

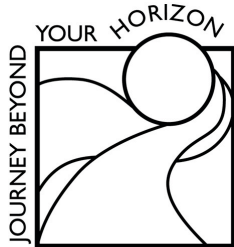


Iles School News

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Iles School

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 15
 Iles School Pizza Hut Fundraising Day 12-9PM

Sept 16
 School Improvement Day - No school for students

Sept 19
 Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Windy City Players
 9:00AM@Iles Gym

Sept 20-23
 Iles PTO Fall Book Fair

Sept 22
 School Picture Day

Iles Family Night 5 - 7PM

Oct 10
 Columbus Day - No School



Happy New Year!

by **Mrs. Susan K. Rhodes**
 Principal

At Iles School we have much to celebrate as we begin our new school year. Our program continues to expand in many directions, working hard to continually meet the needs of our 420 children.

Iles School has grown to now include 8th grade. With the retirement of Dr. Julia Lescault, we have two new teachers in the middle school, Ms. Jennifer Olson and Ms. Sara Sullivan. With the addition of the 8th grade year, we now have a full compliment of teachers to enable all of our middle school students to switch classes for the different subjects. Middle school students are able to participate in extra-curricular activities with Washington Middle School.

Mrs. Sue Landgrebe also retired from being our PE teacher at Iles School for many years. Mrs. Colette Albertson is now teaching PE to grades 1-8 and also 7th grade health. She is in contact with Mrs. Landgrebe for a smooth transition and is eager to continue in the path of teaching our children to make healthy lifestyle decisions. We also welcome Mrs. Deidre Spaulding to join our fifth grade team this year. With this being her sixth year as a parent at Iles School, she brings a strong under-

standing of how to meet the needs of our students.

By now most of you have probably either met or spoken with Mrs. Cherrie Keys, the secretary for Iles School. Mrs. Teresa Putman relocated with her husband to North Carolina. Mrs. Keys has done a great job in communicating all of the transportation arrangements to ensure your child's safe route to and from school.

We are especially proud to be able to celebrate the authorization of Iles School as one of the world schools of the International Baccalaureate Organization's Primary Years Program. Iles staff members have worked very hard for over three years to develop and implement a curriculum and program that meets the IB standards. The school will be visited four years from now to ensure that we remain in compliance. Many parents have also assisted us in reaching this goal and we appreciate all of your support. We especially appreciate the vision and support of Dr. Milton throughout our journey in reaching this destination. There are 293 PYP schools in the US and now with Iles School, 6 in the state of Illinois.

Chinese News
 by **Mr. Damon McParland**
 Chinese Instructor

欢迎!

Welcome back to Chinese class! This year, I have my own class. I still go to the first and second grade classes three times a week for twenty minutes each time. For the third through fifth grades, they come to me twice a week

for half an hour each time. The middle school students have Chinese every day for half an hour. One of our goals this year, especially for the older students, is to increase their vocabulary so they can be more conversational. For the half hour classes, we will start the class each day with some work on character writing and then spend the remainder of the class working on conversational skills and vocabulary content. Please help your child by reviewing with them the characters and words they are studying. If you have an i-Phone or i-Pad, there are many apps out there for learning Chinese. The ones I find most helpful are the flashcard apps. That's a fun way to learn more Chinese. We're looking forward to another great year!

Speech Contest:

The middle school students are once more taking part in Speech Contest. Speech Contest is an IESA sponsored activity focused on drama. The students perform monologues or groups skits in front of a judge. If your child has ever taken place in music contest, it is very similar to that except it is for drama. We had our first meeting last Wednesday and the students are in the middle of picking out their skits. We have very many sixth, seventh and eighth graders taking part. Our performance date is October 29 in Buffalo/Tri-city. This year, the students may also take part in improv which is a lot of fun. If you see a middle school Speech Contest participant, be sure to tell them to "break a leg!"

Health News

By Mrs. Val Rogers, RN

Physicals, Immunizations and Dental Exams:

All Kindergarten, 6th grade and 9th grade students and all students new to Springfield School District 186 must provide a current physical and up-

dated immunization record to the school office. In addition to this, 2nd and 6th grade students must provide proof of a recent dental exam. For assistance or questions, please call me at 525-3226.

Serious Health Issues:

If your child has a serious health issue such as asthma, food allergies or other life-threatening illness, please contact me in order to develop a plan to ensure your child's safety at school. I will provide emergency plans for you and your child's doctor to complete. Emergency plan are also available on the Springfield District 186 website under Programs, Health Services, Forms.

Medications:

Reminder – In addition to a parent signature, a doctor's order is need for all medications given at school, including over the counter medications. Medication must be in the original packaging, with a pharmacy label attached. Students wishing to self-carry their inhaler must provide a parent self-carry permission form and a copy of the pharmacy label to the school office.

If you have questions or require assistance with any of the above, please call me at 525-3226.

