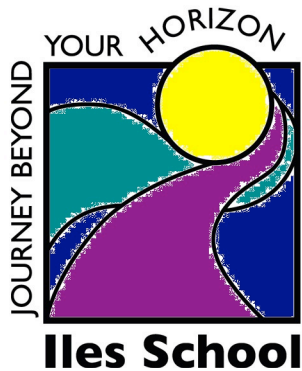


# Iles School News

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## Calendar of Events

**January 21<sup>st</sup>**

NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

NO SCHOOL – School Improvement Day

**February 11<sup>th</sup>**

NO SCHOOL – Parent Teacher Conferences

**February 12<sup>th</sup>**

NO SCHOOL – Lincoln's Birthday



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Kenyatta Revelle  
*Iles School Principal*

Dear Iles Families,

Happy New Year! Often, as we begin a new year, we reflect on the year that has passed and hold high expectations for what we hope the new year will bring. As I think about this past semester, I must say that it has been quite a ride, but one that I have enjoyed thanks to your continued support. I know the road ahead seems a little foggy, but I am confident that with your continued advocacy for our programs, we will see brighter days. Words cannot express how proud I have been to see so many of you at the Community Budget Review Committee meetings, School Board meetings and PTO meetings. I know Dr. Milton was very impressed by how many of you attended the last PTO meeting, and with the questions you asked.

Did you know that in the fall of 2012...

- o The fall Book Fair was very successful and raised more money than last year.
- o The First Iles Auction was very successful and exceeded our goal.
- o ISAT results showed 100% of our students met or exceeded expectations in all subcategories, on all tests.
- o Iles was able to send a team to "Girls on the Run."
- o We were able to put together three IMSA teams.
- o The Swinging Singers thrilled audiences with their tour.
- o All Middle School Speech Team participants won awards.
- o All Lego League Teams won awards: Team GTD won the Judge's Award, Team T.A.T.D.Y.A.L.F. won the Robot Design Award, and Team RoboTech won the Champions Award.
- o Team RoboTech and Team T.A.T.D.Y.A.L.F qualified to

go on to State.

- o Iles Middle School was added to the District Middle School Handbook for the first time since the publication has been printed.
- o The first Iles Middle School, International Pot Luck was attended by Dr. Milton, and three School Board members: Lisa Funderburg, Judith Johnson and Susan White.

All of these wonderful things would not have been possible without the support you have given us. Thank you, and I am looking forward to all that 2013 holds.

## IB Eye, January 2013

Sandy Bauer  
IB Coordinator

## Happy New Year!

In this newsletter, I would like to highlight the Exhibition in which all 5th graders must participate. Exhibition is a planner in all Primary Year Programme schools in which students engage in groups to inquire about a real-life issue. Students are engaged in all stages from issue selection, learning outcomes, activities, and assessment.

By participating successfully, PYP students will demonstrate they

have learned skills of: Inquiry, independence, research, action-taking, and others. These are derived from the IB learner profile and are significant to becoming a world citizen.

**On February 7th**, the 15 groups (which are being mentored by Iles teachers and expertly guided by Ms. Shotwell, Mrs. Standley and Mrs. Owens) will share their learning through multi-media presentations, speeches, and various other methods.

This is how you can help the 5th grade students: If you find articles in the newspaper, in magazines, or the on the internet you feel would be appropriate for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade group to use in their research, please send it to one of the Iles 5th grade teachers (Ms. Shotwell, Mrs. Standley, or Ms. Owens).

## Following are this year's list of Exhibition topics:

- Obesity
- Recycling
- Food Waste
- Homelessness
- Global Warming
- Cultural and Religious Tolerance
- Preventing Self-Harm
- De-Mining Land Mines
- Safety vs. Privacy (micro-

- chipping, nanny cams)
- Habitat Destruction
- Deforestation
- Distracted Driving
- Endangered Animals
- Oil Spills and Offshore Drilling
- Performance Enhancing Drugs

Thanks so much for your consideration and help!



## January Student Support News

Mrs. Sherry Frachey  
*Student Support*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### Grades 1-5

This quarter I will be teaching from the Benson-Henry Institute Educational Initiative from Harvard Medical School. If you hear your children talking about "relaxation station", "belly-breathing", the "turtle trick" or "fight or flight", it is part of our health series to teach and promote the following standards:

- Describe how different body parts work together.

- Differentiate between positive and negative behaviors.
- Identify methods of health promotion and illness prevention.
- Recognize responsible safety practices.
- Describe skills essential to enhancing health and avoiding dangerous situations.
- Identify positive health practices.

