

Iles School News~

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Calendar of Events

November 8th

Middle School International Potluck

November 10th

Girls On the Run at Washington Park

November 12th

Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL

November 19th

Middle School Open House 6-7:30pm

November 21st

Early Dismissal – 2:00pm

November 22nd – 23rd

Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL

December 4th

Winter Band Concert
Legacy Theater 6:30 – 7:30pm



KENYATTA'S PART

Mrs. Kenyatta Revelle
Iles School Principal

Dear Families,

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you at the Iles Auction. I cannot express enough thanks to Stephanie Moulton and her committee members: Sissy Allen, Scott Beem, Jennifer Holcomb, and Angie Miller. They worked tirelessly to make our first auction a success. It takes a lot of courage to volunteer for the unknown, and since this was our first time trying an auction event of this type, there were a lot of unknowns. Yet, they trudged through every challenge and came out the other side looking like professionals. If you see any of them, please thank them for all of their hard work.

*Thank
You*

I also want to thank all of you reading this newsletter for your support and your generous donations. Iles is a community of volunteers, and every little bit helps. Thank you for supporting our paperless efforts. Thank you for continuing to help us in our cafeteria and on the playground. Thank you for going on field trips, stuffing weekly folders, helping out in the classroom, popping popcorn and

performing the countless other jobs that you do for Iles. Most importantly, thank you for supporting your children with their homework and for sending them to school ready to learn.

If you have not been receiving emails from our PTO secretary, Karen Miller (<karen_b_miller@yahoo.com>), please send her your address, so that she can add you to the list.

*"Individually, we are one drop.
Together, we are an ocean."* ~
Ryunosuke Satoro

Thank you,
Mrs. Revelle

IB Eye, November 2013

Sandy Bauer
IB Coordinator

Cold nights, bright days. It's November. The beginning of a three-month period of family gatherings, child excitement, reflection and plans for a new year. At Iles School parents and teachers have held their first conferences. Communication is important! Most classrooms have finished their second trans-disciplinary planners and are beginning their third. Walking down the hallways and poking a head in a classroom certainly gives evidence of deep and solid learning. As we all agree, this school is a GEM. We receive so many compliments from visitors, substitute teachers, and parents. Our wish is to continue on the path that we have started - as a

gifted school that hosts the International Baccalaureate/Primary Years Programme! We have much for which to be thankful!

If and when you see Dr. Milton and/or any of the school board members, please don't hesitate to thank them for allowing this opportunity for our children to exist.

Health Update

Sue Hutches, RN
Iles School Nurse

Hello, Iles families! My name is Sue Hutches and, as of October 1st, I am the new nurse at Iles School. I am very excited to be here! I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. First, I have been employed by St. John's Hospital in labor and delivery since 1999 and am still working there as a PRN (as needed). I was a clerk on that unit for 5 years before becoming an RN, graduating from LLCC in 2004. I may have even been at St. John's for the birth of your little one! I am also a life-long resident of Springfield and the proud mother of a 7-year-old boy, Ashlyn. He is the love of my life and keeps me very busy! Ashlyn would be upset if I didn't mention that we also have a crazy cat, Flea, who is his best bud!

I believe children are a gift, and I will work my hardest to keep your child safe and healthy. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me.

That being said, it's that time of the year again...the dreaded cold and

flu season. A stomach virus seems to have already hit many families. I thought I would share some reminders to help keep our children healthy and safe.



General Guidelines for School Health – keep your student home if:

- Has a fever (101° or higher) - 24 hours fever free before returning to school. Remember: Everyone's temperature tends to be lower in the morning and higher in the afternoon or with exercise (example: active recess). A one-time elevated temperature with no other symptoms would be an exception to this guideline.
- No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- A child with a rash and fever or a rash associated with a herpes simplex virus.
- An unusually tired child, meaning a child too sick to take part in the classroom activities.
- Ear pain and/or ear discharge, with or without fever, parents should consult the child's doctor to advise.
- Sore throat with fever and swollen glands.
- Coughing that is bad enough to make the child red or blue in the

face, or a cough followed by whooping sounds.

- Persistent green or yellow nasal drainage warrants a call to the doctor to advise.
- Thick mucus or pus draining from the eye, or pink eye.
- Continuous crying or extreme irritability, or a child that requires more attention than can be provided at school.

November Student Support News

Mrs. Sherry Frachey
Student Support

THANK YOU ALL for your generous contributions to our service-learning project!! Students Raised \$150.00 for The United Way and \$189.59 for Free the Children. We are discussing helping locally and globally. Be sure to check out the videos on my web page, or the school web page to see all the fun and learning we experienced while raising the donations.

