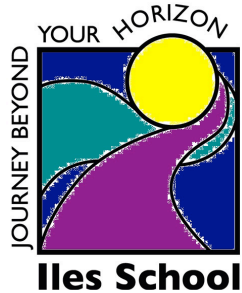


Iles School News

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Calendar of Events

April 11

Spring Picture Day

April 20

Iles Celebrates
5:00-7:00pm

April 25

Middle School Musical
Hoogland LRS Theater

April 30

Elementary Spring Band Concert
Iles Gym
6:30-7:30pm

May 6-10

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7

3rd Grade Musical
Iles Gym
5:30-6:30



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Kenyatta Revelle
Iles School Principal

Dear Families,

Did you know the Illinois State Board of Education raised the performance levels of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) for elementary and middle schools? The new performance levels will align with the more rigorous Common Core State Standards but will cause a decline in the number of students who meet or exceed standards in 2013. This means there is a possibility that students who have met or exceeded standards in the past on the ISAT will not meet or exceed standards this year. The anticipated drop is the result of the State raising expectations, not a reflection of student or teacher performance. Click on the link below for more information on the new ISAT Cut Scores.

<https://www.isbe.net/assessment/cut-scores/isat13-parent-faq.pdf>

Now, more than ever, it is important for us to stay informed and praise our teachers and staff for creating a rigorous, global learning environment where our students can become active, caring, lifelong learners by using their skills to explore their passions (Iles School Vision). Over the break, I called and

sent emails requesting that you complete the [Illinois 5 Essentials Survey](https://illinois.5-essentials.org/2012/) located on our Iles School webpage or at <https://illinois.5-essentials.org/2012/>. I thank you for your very prompt responses. However, spread the word. If you have not taken the survey, please do so as we still need at least 58 more parents to complete the survey by Friday, April 12th, 2013. It is a very quick survey and a great way to tell decision makers what a wonderful place we have here at Iles. The information taken from this survey is very important, as it will be used next year on the Iles School Report Card. Prospective parents often compare schools by looking at the School Report Card.



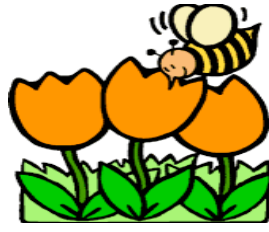
As many of you are aware, this is the time of year when we open our doors to prospective first grade families. I will do my best to showcase all that Iles has to offer, but this year I would like to include some testimonials from you. Why did you select Iles for your child? Send your answers to me at kenyatta@sps186.org.

Thank you,
Mrs. Revelle

April IB Eye

Sandy Bauer
IB Coordinator

As we approach the end of another year as a World International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme school, we continue to reflect upon our teaching and learning. Are we providing our students with grade-appropriate planner experiences? Are we going in depth with the topics that we teach? Are students engaged in their learning, and are they asking good questions and inquiring? Additionally, are our transdisciplinary planners aligned with the new common core standards for reading and math, as well as the Next Generation Science Standards? During our grade level planning sessions, we have spent a fair amount of time successfully correlating the planners to reading and math. During the teacher institute on Monday, April 8 we took a look at where our science-focused planners reside. To create a new science-focused planner or to move one to a different grade level will take a lot of work. However, if this helps our students developmentally, it is a task that the dedicated Iles teachers are willing to do.



Student Support News

Sherry Frachey
Student Support

THE POINT!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.! Come to the Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theater to see "The Point"! Iles Middle School presents this show which encapsulates the values and character promoted in all Iles Student Support classes. It also promotes the ideals of the "Everyone Matters" international campaign to promote tolerance and acceptance.

The show centers on the main character, Oblio, who is different from all of the others and must come to terms with his "disability". Through his journey, he comes to understand that being different doesn't mean being "less than" or that his life lacks meaning, rather it means he has a unique purpose. In fact, his "disability" becomes a possibility.

Through involvement in this endeavor, students learn to work as a team, cooperate, negotiate differences, learn about their own unique talents and abilities, and apply this knowledge to produce this artistic commentary on the real meaning of life.

Please come and show your support for all of their hard work and dedication! Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. All proceeds from those donations will benefit our Free the Children School in Kenya. The Olelesha School for Girls project provides clean water so the girls are free to get a good education.

YEARBOOKS!

Yearbooks have been ordered! Please check the website to see when they will come in. They are scheduled to arrive the middle of May. If you didn't order, there will be a limited number of extra copies for sale in Room 4 on a first-come-first-serve basis.

STUDENT SUPPORT CLASSES

We continue our unit on making healthy, positive choices. Look for the Together Times to come home soon. There are lots of fun ideas for family activities!



Health News

Sue Hutches
School Nurse

Hi Parents!

Just a few reminders:

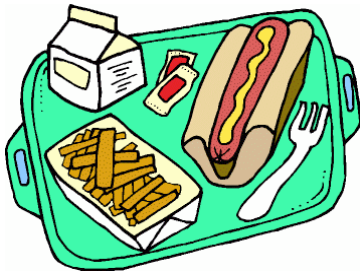
- All students entering Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades will need a physical before next school year.
- There is a new TDAP requirement for all 6th-12th

graders. All students will need to provide proof of receiving the vaccine.

