love and joy.

Jewell McGhee



President's Corner

First, I would like to thank all the parents and children who participated in the 1st Warrior Walk. We couldn't have had the results we achieved without such great efforts by the large majority of the school.

Many of you contributed time and money! The kids learned valuable lessons regarding fitness and working towards a goal for themselves and the good of their school.

Personally, I would like to recognize Kelley Southard and Kyra Minichan for their incredible leadership in our first Warrior Walk. I also want to send special thanks to Leslie Feray and Greg Hines. They went above and beyond the call of duty with the organization of the event and with their communication with the parents and staff! We also have several committee heads that did an amazing job sorting out all the little details on our **first** try of this fundraiser. They are: Stephanie Tighe, Kim Luckey, Aimee Fuqua, Vanessa Silkwood, Cornelia Hines, Stephanie Vaughn, Danielle Carpenter, Mickie Rynor, Rhonda Spurlock, and Andi Smith. I would like to say a special thanks to David Luckey and Jamie Spurlock for helping get our track together until late in the evening Monday night. It looked great!!! It truly was a wonderful day for the kids, parents, and staff of ILE.

The board has decided to do a few things differently this year. In consideration of the incredible support the ILE parents put toward the school on behalf of our large fundraisers (fall and spring), we as a board want to thank you and express our gratitude to you the ILE parents. First, this year we will not be doing the Pennies for Playground program. Next, we have voted to decrease the number of spring festival baskets to 3 per pod. We will let you know (in the near future) all the themes for the spring baskets. Decreasing the number of baskets will hopefully keep this tradition fresh and the best it can be for years to come.

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President's corner cont...

We just completed Red Ribbon week a few weeks ago. I hope you all had a chance to come see the silhouettes that were hung up around the school. They were very cool and it was all going along with the theme that our children have better hobbies and activities to do than doing drugs. It was a wonderful way to get the kids involved in the Red Ribbon Week! Thank you **Jacqueline Phillips and Bethany Bennett** I know it took a lot of time and hard work! You did a fabulous job!!!

Adopt-a-family has already started. I love this program it is a wonderful way for our ILE family to give back to the community.

Once again, thank you for your continued dedication to your kids and ILE we couldn't do it without **YOU!**

Sincerely,

Annie Koch, PTO President



ILE Thanksgiving Luncheon

- Friday, November 19th
- Students will eat during their normal scheduled lunch time
- Cost for adults: \$6.60 and visiting child (non ILE students) \$2.60
- No specials will be sold that day

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the checking account as of November 11, 2010 was \$5,852 and the balance in the money market account was \$110,184.

The Warrior Walk raised \$58,946!!!!

If you have any questions regarding the finances of the PTO, please contact me.

Bridgette Schmidle
Treasurer

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

As is our tradition, Indian Lake Elementary will be reaching out to several needy Sumner County families this Christmas. This program is completely voluntary and has always received tremendous support from the generous families at ILE.

Yvette Casey, a former ILE parent, contacts school guidance counselors from around Sumner County to identify families who are struggling financially this holiday season. The families that Ms. Casey selects will NOT receive assistance from any other group or agency. Their names are kept strictly confidential by Ms. Casey.

The mission of this program is to assist these families by providing Christmas gifts for both parents and children in the hope that they will be able to use their limited resources for basic necessities rather than gifts this season.

December 3rd is the last day to turn in items for your specific families.

All donations are greatly appreciated!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who went with us on our fall field trip to Honeysuckle Hill! The learning barn, hayride, corn maze, farm animals and pumpkin patch made for a fun day!

We would also like to thank all of the parents who did a fantastic job of organizing our Halloween parties! October was packed full of fun activities, but your students were still hard at work becoming wonderful readers!

Remember to practice sight words and read every day with your child.

We hope to see everyone again soon at the Thanksgiving luncheon on November 19th!

Kindergarten Teachers



FIRST GRADE NEWS

We are almost half way through this marking period and have been busy working on Unit 2 in our reading series. We will finish this unit with our “community helpers” project. We are very excited to see what the kids choose as their jobs.

We are also busy reading A. R. books so that we can meet our first reading goal. We cannot wait to celebrate our success with a very special celebration in December. So, please, keep reading!!!!

We are very proud of our first graders and how well they did for the November PTO program. A big THANK YOU to Mr. de la Vega.



First Grade
Team

SECOND GRADE

The second grade teachers and students have enjoyed a busy, yet fun-filled Fall. The Halloween celebration was a highlight! The costumes looked tremendous. The teachers would like to thank the parents for helping with such a great day. One exciting day was followed shortly by another, as second graders embarked on a field trip to Bottom View Farm.