Valerie Rogers, RN
School Nurse

The IB Eye **Mrs. Sandy Bauer,** **International Baccalaureate-** **Primary Years Programme** **Coordinator**

As you have no doubt heard and read, our VERY good news at the beginning of August was the fact that Iles School is now an IB Authorized Primary Years Programme World School!! Our journey was long and intense, but our efforts paid off. As IB Coordinator, I thank the teachers for their hard work to align the curricu-

lum to the six transdisciplinary themes by writing and teaching their planners expertly. I thank the wonderful students at Iles School for their hard work and dedication to the Learner Profile and their inquiry into the planners that the teachers provided for them. I thank the parents for their support of the administration, teachers, and their children. And, of course, we all thank Dr. Milton and the District #186 administrative staff for their fundamental support.

Last summer, we were able to send several teachers to Level III workshops in St. Louis for training in how to hold the 5th grade exhibition. During this 5th grade exhibition planner, the students will be researching issues of importance and, in so doing, will use all of the tools that they have learned as they have progressed through the PYP programme. In addition, each grade level was allotted almost \$800 for the purchase of books to support their PYP units. Text resources are always needed, but, of course, our laptops and iPads certainly help, too!

So, what's next? This year, the Iles teachers will continue to meet in grade-level teams to refine the Programme of Inquiry by revising the planners as they adhere to the PYP standards and practices. The fact that we are authorized means that we continue to work to provide the very best inquiry program that we can for our students. Yes, the IB will come back to revisit in a few years. We will be ready when they do!!

BAND NEWS **by Mrs. Dia Langellier** **Band Instructor/Technology**

Band will start soon! The schedule for advanced band members has gone out to the teachers and we will begin lessons on Sept. 6th. Please be sure your child has Essential Elements 2000 book 2 by Sept. 6. Begin-

ners will start on Sept. 12th. All registration forms for beginners should be in my hands no later than Sept. 6th so that I can begin working on the schedule. New students should have instruments and Essential Elements 2000 book 1 by 9/12. PLEASE have equipment by that first week. Students who get their instrument a week or two late, rarely catch up and do well. Don't handicap your child's progress with procrastination.

Sonic Limeade contest:

I have another grant project (for some Crash Cymbals) up on the Donor's Choose website but this time it is also eligible for the Sonic Limeade contest. Please go to this site and vote everyday for the "Boom Boom Crash" project. The winner gets funded by Sonic and it doesn't cost you anything. Also, if you buy a Limeade at Sonic, look for a code on the receipt that allows you to put in extra votes. Thanks everybody! Tell your friends and be sure to put it in your newsletters!

<http://www.limeadesforlearning.com/projects/view/620425/vote>

If you would like to donate, you can also go to the Donor's Choose website to make a donation.

<http://www.donorschoose.org/Langellier>

Starter Strings:

If your 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grader is interested in learning the violin, viola, cello, or string bass, we will be having a registration meeting on Sept. 15, 2011 at 5:30 in the school library. Letters will go out to all 2nd graders this week. If your child is not in 2nd grade and is interested, have them stop by the office to get a copy from Mrs. Keys.

Attention Iles Parents

Cafeteria News

By Mrs. Sue Jacobs
Kitchen Manager

Welcome Back

We serve breakfast from 8:05-8:25 every morning. If your child does not qualify for free or reduced meals, please make sure he/she has money on their account.

Thank you,
The Kitchen Staff

Iles PTO

By Mr. Mike Little
President, Iles PTO

Thank you to all who participated in the PTO raffle. We raised \$487! Please check the website for a full listing of winners! We would also like to congratulate Beth VanderDrift on winning the \$25 Target gift card for signing up at Shop with Scrip. The next Scrip order is due October 6th and the cards will be delivered the following Wednesday.

Flower power order forms are due by October 14th. Checks can be made out to Iles PTO.

We would like to invite everyone to join us for dinner at Noodles and Company on September 13th, from 4:00pm to 9:00pm when 10% of your purchase will be donated to Iles School.

The Iles Book Fair will be held September 20-23 with Family Night on September 22nd. Please check your weekly folders and the Iles PTO section of the Iles website for more information on this exciting night!

We will continue to update the PTO section of the website on a regular basis. Please check frequently for updates and information on all of the exciting things we have planned for this year!

Iles Celebrates - Change By Mrs. Mary Beth Burke Volunteer Coordinator - Iles PTO

Change the Date! Iles Celebrates! has moved to Saturday, November 19!

Iles Celebrates, a multi-cultural, family-friendly fundraising event for our school, will take place on Saturday, November 19, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Springfield High School. This year it is an extra special celebration as we are celebrating Iles School's certification as an International Baccalaureate school! The event features ethnic foods, entertainment, children's activities, and a live and silent auction. Please watch your Wednesday folders for information over the next few weeks. Right now we are especially in need of 6-8 volunteers who could make follow-up calls to businesses to ask for donations to our silent auction (the business would have already received a letter from us; the volunteer would be calling after receipt of the letter to check on possible donations). We are also in need of someone who is willing to run/ chair the check-out process. For those interested in helping the day of the event, a volunteer sign-up form will be coming home in early October. For more information, contact Iles Chair Mary Beth Burke at 416-4935 or mdburke4@gmail.com or Volunteer Coordinator, Sue Rempfer, at 891-3347. Thank you for your support!