

Springfield Public School District 186



Iles School News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 10

Disaster Drill 10:00 a.m.
 Starter Strings 3:00 p.m.
 Fourth Grade -IMSA 3:00 p.m.

March 13

**Early Dismissal
 2:00 p.m. - End of 3rd qtr**
 Writer's Conference

March 14

Band-St. Patrick's Day
 Parade 11:00 a.m.

March 16

Group Pictures 8:30 a.m.

March 17

Starter Strings 3:00 p.m.
 Fourth Grade -IMSA 3:00 p.m.

March 19

PTO - Pizza Hut Night

March 23

Third Grade-Field Trip

March 24

Starter Strings 3:00 p.m.
 Fourth Grade -IMSA 3:00 p.m.

March 25

**Early Dismissal
 11:30 p.m. - Teacher Work-
 shop**

March 31

Starter Strings 3:00 p.m.
 Fourth Grade -IMSA 3:00 p.m.

April 3

**Early Dismissal
 2:00 p.m.**

**April 6-13
 Spring Break**

Luminous Learning at Iles by Mrs. Susan Rhodes, Principal

The learning at Iles School is shining brightly. Everywhere you turn you see the faces of eager learners shining brightly. We always enjoy seeing our first grade students share with us what they have learned about George Washington in the annual *By George!* performance. It is a great way to introduce students to speaking before an audience. The *Personal Best* art show brings smiles to everyone as they admire the work done by our students. Many of us also had the opportunity to hear the band students of Mrs. Langellier perform on March 5 as they prepare their selections for contest. A special "thank you" to Mr. Marcy for having the art work displayed brilliantly and to Mrs. Langellier for brining out the best in her students.

Mikeona Flowers and Joseph Abe Bell represented the Iles art students at the 4th annual Art Stars reception held at the Hoogland Center for the Arts on Saturday, February 28th. Thank you to RMD Gallery for sponsoring this event and framing each piece of artwork that is submitted.



March also provides the third, fourth and fifth grade students with an opportunity to shine through the annual administration of the ISAT tests. This task will be completed by March 13. The fifth grade students are in full swing working with their volunteer mentors each Friday morning to prepare for their skits that they will perform at the Old State Capitol on May 12.

March 13 is the sixth annual writers' conference for children. Mrs. Frachey has worked very hard in talking with writers from across the country to participate. Mrs. Frachey has also written a couple of grants to request additional funding to help support this event. A special thank you to the Springfield Public Schools Foundation for their contribution of \$1000 and to the Springfield Area Arts Council for \$150. All of the writers are donating their time. This money will help pay for their travel expenses and conference expenses.

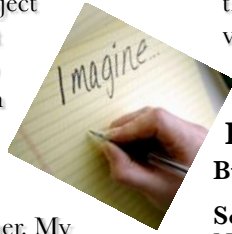
Members of the PTO have been busy helping with playground duty, popping popcorn on Fridays, running a successful book fair, feeding families with sandwiches and ice cream along with helping classroom teachers. Iles staff members have been eager to help each other out with all of these activities in making sure that the students are successful. All of this activity creates a bright light for learning. Thank you for being a shining example to our children.

Student Support News by Mrs. Sherry Frachey

The Iles Sixth Annual Writer's Conference is right around the corner, and promises to be very exciting! Trevor Romain and Tony Haynes return, and joining them is Laura Duksta, along with a plethora of local writers generously donating their time and talents for the benefit of our students. Be sure to check out the links on my web page to access their information. The students love their work!



Our classroom project "IMAGINE: What Kind of World Do You Want?" (which is also the title of the Writer's Conference) is almost ready to put together. My hope is to create a book and DVD by the end of the year to be available for a donation to our Iles O Ambassador Program and Ibiyinka Alao's school in Nigeria. Stay tuned for news. So far, almost every student has written about what kind of world they want and composed an original garage band music composition. Dave Heinzl, the district video director will be helping me compile audio and video files for a nice selection for the DVD in the back of the book. It's a big dream, so we will see where it takes us...beyond our horizons I am guessing!



them off in the office. We thank you very much for your help!!
~The Iles Bookstore Workers

Health News

By Mrs. Val Rogers, RN

School Nurse

Now is the time to make appointments for school physicals if you have a child entering kindergarten, 6th or 9th grade in the fall. Physicals are due before starting school in August. Summer appointments fill up very quickly, so please call today. Physicals completed before school is out this year can be turned in to the school office to be placed in your child's health folder. Please call me for questions or if you need assistance.



No child will be kept out of school due to this requirement.

National Poison Prevention Week is March 15-21, 2009

Please make sure your child is safe by securing all cleaners, poisons and medicines. In addition to these, carbon monoxide poisoning is a threat that often goes unrecognized. A carbon monoxide detector is recommended for all homes. For information concerning poisoning please call 1-800-222-1222.

BAND NOTES

By Mrs. Dia Langellier

Band students are working hard on their contest pieces and Spring Concert music. If you haven't already marked your calendar, 4th and 5th grade band students will participate in the District 186 Music Contest on March 28. Those participating will be receiving their schedule this week. Please look for it.