Inside the classroom, your students have been “falling” into learning. Language study has been focused on nouns and will transition into verbs. Addition with regrouping is the center of math. Up next, second graders will learn subtraction with regrouping. Currently, in Social Studies, we are studying Early America. This unit includes: Columbus, Native American Groups, Pilgrims, the first Thanksgiving, and Thirteen Colonies. We are looking forward to the Christmas Around the World Unit in December.

Second grade teachers would like to remind parents and students to read for the BEAR Calendar five nights a week, for fifteen minutes each night.

Happy Fall,
Second Grade Teachers

THIRD GRADE

Third grade has been busy as usual! Our current Reading unit is "People and Nature", which will cover some very interesting stories about how the two are connected. These include stories about gardens, whales, and even volcanoes!

Ready or not, it's time to multiply! We are very excited to be moving into the much anticipated times tables. Third graders will be skip counting, making arrays, learning the properties of multiplication, and yes, taking timed quizzes! We will be practicing both at school and at home, and are ready to meet those goals!

In Science and Social Studies we will be covering landforms, regions, climates, and natural resources. This will give us a chance to do some fun, hands-on projects!

Coming up in December is our first field trip of the year! We are planning to attend TPAC for an exciting play, and then will hit downtown Nashville for lunch. Third grade is having a terrific year!

FOURTH GRADE

We have been very busy in 4th Grade! We are looking forward to our field trip on November 15 to TPAC. We are very excited about the November 22 Explorer projects. We hope everyone is finding the information they need to complete the report and poster. I know the students are looking forward to hearing about the Explorers and their accomplishments. We are also gearing up for the Adopt A Family Project. Watch for information to come home in the next week or two.

The first 4-H Project was a success. We had some marvelous posters submitted. We expect some great results from the posters that went on to the county. Our next project, a 1 to 2 speech, will be Friday, December 3. Watch for the different due dates from your classroom teacher.

We had such a great time at our Halloween Parties! Thank you so much to all the parents who donated their time and effort.

We hope everyone has a safe and restful Thanksgiving.

FIFTH GRADE

We have been busy in 5th grade.

Students attended a field trip to the Nashville Children's Theater to see the play "Bud, Not Buddy". Our Halloween party was a really fun time for the children and adults alike.

"Just Say No" club celebrated "Red Ribbon Week" where our theme was "Ask Me, See Me, Be Me, I'm Drug Free". Children participated in writing essays and creating posters. Congratulations to Leighanna Martin who won 1st place (\$15 cash prize) in the county contest for her poster. Congratulation also to Lauren Beier who won 2nd place (\$10 cash prize) in the county contest for her essay. We are proud of the efforts put into this by all of the Indian Lake 5th grade students!!

"One for Books" donations were well represented by 5th graders in conjunction with our upcoming book fair. A big thanks to all 5th grade parents. We cannot have the wonderful activities here at ILE without you!!

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT

- Spirit Night is at **Chick-fil-A**
- November 18, 2010
- Thanks again for supporting ILE Spirit Nights!!

SEARCH and RESOURCE

SEARCH students in grades 2-5 have been solving and creating logic puzzles. The 4th and 5th graders have begun to prepare for the Geography Bee that is coming up in January. This is most enthusiastic group of "geographers" that I have ever had! SEARCH students in different grades are also writing simultaneous stories, learning about non-rhyming poetry and working on lots of different kinds of mysteries. We will be looking forward to a book club in the 2nd semester.

Resource

Our students are hard at work on basic skills in math, reading and language arts. Our math classes have been having fun estimating different items and the Level 2 class has had a great time researching the probability of throwing heads or tails with coins. Reading classes have been reading stories in depth, performing plays and having fun with rhyming. We love to see everyone's hard work and enthusiasm!

Jean Getter
Sheryl Godsey

NOTES FROM ILE MUSIC

I don't know where it's going but, this year seems to be flying by! The 1st grade PTO performance went extremely well. As for the next PTO performance (the 5th grade Christmas Program), we have begun working on it. The date for this program is Thursday 12/16/10. Please mark this in your calendar and plan to attend as it is always an exciting show. So come and share in the joy.

In the classroom, we have been doing several different things depending on the grade level. Mr. Knupp and I combined 3rd-5th grades for a unit on "Tinikling". That is a popular folk dance from the Philippines requiring rhythm and physical activity. During these lessons we worked on co-ordination, rhythm and counting phrases, while learning about teamwork, history and another culture. Grades 2nd-5th have been concentrating on learning about J. S. Bach and how life would have been during the time that he lived. We also juxtapose that to what life is like today. The 1st grade classes will start the unit on J. S. Bach now that we have finished our PTO performance. Likewise the 5th grade has stopped to work on their program.

