

Springfield Public School District 186



Iles School News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3

Early Dismissal
 2:00 p.m.

April 6-13
Spring Break

April 14

Starter Strings 3:00 p.m.

April 16 - 24

Stanford 10 Test -
 Second Grades only

April 16

SPRING PICTURES
 Pizza Hut Night - PTO

April 20

Fire Drill - 1:45 p.m.

April 21

Starter Strings 3:00 p.m.
 Fourth Grade -IMSA 3:00 p.m.
 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

April 23

Fourth Grade Field Trip 7:45 a.m.
 Music Program 7:00 p.m.

April 24

Kindergarten Visitation
 12:45 p.m.

April 28

Kindergarten Visitation
 12:45 p.m.

April 29

Early Dismissal
 11:30 a.m.

April 30

Kindergarten Visitation
 12:45 p.m.

Technology, Technology, Technology

by Mrs. Susan Rhodes

Iles School believes that the use of technology must be integrated into the curriculum of our students. Every week students spend at least one hour in the computer lab to learn computer and research skills. The computers are used to deepen students' understanding of concepts discussed throughout the week.

There are over 100 computers at Iles School. To provide students with the most current technology, it is advised that the age of the computers used by students should be no more than four years old.



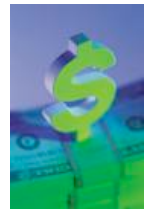
Keeping a four year cycle in mind, every year Iles School will need about \$27,000 for technology expenditures to replace one fourth of its computers. Iles School needs to purchase 27 computers to be in the classrooms in August 2009. The classroom computers that need to be replaced now are 4-6 years old. The new computers that we received in December 2008 that students and teachers are using in the second floor computer lab are wonderful. As a result, teachers and students want to be able to complete and extend those same projects on a computer in their classroom. This is not possible because most of the computers in the classroom are too old to perform the



tasks that the new computers are able to do in our new lab.

This year Iles School received \$2,800 from the District to use on technology. Our students need access now to technology and we have to be creative to figure out how to get those funds now.

One solution to raise the necessary money each year is to have each student pay an annual technology fee to raise the necessary funds. With the current economic times, this may be a hardship on many of our families. Another solution to raise the \$27,000 is to hold a raffle for a 40" Sony TV. Iles families are being asked to sell \$2 raffle tickets or make a monetary donation. If the family of every student sells 50 tickets, we will reach our goal of getting a new computer for every classroom in August 2009. The winning ticket will be drawn on the last day of school on June 4, 2009. All tickets must be returned to Iles School on May 29. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win the TV. Contact Angela Harris at 494-5290 (dahzz@att.net) or Tracey Wobig at 525-3226 (choc8luvr@hotmail.com) to obtain the raffle tickets.



The support of Iles family and friends in providing the teaching tools needed at Iles school is greatly appreciated. We believe that our children are worth the investment!



Student Support News

by Mrs. Sherry Frachey

School Wide

We begin our O Ambassador FAIR TRADE STORE this month. This is a



really fun way to educate children about sustainable development in developing countries, and is aligned with The United Nations Millennium Development Goals. It is also an excellent opportunity for our students to learn to work with money, adding, counting and making change. This was a really positive experience last year.

We will be sending home a list of items and prices as soon as we decide how to stock our store. This is a "virtual business opportunity" for our students, and they will be developing the plan and implementing it through our O Ambassador Club. We will make 10 % for the children of East Asia, and the rest goes to third world countries for sustainable development through the Fair Trade Program.

Classes

We are finishing our Garageband recordings about "IMAGINE: What Kind of World Do You Want?" I



must say that the classes have been SUPER about being quiet during recordings. We don't have a soundproof studio, so I needed their cooperation. They have been TERRIFIC!

We will continue with our Lion's Quest, O Ambassador activities, journaling and thank you letters to authors.

Small Educational Support Groups

We will continue our Stress Reduction Lunch Bunches until the end of May.



Please let me know if you would like to see other groups offered next year. This year we did Divorce, Grief, and our 2 stress reduction groups.

Misc....

Iles is such a wonderful place for everyone. But, occasionally we have some bumps in the road!



PLEASE REMIND

your children name calling and teasing are not appropriate ways to solve problems. We have supports in place so that students can participate in peer mediations to solve problems. Let's continue to make Iles a Peace Park!