- All 2nd and 6th graders need to turn in dental forms by May 15th. Dental exams must have been done within 18 months prior to May 15th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. I am at Iles every morning from 8:00-12:00.

Have a happy spring!



Cafeteria News

Sue Jacobs
Cafeteria Manager

We continue to have several students "charging" their lunches. As we get closer to the end of the school year, it is important that student's accounts are kept current. If you have a parent access account, you can monitor your child's balance in their CUM folder. If you need a parent access account, please see Mrs. Keys in the office. You can also make payments online through the District 186 website at the following link:

<https://www.illinoisepay.com/epay/GetSite?cmd=get&siteId=186>

MUSIC MATTERS!



Band News

Dia Langjellier
Instrumental Music Teacher

Upcoming Band Events:

- April 26, 2013 - Solo & Ensemble Contest (4th-8th grade only) at SHS
- April 30, 2013 - Elementary Band Concert at 6:30 pm in the Iles Gym
- May 9, 2013 - Jazz Band performs at WMS Band Concert. Location and time TBA
- May 14, 2013 - Middle School Band Concert and 8th Grade Art Exhibit at 6:30 pm in the Iles Gym
- May 17, 2013 - Middle School Band/Jazz Band Tour

Other news: Please remind your child to take their instruments home with them after school each day. Practice is necessary for continued learning and students can't practice without their instrument! In addition, it is safer at home. If we should happen to have a break in, you don't want your child's instrument to be here to be stolen.

Music News

Amy Taylor
Vocal Music Teacher

Iles Music Programs Performance Date Change

Due to the snow day, I was not able to audition all of the students for the performances.

I want to make sure that everyone who would like to audition gets an opportunity. Therefore, we are changing the program date. Note the change below.



Iles Music Programs:

Tuesday May 7, 2013

PTO MTG- 5:00-5:30

Grade 3 Musical- 5:45-6:15

Grades 1/2 Musical- 6:30-7:00

Grades 4/5 Musical- 7:15-8:00

A detailed note regarding arrival times and what students are to wear will be sent out at a later date.

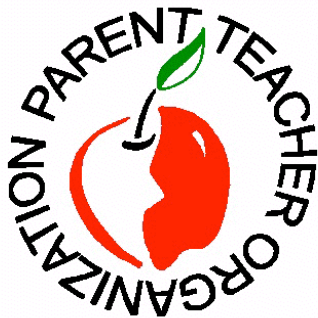
Thank you so much for your understanding.

Chinese

Damon McParland

Chinese Teacher

The students are doing great in their classes. For many of the grades, we will be doing oral assessments in April to get a good feel of the students' pronunciation skills and correct use of tones. Fourth and third grade will be doing oral assessments. The second graders are busy working on creating their space alien family photo albums to help review their adjectives as well as other words we've learned this year. The first graders are doing a great job working on their Chinese calligraphy. They have had a chance to come to my class to work on calligraphy with my "magic" paper and brushes with water. The fifth graders should have a written assessment on our "jobs" unit sometime around the middle of April.



PTO News

Dear Iles Families,

As we look towards the close of this school year we are thrilled with the success we have had and

look forward to continuing that same success next year. We could not have accomplished any of the wonderful things we have this year without your generous support!!

The Personal Best Art Show, PTO Book Fair and family night took place on March 7th, and it was FANTASTIC!! Special thanks go out to our teachers, staff and parents who volunteered their time and energy to help out.

In other news, our Scholastic Bowl teams are having a great year and we wish them continued success as the season comes to an end. Our talented band and music students will be performing their spring concerts in April so make sure that you're checking our PTO Calendar for dates and times. Iles Middle School will present "The Point" on April 25, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at The Hoogland Center for the Arts. Admission is free, but they will accept donations for the Olele School for Girls in Kenya, which is the "Me to We Youth In Action" project this year.

This year's Iles Celebrates will be held on Saturday, April 20th, 5:00 – 8:00 at Iles. Food orders are due on April 10th. If you would like to donate items or money for the Iles Celebrates Student Raffle, please contact:

Michelle Ryan:
(michelleryan@sbcglobal.net),

Angelica Salazar:
(ansaga.vi@gmail.com)

Kyle Blais:
(kyleblais@yahoo.com).

Kindergarten visitations and tours are scheduled for April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th from 12:00 – 2:00. For many families this is their first exposure to our great school, so it's important that we showcase what an incredible school Iles is. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact:

Michael Little
(mlittle2300@gmail.com)

or

Kyle Blais
(kyleblais@yahoo.com).

As we look towards next year, the PTO Executive Board will have open positions. We will be seeking a new President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Nominations for these positions will take place at our next PTO meeting on April 9th at 5:30 in the library. Elections will be held at our May PTO meeting scheduled for May 7th.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the programs and activities that make Iles a terrific school!

The PTO Board,

Michael, Kyle, Lana & Karen