I failed to mention our music room's new "Smart Board" in the first newsletter because I had yet to really use it that much. Now that I have begun to use it, WOW! There's a whole new world of technology out there to raise the level education for our students! It is an incredible and amazing teaching tool. Yes Indian Lake Elementary School has the best PTO.

Please remember that you can contact me with any questions at: 824-6810 and/or ronald.delavega@sumnerschools.org

Thanks!
Mr. de la Vega

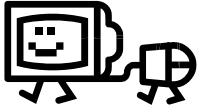
Happy November! First, I'd like to say a big THANK YOU! to all the students that have been recycling Capri Sun bags, and especially to the students and parents that are collecting them outside of school. At this time, we have collected almost 5,500 bags and have raised almost \$130 for the guidance and counseling department! Keep it up!

Things are going well in Classroom Guidance. Kindergarten is doing a great job learning and talking about their feelings. 1st grade is still working on 7 Habits of Happy Kids, and will learn the 6th habit (Think Win-Win) this week. 2nd grade is learning how to speak with good purpose from the 8 Keys of Excellence. 3rd grade is learning to control their impulses by calming down and thinking about others before they act. 4th grade students are still doing group activities, and I'm starting to see some changes! The groups are starting to focus more on encouraging their team members, and are coming up with creative solutions to the activities. 5th grade students are still working on the WhyTry curriculum. The most recent analogy was about Labels, and we talked about how labels are not always correct. We talked about how you would get rid of a label, and that you have the power to chose your own labels

I plan to start back with my weekly updates for Classroom Guidance. You can see these on my web page at <http://gunselman.wordpress.com>.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child!

Julie Gunselman
School Counselor



Computer Bytes

Your children are doing a great job in the computer lab. The 4th and 5th graders have been working hard on learning the keys and practicing their accuracy with our Mavis Beacon program. Their hard work will come in handy in January when we take our second round of speed tests. Last month the 4th graders got to design computer wallpapers for Red Ribbon Week and your 5th graders made some very creative flyers in Microsoft Publisher. Mrs. Charles would be proud.

Your 3rd graders have been working hard on their language and math skills in our Orchard program. They are also getting a head start on their times tables with multiplication.com. There are some really fun games for them to play as they learn their math facts.

The 2nd graders have been doing a variety of activities. They have been working in our Orchard program as they practice words from their reading series. They are also doing a great job building on their skills with our Education City and Chuckwagon Bill programs.

Your kindergarteners and 1st graders are quick learners. They are moving right along in their rotations. The 1st grade classes have already finished their first journal. I hope you are enjoying the wonderful stories they are bringing home. Kindergarten parents, please don't worry if the words are not spelled correctly. We encourage the children to spell the words how they sound to them.

Keep on typing,
Mrs. Weddle

Physical Education News

November brings some of the most ideal weather conditions for playing and being active outdoors. These activities include walking, biking, hiking, playing backyard sports or simply outdoor exploration. The National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) recommends 60 minutes per day of physical activity. The benefits of physical activity include stronger hearts, muscles, and bones and can actually help grow new brain cells. Did you know that by encouraging and participating with your child in physical activities outdoors, you can help expand your child's creativity, imagination and emotional well-being. Recent research has shown a link between these benefits and being physically active outdoors.

There are a number of resources that you can use to find safe outdoor physical activity venues in your area that may fit your needs and interests, some of them include:

- <http://www.nps.gov/>
- <http://www.recreation.gov/>
- <http://gorp.away.com/index.html>
- <http://www.nwf.org/playandobserve/>
- <http://www.nps.gov/macac/index.htm>

Your individual state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or State Parks web sites.

As your child's physical educator, I look forward to helping him/her develop skills and knowledge so that he/she can make physical activity a part of their everyday active lifestyle. Start small, have fun, and watch your life change for the better. As always, contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Mr. Knupp



LIBRARY

I would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the parents and students for bringing in their coins during our One For Books campaign. We collected \$1,303.60 for the teachers to use to purchase books for their classrooms. We would also like to invite you to come by the Book Fair this week. The Fair will be open each day from 8:30 to 4:00. We are open on Friday, November 19th, during the Thanksgiving Lunch if you would like to drop by before or after eating with your child.

This month in library we are enjoying listening to Thanksgiving stories in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. Our skill lessons are based on the stories we listen to. We are using research skills in grades 3-5 to learn about our Thanksgiving customs and traditions. We are also helping students find books to read and checkout to help them obtain the AR goals.

Have a great Thanksgiving!!!

Mrs. Whitaker
Mrs. Long