



INDIAN LAKE NEWS

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A Word From Our Principal

Parents,

It is so hard to believe we are in our fifth week of school. The beginning of the year has gone really well. The teachers and the students have not "missed a beat" with teaching and learning. I do want to thank all of you for such a tremendous attendance for Indian Lake's Parent Night.

This year our school has an Academic Coach, Jill Olund, working with our teachers on Mondays and Tuesdays. She will be helping with curriculum and will be with us for two years. We are so pleased to have her here in our school. We share her with Jack Anderson Elementary during the week.

We are looking forward to Parent Conferences on October 8th from 1:00-8:00pm. More information will be coming home later regarding the conferences. We are also looking forward to the first fall break October 12-16th.

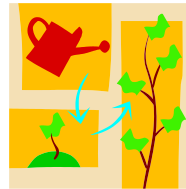
We hope to see you Thursday, September 10th for our first PTO Meeting for this school year. The second graders will be performing under the direction of Mr. de la Vega.

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year.

Jewell McGhee

The President's Post

Ownership...



If I had to explain in one word the success of the PTO, it would be "ownership." Ironically, "ownership" is the key word of the month at Indian Lake Elementary. ILE parents are *interested* in education, *involved* in the school, and *invested* in their child's learning. The Parent Teacher Organization boasts a 93% membership rate. From selling wrapping paper to lunchroom duty, our teamwork approach is one that is envied among other schools. When everyone gives a little of their time, talent, and money, it pays off in dividends. Our children have opportunities that would not be afforded to them if we were dependent on the county. The technology in our classrooms and the computer lab were solely bought with your fundraising dollars. Over the course of three years, we have invested over \$130,000 into technology for the school. It is with this technology that the teachers can introduce new forms of media and software that will enhance your child's learning. On behalf of the kids, thank you for your support.

The Awning...

Thank you for your patience as we await the installment of the awning addition. The contractor should have them installed over fall break. We encountered some delays and extra "red tape" along the way. The construction will take approximately 3 days, so waiting until the break will not disturb the drop-off/pick-up flow nor cause a safety issue with our kids.

A special thanks to Bill Lamb of Lamb Engineering. Bill, an ILE parent, agreed to draw and stamp the engineering plans at a reduced cost which ultimately saved us \$1100. Please tell Bill thanks....he saved us from having to bake a lot of cakes!!

Important Dates to Remember:

September:

- 9th Fundraiser Orders & Money Due
- 10th 7pm Gen. PTO Meeting—2nd Grade performs
- 11th Room Parents Coffee @9am
- 18th PET Parents Coffee @ 9am
- 30th Fall Pictures

October:

- 2nd End of 1st Nine Weeks
- 8th Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 9th No School/ In-service Day
- 12th-16th Fall Break/No School
- 20th Fall Fundraiser Parent Pick up
- 30th Halloween Parties (go to ileonline.org for party schedule)

November:

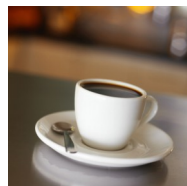
- 6th Adopt A Family Coordinators Meeting @9am

!!Thank you!!

I would like to thank all the volunteers who signed up to be either Room Parents or PET Parents for this school year!

There will be a Room Parents coffee on Sept. 11 at 9:00 A.M. and a PET Parents coffee on Sept. 18th at 9:00 A.M., in the cafeteria.

Thank you,
Annie Koch
PTO President Elect



Fall Fundraiser

We've been "going wild" over our fundraiser! By the time you read this, all orders should have been turned in.

However, it is not too late...we'll take anything we can get!

There have been some changes in our fundraiser that you may not have been aware of. First, you must pay for your order when it is turned in. If you didn't, please send payment so your order can be processed. Last year, we had several families deliver the items they ordered and then failed to pay us for them. Therefore we changed the payment policy. Also, the EZ order system allows families to enter their orders online, receiving downloadable games for the kids and possible "instant win prizes" for the parents. Therefore, they don't have to wait to be rewarded. It also cuts down on order errors. Prizes will be included in the box with your order. We also asked that you return your order form, even though it said not to when you entered your order. If you kept yours, do not misplace it! That is the only record of who you sold to and what they ordered.

If you participated in the "investment opportunity", we will be sending out a statement for your **tax deduction** by October 30th. If your business or corporation participates in a "matching gifts" program, they can receive a tax deduction form as well. Innisbrook is also giving prizes to students who choose "investing" rather than selling, they will be delivered on October 20th.

Once again, Innisbrook has been very generous to our teachers and staff. One teacher, per grade, will win a gift basket valued at \$100 if her classroom has the top sales. We are receiving 55% profit for the wrap catalog sales and 40% for the frozen foods! You can continue to support ILE by placing internet orders at www.innisbrook.com year around and ILE will receive the profit. Our school # is 112114.

