

Iles School News~

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Calendar of Events

September 17th

Windy City Players:
Beauty and the Beast
9:00 – 9:45am
Iles Gym

September 20th

School Picture Day
8:00 – 11:30am

September 21st

School Improvement Day
NO SCHOOL

September 24th – 28th

PTO Fall Book Fair

September 27th

PTO Book Fair Family Night
5:00 – 7:00pm
Room 11 & Cafeteria

October 2nd

PTO Meeting (Library)
5:30 – 6:30pm

October 8th

Columbus Day
NO SCHOOL



Welcome Back

Mrs. Kenyatta Revelle
Iles School Principal

Dear Families,

Thank you all for a wonderful start to this new school year. My goal for the first couple of weeks of school was to make sure that all of our students came to school safely and returned home safely. Thanks to the students, parents, teachers, and staff at Iles school, I am proud to say that we met that goal. All of the children had a successful start to this school year.

Thank you, parents, for completing and returning your transportation forms. Thank you, Mrs. Keys (our Iles school secretary), Ms. Logerquist (our temporary secretary) and Ms. Luecking (our substitute secretary), for the seemingly endless job of entering all of the transportation requests and changes into our informational system. Thank you, Mr. Lasch, for putting all of the labels on the backpack tags. Thank you, teachers, for getting the tags on the backpacks, for communicating with parents, and for helping us to get all of the students to the correct locations. Thank you to the faculty and staff at Iles for working so hard to make these first few weeks a success.

I also owe a special thank you to all of our eighth graders who took on



the roles of “big brothers” or “big sisters” and volunteered to help our first grade students and their teachers at the end of each day. It was quite a sight to watch the older students holding the hands of little first graders as they led them to the buses, to the car-rider line or to SCOPE.

The District’s motto is “Working Together to Achieve Outstanding Success,” and I must say that we, at Iles, embody that motto. I am proud to be the new principal of such a special school.

Thank you,
Kenyatta Revelle

September IB Eye

Sandy Bauer, PYP
Coordinator

Welcome back to Iles School, the fabulous International Baccalaureate School, which develops inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who will create a better and more peaceful world through the Primary Years Programme. As you know, we are beginning our second year of IB

Authorization and our fifth year of involvement with the IB organization.

The classrooms are filled with IB-PYP reminders, and the teachers are just beginning their first trans-disciplinary planners. Monthly meetings will again be held with the teachers and the PYP Coordinator to “backwards plan”, discuss inquiry, fit our program into the common core standards, reflect and refine. It is such a delight to work with teachers who fit the Learner Profile, themselves, and are experts in a combination of child development and curriculum.

Please be sure to read “General Regulations: Primary Years Programme” which was attached to the grade level-designed worksheet that was handed out at Parent Orientation. Please contact me at anytime for more information! We’re off to another excellent year!

August/September Student Support News

Mrs. Sherry Frachey
Student Support

Welcome to new families and welcome back returning families! For those new families, I am the Student Support Leader at Iles. I teach every student in the school for ½ hour per week (Middle School for an hour). I also work with small groups, meet one on one as needed, facilitate peer mediations and help with lunch procedures.

Classroom Sessions

For grades 1-5 I teach a program called “Lion’s Quest”. There are benchmarks for Social/Emotional Learning, Health, and Social Studies. This year, Student Support will be a graded class. I will be entering the Health grades for every student in grades 1-5 each quarter. At the beginning of each quarter, I will list the benchmarks in this newsletter, and they will be posted on my web site and in my classroom. Grades are based on understanding the concepts as performed in our Together Times, classroom participation and behavior, and application of the skills we are learning throughout the school day. Benchmarks are adjusted to the developmental levels of each grade.

Here are the benchmarks we are working on the first quarter:

- Differentiate between positive and negative behaviors.
- Know that individual differences among people occur during growth and development.
- Explain how individual differences among people occur during growth and development.
- Identify causes and consequences of conflict among youth.
- Demonstrate positive verbal and non-verbal communication skills.

There are several more benchmarks relating to these, and they are posted in my room. The

above benchmarks are the ones used for grading purposes. Student Support will continue to be a flexible class to meet needs as they arise, but I wanted you to be aware of this small addition.

Middle School

I will meet with most Middle School students for end of the day enrichment/electives. Students will be engaged in projects supporting social/emotional learning and their core academic subjects, as well as applying those skills in our projects. This is not a graded class. I will keep you informed through my web site and this newsletter.

On Mondays, 8th graders will be working on the Iles Yearbook as well as other projects. I am administering and scoring an Interest Inventory to determine how to best meet their needs. Also, any special accommodations will be honored at this time. So students needing to finish assessments or who have any special educational plans will receive support as needed and/or requested by their core teachers.

Lunch

Any parent wishing to donate new or gently used items for 1st/2nd grade lunch recess would be greatly appreciated! Sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, and any kind of catch games are welcome. There is a box in the lower hallway for recess supplies.

I am so grateful to work at Iles, and look forward to serving you and your children this year! Please call if you have any concerns or questions.

Health Update

Valerie Rogers RN
School Nurse

Physicals, Immunizations & 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 updated immunization record to the school office. A new requirement this year is a Tdap immunization for students entering 6th and 9th grade if they have not had one previously. In addition to proof of a physical and updated immunization record, 2nd and 6th grade students must provide proof of a recent dental exam.

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.



Chinese

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Welcome back to Chinese class! We spent the first week reviewing and are now into new vocabulary! The first and second grades have Chinese three times a week for twenty minutes each time. I go to their classes for instruction. Third through fifth grade come to my class on the ground floor. We meet

twice a week for half an hour each time. Middle school has Chinese every day for half an hour each time. Our main focus is conversation, but we also try to include some character study as well as cultural exposure. I'm looking forward to another great year with your children. My website is a good source of finding information and for helping your child study at home.

Speech Contest

The middle school students will once more be taking part in Speech Contest this year. This is a voluntary extra-curricular activity and is basically acting. The students perform either a solo skit, duet or small group. They perform with no props or costumes, just themselves on the stage with their acting skills. An informational meeting was held on Wed. Aug. 27 at which permission slips were passed out. The actual date and location of the performance is TBD, but it should take place end of October or early November. Seventh and eighth grade students also have the option of performing an improv piece.

PTO Update – August

Welcome Iles Families! The PTO is busy preparing for another school year. As always, we encourage parent participation in one of many areas: school volunteering, fundraising, chairing an event, or simply helping out when you can. Please consider one of the following activities:

Sept 4th PTO Meeting – join us for our first “official” PTO meeting of the year, 5:30 – 6:30 in the Iles Library.

Sept 27th Family Book Fair – browse for books for your family, a child in need, or holiday gifts. We hope to see you there!

Oct 2nd – PTO Meeting

Nov 2nd Iles Auction – Stephanie Moulton is chairing this event, and is looking for helpers. The most critical need is securing donated items for our auction. Could your employer provide an item? Would you be willing to auction a product or talent that you produce (cooking, pet sitting, organizing an activity for children)? Could you assist in soliciting items from previous donors? Could you help the night of the event? All these tasks are very important to our success.

50/50 Raffle – for the value price of \$10 you can purchase a square on our 50/50 board, and have a chance to win \$500! Squares are going fast...act now! Winner announced at Iles Auction.

Playground Duty – a reminder to sign up on the following website:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4DA5AD22A13-playground/4213204

Password is ILES.

Have a Great Year!

ILES PTO BOARD (Mike, Kyle, Lana and Karen)