Happy Spring!

Health News

By Mrs. Val Rogers, RN

Dear Parents of 5th Grade Students,



Your child will need a physical examination prior to entering 6th grade.

In accordance with Illinois law, all students must show proof of a current physical exam and up-to-date immunization records. Specifically, 77 Illinois Administrative Code, Section 665.140 states



a. The examination shall be conducted within one year:

1. Prior to the date on entering school
2. Prior to the date of entering kindergarten or first grade
3. Prior to the date of entering the sixth grade; and
4. Prior to the date of entering the ninth grade."

Immunizations and physicals may be obtained from your child's physician or by appointment from a public health or community agency. The 'school physical' form has a section requesting a brief health history from the parent or guardian, in addition to the health provider's assessment results. You must accompany your student and bring his/her immunization record to the appointment.

Please contact your school's nurse if you would like further information about your child's immunization requirements or if you need help in scheduling an appointment.

PTO Events

by Tracey Wobig, PTO President

We are in the last quarter already and the PTO is still busy! PTO elections for next year's officers will take place at the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, April 21. If you are interested in being involved this way, contact one of the officers. It's not hard, it's not time-consuming, but it is a chance the help your child's school have the

fun and educational opportunities the PTO provides.

Planning for Iles Celebrates! 2009 is already underway and WE NEED YOU! Please contact Cathy Schwartz, Sharon Caprio or Kelly Minder to volunteer your services. There are all kinds of different jobs to be done, and they can help you find out where you would best fit in.

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8. Be looking for more info on this after Spring Break. Also, note that the Teacher Luncheon that had been scheduled for April 29 has been moved to Wednesday, May 20.

April 29th is Springfield Day - a day for parents of gifted children to meet together and send a message to our legislators that funding for gifted education in Illinois is vital. Contact Karen Moranski for more information on this event. You'll be seeing more about this after Spring Break. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** please contact our representatives and urge them to vote YES on HB4044, which will add \$10 million for gifted education to next year's state budget. You should have received an email with details from Karen; if you didn't, please call her to get that. The more contacts they receive, the more they'll sit up and take notice of this issue.

Here is the PTO calendar for the next several weeks:

- * Thursday, April 16 - Pizza Hut fundraiser
- * Tuesday, April 21 - PTO meeting and officer elections
- * Tuesday, April 28 - Roller Skating at Skateland South, 6-8 PM
- May 4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week

Have a super Spring Break!

Music News by Mrs. Amy Taylor

Lemonade will be presented by our 1st and 2nd grade on April 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Iles School Gymnasium. Please plan to attend this fun filled evening. You will absolutely enjoy this wonderful story. Hope to see you there.

Community Health Corner By Memorial Medical Center

Sangamon County Healthcare Resources

As the economy tightens and more people find themselves unemployed or working for an employer who does not offer health insurance, chances are that you know someone who is uninsured or who receives insurance through Medicaid, KidCare or Medicare. It can be challenging to identify local resources that are available to help.

Each spring during "Cover the Uninsured Week," Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, the Sangamon County Medical Society, Memorial Medical Center and St. John's Hospital work together to highlight healthcare issues and resources in our community. Below is a partial list of some available resources. A complete Patient Resource Card is

available from the Sangamon County Medical Society at their Web site, www.scmsdocs.org. For more information, call the Medical Society at 525-0765.

Capitol Community Health Center
2239 E. Cook St. • 788-2300
Pediatric, maternal health, family practice, internal medicine, dental, prescription assistance

Catholic Charities, St. Clare's Health Clinic
700 N. First St. • 523-1474
Vision and hearing screenings, eye glasses, school physicals, prescription assistance, dental

Catholic Charities, MedAssist
700 N. First St. • 241-0214
Prescription assistance

Sangamon County Dept. of Public Health
2501 N. Dirksen • 535-3100
Home health; maternal-infant health; immunizations; well child and school physicals; many additional services and programs

Kumler Church Neighborhood Ministries
600 N. Fifth St. • 523-2269
Prescription assistance

Illinois Cares Rx – Illinois Dept. on Aging
800-252-8966
State prescription assistance

Capital Township
901 S. 11th St. • 525-1736
Assistance with medical care, eye-glasses, dental and prescriptions

Doral Dental Services
(888)286-2447
Provides listing of dentists who accept Medicaid, Medicare and KidCare