Our Word Wall Words are:

- Stress
- Stress reduction
- Dark thinking
- S.U.D.S. (subjective units of disturbance scale)
- Relaxation response
- Fight or flight
- Belly breathing
- Affirmations
- Clear thinking
- Goal setting

### Middle School

On Mondays the 8th Graders are working on our school yearbook. We are on schedule, proofreading and re-proofreading!

The 6th - 8th Graders in Tuesday and Thursday Electives are in full swing into our theater workshop! All systems are a go and we need your help. If you can donate items or time, I know the students would appreciate any expertise! Special

thanks to Tara McClelland for helping with the script writing, Cara Swafford for her Shakespeare Workshops, and Tom Hutchison (who is scheduled for more sessions after building Habitat homes in Haiti) for his drama/improv workshops promoting international mindedness. We need some music directors and choreographers who might be able to help on a Tuesday or Thursday to work with small groups from 1:55-2:55. Drop me a note by email if you can help!

You will also be receiving a letter from our crew requesting specific donations so we can begin our sets this month. Please look in closets and garages!

On Fridays, the 6th Graders researching issues women face around the world. We will also begin our storyboards this month for our iMovies. We plan to submit them to the "Everyone Matters" film festival, which is sponsored and judged by Meryl Streep.

Since students don't really submit daily assignments, they have daily goals and record them on Google Docs. Ask your child to share their creative work with you.

What an exciting year this looks to be! Thank you for sharing your children with me!

## Chinese

*Damon McParland*  
*Chinese Teacher*

新年快乐! Happy New Year!



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Welcome back! This year we will be celebrating the New Year in class and not having the big school wide celebration like we did last year. Chinese New Year's and Iles Celebrates will now be taking place in alternate years with this year being the turn for Iles Celebrates! This year Chinese New Year takes place on February 10 and 2013 is the year of the Snake. The Chinese New Year is based on a Lunar Calendar so it is not the same date every year. It does range between mid/late January to mid-February. I did receive a Springfield Foundation grant for some materials to help us celebrate the New Year so be sure to ask your students what they will be doing in class.

## Six Flags Read to Succeed

Iles is once more taking part in the Six Flags Read To Succeed program. All students in grades first through sixth are invited to participate. All they need to do is read six hours by February 4, document it on their reading logs, and turn the logs into their teacher by February 4. All students were given the reading logs before winter break. A copy (pdf document) is also posted on the school's homepage. Tickets will be distributed sometime in May.



## After School Yoga Class

*By Dave Morgan*

There will be an after school yoga class offered at Iles for students in grades 3 and up starting in late January. Students will learn basic poses, sun salutations, breathing techniques, and relaxation strategies. To participate, students need to have a permission slip filled out and returned to Mr. Morgan. Meeting

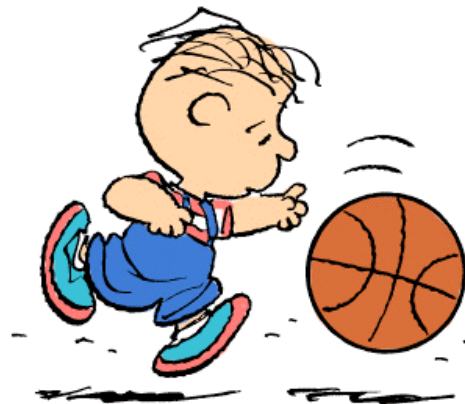
Dates are as follows: January 24, January 31, February 7 and February 14. Students will meet in the gymnasium after school and parents should pick up students from the gym at 4:15. If possible, students should bring their own yoga mat to school. There may be some loaner mats available. Permission slips are available from Mr. Morgan and on his class webpage for download. This is going to be great!

## Intramural Basketball

Mark Freetly

*Intramural Basketball Coach*

By now all students who signed up for Intramural Basketball should have been contacted by their coach. All game days are listed on the Iles School website. If you have any questions, please contact your child's coach.



## Girls On the Run

Sue Landgrebe

*GOTR Coach*

Even though it is cold and snowy out, now is the time to look ahead to the spring season. WE NEED COACHES!



Women 18 years or older who want to help girls set goals and work to meet them are eligible. The program is 10 weeks long with 2 sessions a week from 3:15 – 4:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. Training will be offered to new coaches in February. Take a look at the GOTR website: [www.gotrcentralillinois.org](http://www.gotrcentralillinois.org) to learn more about what we do.

Due to the popularity of this program, girls CANNOT be in both GOTR and IMSA. Signing up for Girls On The Run will be a commitment to attend the twice-weekly sessions.

If you are interested in coaching, call Mrs. Landgrebe at 622-7872.