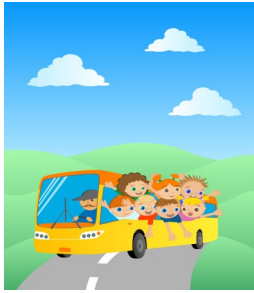
Orders will be delivered on October 21st, 2-6 pm.

Look for the "top sellers" in next month's newsletter. Thank you for participating any way you can! We couldn't do it without you!

Carol Ernst, Fall Fundraising Chairperson

FIRST GRADE

1st grade is off to a great start! The children have settled into our routine nicely. We are breezing through our first unit in reading, learning all of the short vowel sounds and many sight words. The children have begun to take A.R. tests and will soon have reading goals to work toward. We look forward to meeting with the parents on conference day, Oct.8th. Also, we would like to welcome the new 1st graders to I.L.E.: Isabella Stevens, Presley Calonge, Tyler Holcomb, Joseph Orlando, Jett Mills, Madison Northcutt, Joey Glenn, Timber Bevins, Bryce Hatcher, and Joshua Turner.



Third Grade News!



We have started the year running! Your children are already busy learning spelling patterns, reading great books/stories, figuring out addition and subtraction problems, studying about communities, and exploring weather and space.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Evans to our school. We are glad to have her in 5th grade. We would also like to welcome Carter Considine, Gavin Gillihan, Catie Kelley, Jesse Baker, Iban Baker, Hudson Jones and Abby Mason to 3rd Grade.

We're looking forward to an amazing year!

"Fourth Grade"

The Fourth Grade Teachers want to welcome back to Indian Lake, Madison Adams-Harrison and Matthew Mason. We also have several new students we want to welcome to our school: Alex Flood, Grant Kohls, Autumn Bracey, Camrin Considine and Lauren King. This year, fourth grade students are completing Social Studies Projects to enhance their learning in the classroom. Be looking for more information regarding the next project assignment in the upcoming weeks. We also want to remind parents to have their children continue practicing their multiplication and division facts.

Fifth Grade News

WELCOME

Fifth grade is going great! We have added a new teacher to the fifth grade, Christy Evans, and we are thrilled to have her. She is a wonderful addition to the fifth grade team. We also have several new students this year and would like to welcome them all to Indian Lake.

We have Hannah Baker in Mrs. White's class, Tait Carson and Cody Christensen in Mrs. Nangia's class, Ian McCollum and Riley Mills in Mrs. Evans class, Lydia Hampton in Mrs. Pursley's class, and Noah Byars, Caylee Robichoud, and Ashton West in Mrs. Voss's class. We know it is going to be an excellent year!

P.E. News

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Indian Lake Elementary. I am excited and looking forward to starting my 10th year of teaching and my 3rd year here with you at Indian Lake Elementary. During the school year I would like to encourage you to visit our Physical Education class and our website. Our program consists of developmentally appropriate activities that create maximum opportunities for development of skills, knowledge, health-related fitness, and ultimately, the confidence to enjoy an active, healthy lifestyle.

We have been very busy in Physical Education and I would like to share with you some of the fun things we have done so far. Kindergarten through Second Grade have been working on spatial awareness, locomotor skills, pathways, and bilateral movement through juggling and dance activities. Mr. de la Vega and I are currently working together with First Grade integrating Music and Physical Education concepts. Third through Fifth grades have worked on multiple juggling patterns, line dancing, folk dancing, and climbing wall activities. Please check out our website to see upcoming P.E. Units and Events at <http://ilepe.wordpress.com/> We are looking forward to a great year!!!



Mr. Knupp

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

A *second order* will be placed for School Spirit Items on Sept. 18th!!



(Please have your orders in prior to that date.)

TAKING NOTE OF ILE MUSIC

The 2009/2010 school year is off to a great start. Each grade is learning specific musical and non-musical ideas. The non-musical ideas consist of team work, sharing, following directions, etc... Beginning with Kindergarten; we are learning how to follow directions (which is a prerequisite to using the instruments) and copying certain simple rhythms. Some of them have done well enough to begin using the "rhythm sticks". Mr. Knupp and I have started to combine our 1st Grade Music and P.E. classes periodically. The first time we taught keeping a rhythm at different tempo, while practicing spatial awareness, along with some other related concepts. The 2nd Grade has the first PTO Performance, and has been very busy learning their show.

3rd-5th Grades have been learning about rhythm. This includes tempo, syncopation, meter, measures and the time value of notes and rests. In the process, we have been using a competitive game where teams are playing to earn points. The team with the most points wins some small prizes. They have all done very well and are doing great with the rhythmic dictation.