We will continue to work on our Kenyan Clean Water project for the girls at Oleleshwa School. Stay tuned for news of our Fair Trade Store in November.

Elementary classes will still focus on healthy lifestyle choices, body systems and how they work together, and basic refusal strategies.

Middle School classes are finishing their "Too Good for Drugs" program, and will continue to work on social/emotional standards and benchmarks through our theater workshops. There is a parent meeting on Wednesday, November 7th at 3:30 for parents interested in helping to make this a magical experience our middle schoolers will always remember!

Recent research indicates that "being happy" is a basic skill. Like any math or reading skill, the more one practices being happy, the better we are at it. We practice happiness through feelings of appreciation, gratitude, and focusing on the positive. During this Thanksgiving season, I am encouraging students to be thankful every day for something. I know I am grateful to work with your children!!



ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

If you would like an ILES YEARBOOK please be sure to check the option on the school fees bill to receive your copy for \$15.00. Also, please indicate if you would like more than one. Each copy is \$15.00.

Chinese

Damon McParland
Chinese Teacher

The students did a very nice job first quarter. Some parents have expressed interest in the best way to help their child at home, especially if they themselves have no background in the language. My website has a wealth of information on it. One of the best tools is the list of words the students are currently studying. If you go to the word list link and click on the word in Chinese, it will take you to an online dictionary that has a pronunciation component to it. Click on the sound icon and it will pronounce the word for you with the correct tones.

I am also happy to announce that I received a Springfield Foundation Grant that will allow me to purchase additional supplies for Chinese class. Most of the supplies will focus on celebrating Chinese holidays along with calligraphy. Please be aware that our Chinese New Year celebration will take place every other year. We will be doing things to celebrate in class but will not have the evening celebration this year. We will have one next year.

Speech Contest

Good luck to the middle school Speech Contest participants! They have been practicing their skits and are ready for their performance on November 10th in Lincoln, Illinois. Speech Contest is basically acting without costumes or props. The

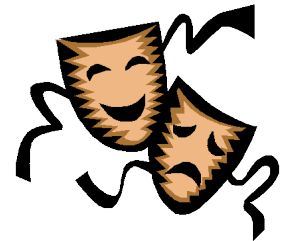
following students are taking part this year:

6th Graders: Vanessa R., Melissa K., Tara R., Angela N., Meredyth S., and Sasha Mc

7th Graders: Alexis D., Zoe R., and Angelica V.

8th Graders: Grace T., Stella C., Connor M., Sean B., Devon S., Julia G., Erin B., Katie R., Anthony N., Alina S., and Sameena K.

Break a leg!



Elementary Band News

Dia Langellier
Band

All band students have been registered to use the [onlinepracticerecord.com](http://www.sps186.org/onlinepracticerecord.com) but few elementary students are sending me their practice records. Please download the instructions from my website

(<http://www.sps186.org/downloads/basic/285728/Online%20directions.pdf>) and "encourage" your children to participate. Students have a sticker on their book or folder with the email address and password that they used for registration. Students should email me their practice record once per week.

NOVEMBER PTO NEWS

Dear Iles Families,

Fall is in full swing now, and we can enjoy cooler days and the start of what will be a great holiday season. Our first annual auction was a great success with over 186 people in attendance with great food, live music, enjoyable venue and a successful silent and live auction. We were also able to fund many needed items for our technology labs due to the friends in need donations. Events like Friday night bring home the importance of Iles School in all of our homes. We could not have had the auction if it were not for great moms and dads like Stephanie Moulton, Angie Miller, Jennifer Holcomb, Scott Beem and Sissy Allen. Thank you so much for all the time and effort that you put into making our first annual auction a success!

There are a lot of things happening in November, so please make sure to check our PTO website for information. Our Middle School Informational open house is on the 19th from 6:00-7:30 in the gym. November's PTO meeting is scheduled for the 13th from 5:30-6:30 in the library. Mrs. Agnes Nunn from the Community Budget Committee will be at the meeting to give us the committee's findings and thoughts regarding District 186 budget cuts. This is a very important meeting, and we invite all Iles families to attend and show your support for our 1-8th grade school. We are one school, one building, one incredible staff, blessed with the best teachers and administrator.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or celebrations to share, please feel free to call/text or email me at 217-622-6988 or mlittle2300@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

PTO Board Michael, Kyle, Lana & Karen