This school year promises to be even better than the last one! Please don't forget to frequently check my website 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

Library News



I would like to welcome Carol Ernst to the library as our interim Library clerk. She is filling in for Ms. Jones who has had to take a medical leave this first part of the year. We are excited to have her working with and helping the students each day - as she is doing an awesome job!!!

Wow!! We are off to a great start this year in library. We have already checked out over 3,400 books in the last few weeks. The students have been very busy these first few weeks of school reading and testing on their library books. Kindergarten classes are listening to Fairy Tales and learning about book care. They should begin checking out books at the end of the first nine weeks. First grade classes have been listening to "Froggy" books by Jonathon London and learning about finding books on the shelf. Second grade students have been listening to books by Robert Munch and learning about the parts of a book and title page. Third grade students are listening to the book "Knights of the Round Table" by Jon Scieszka. He is a great author who has several books in the third and fourth grade reading levels. The Fourth grade students are listening to "Mostly Monty" by Johanna Hurwitz who is another great author with books in the third, fourth and fifth grade reading levels. The fifth grade classes are listening to books about the Civil War and working on activities that enhance the stories.

I am excited to announce the formation of the Million Reader's Club this year. I will be keeping track of each word the students read this year and when a student reaches the million word mark I will make their picture with a Million Dollar Standee and put it on our Million Reader's Wall of Fame. The students will also receive a money book mark that smells like real money.

Counselor's Corner

"Career Day is April 28, 2010!"

Thank you to those that have already volunteered to speak on Career Day! If you would be willing to talk about your job, please e-mail the following information: Name, Brief Job Description, and Availability (AM, PM, Both, or Either).

"Tutoring"

This year I am running a small tutoring program from 1:30-3:30. I am looking for any volunteers that would be interested in this program; middle school students, high school students, and ILE parents. I know there are many students that would love the chance to work with someone one-on-one. There is no minimum time requirement for volunteering, and I can work with your schedule. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let me know! Also, if you know of any high school students that need a senior project placement, please have them contact me.

Thanks!

Julie Gunselman
School Counselor

Computer Bytes

Things are really "clicking" in the computer lab.

The kindergarteners are learning how to use their mice and keyboards. They are also working on their letters and sounds with letter tiles and at Starfall. This is a great website they can play at home, just log on to Starfall.com. Your first graders are already working in their rotations with our Writing to Read Program. They are writing some very interesting stories as well as playing some fun games at Starfall and Orchard.

The rest of the grade levels 2nd through 5th have been working hard on our Orchard Program. They have nearly finished their language and math assessments and are now getting to play some fun learning games. Your 4th and 5th graders will soon be taking their speed tests and starting our Mavis Beacon Typing Program. They can practice at home by going to TypingTest.com

Keep on Typing,
Mrs. Weddle

SEARCH & RESOURCE

Search students are hard at work already this year. We are doing a mystery unit for the first 9 weeks. Students are solving and writing their own logic problems, learning about thinking using different color hats and competing to solve 30 second mysteries. They will also be writing mystery stories and solving 1 hour mysteries in groups by evaluating evidence and witness statements. All 4th graders will be screened for SEARCH in late September or early October.

Resource

Resource students are off to a great start this year. This year we have two levels of direct instruction in math and reading decoding as well as a reading comprehension class. We have met with all new teachers about each student's academic accommodations. All students are doing a great job on keeping up with their class assignments and we love everyone's great attitude. We hope this continues all year!

Jean Getter, Resource and SEARCH teacher

Sheryl Godsey, Special Education Assistant



ART NEWS

Kindergarten classes are off to a good start. Students are exploring lines and looking for A- B patterns. They are also painting *thick* and *thin* lines with different colors of tempera paint.

First grades are drawing *tropical birds* of the rain forest. Students follow along as each step in their drawing is isolated so they can increase drawing skills. A collage of overlapping leaves will complete the jungle scenes.

Second grades are drawing *jazzy jungle cats*. Line, shape, and overlapping is stressed as students draw each section of their cat. They will add their own patterns to decorate their cats. Color is added and jungle plant drawings are cut out and arranged to give the illusion of depth.

Fourth and Fifth grades are working in small groups researching and designing airplanes. Each student is assigned a role: graphic designer, technical writer, human services worker, or troubleshooter. Library books and the internet help provide ideas as well as any outside photos and images from home.

Each group was responsible for handouts on graphic organizer, plane specifications, parts and their functions. They had to submit two different drawings showing two views of their plane. The finished work displayed and judged. Examples can be seen posted on the display boards.

Melissa Charles