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Because of Contest preparation, there has been little work for the advanced band, in the books this quarter. Please do not be alarmed that our homework site doesn't include book assignments. Students ALWAYS have concert pieces to practice and should be bringing instruments home and practicing daily! We are doing a couple of very challenging pieces for the Spring that need some "woodshedding."

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Stress Reduction Lunch Bunches began 2nd semester and will continue to the end of the year. Unfortunately, there is a high demand, and only 20 spots. Since this has been so popular, we will offer more sections next year.

I want to remind you that I am available for one on one sessions to help support our student's academic success. Just call if you have questions, or drop me an e mail.

Happy Spring!!

Iles Bookstore by Sandy Bauer



As you're doing your spring house-cleaning or when your children out-grow their books, the Iles Barter or Buy Bookstore will gladly take those good, used books off your hands! Just box or sack them up and drop

Mandatory Dental Exams

All Illinois children in **kindergarten, second, and sixth** grades are required to have a dental examination by May 15. The dental exam must be completed by a licensed dentist within 18 months prior to the May 15 deadline. Children may apply for a waiver from this requirement if they demonstrate an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.



The 'Proof of School Dental Examination Form' and the 'Dental Examination Waiver Form' are uniform for statewide use and are available on the IDPH website, www.idph.state.il.us. The dentist or other organizations/agencies may link to the website to access the forms.

Written statements from the dental office for exams scheduled within 60 days *after* May 15th will be accepted. The appointment must be kept and the student must present proof of a completed examination at the *beginning* of the next school term.

PTO Events

by Tracey Wobig,
PTO President

Happy March!

The Spring Book Fair and Family Night is now successfully behind us. Thanks to all who organized, worked, and bought books to help our school! Thanks also to Mr. Marcy for another fantastic Personal Best Art Show, and Mrs. Langelier for her work with the student musicians - we appreciate you!



The IM Basketball season is also over. Thanks to Mark Freetly and his team of volunteers for a great season!

As the school year enters its final quarter, the PTO is still busy! Mark your calendar with these dates:

March 13 - Iles Writer,s Conference, End 3rd qtr

March 19 - Pizza Hut Night

March 25 - 11:30 dismissal; Chuck E. Cheese Night, 3-9 PM

April 16 - Pizza Hut Night

April 21 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM

April 28 - Roller Skating at Skateland South 6-8 PM

Please support our Pizza Hut and Chuck E. Cheese fundraisers if possible - they are fun social events as well as good money-makers for our school. Don,t forget to get your Scrip cards from Jane Fornoff to earn us an extra 8-10%!

WE WANT YOU!

It,s almost time for PTO elections. Please consider serving on the PTO Board. It doesn't take nearly as much time as you think it does and it isn't a great deal of work. Please contact Tracey Wobig or any of the PTO Officers and we will be happy to answer any questions you have. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are being accepted now. Elections will be held at the April 21 PTO meeting.

Please plan to attend our last few PTO meetings of the year. Iles Celebrates will be the main item of business at these meetings, and we really want everyone's input. To make this event the resounding success it has been the last 3 years, we also need LOTS of helpers! Volunteer to help out on one of the committees, and plan to help out that night. If everyone takes one half-hour shift, we'll have plenty of help and everyone will also be able to enjoy the event. "Many hands make light the work!" We will set the date as soon as next year's district calendar is out.

This year's Springfield Day is Wednesday, April 29. This event is for gifted students and their families to gather at the Capitol and encourage our legislators to include funding for gifted education in the state's budget. This is an 11:30 dismissal day, so I encourage everyone to take part in this event. Last year over 1,000 parents, students, and teachers participated, and for the first time in five years, the state provided some funding for Gifted Education. Watch the Iles web site for more info.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, you know where to find me - chocl8lvr@hotmail.com!

Physical Education**News**

by Mrs. Sue Landgrebe

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2009

Iles celebrated another successful Jump Rope For Heart event on Feb 24 and 25. The event was started with a visit from Cole Meseke , a member of the national Youth Advisory Board, which is part of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. Cole told us about his work as a board member and what the Alliance is trying to do to get kids moving. The PE classes jumped rope and had contests. Some of the students performed their jump routines. It was a great day AND Iles



students raised over \$3500 for the American Heart Association. ~ Thank you, Mrs. Kelly Thompson, for being our banker.

As a follow-up to our event Mrs. Landgrebe has the pledge cards that say, "I pledge to go healthy." Each student may fill out a pledge card explaining the change they are going to start in their lives to be active and/or to eat healthier. If you would like more information, the web site is www.igohugo.org. ~ See Mrs. Landgrebe for your pledge card today!

PRO GOLFERS VISIT ILES

The 4th and 5th grade PE classes got to learn about golf, a life-long activity, from the pros. Springfield Park District golf pros presented a mini-camp where Iles students were able to try swinging a golf club, chipping and putting. They also worked on a few exercises geared for golf. The students enjoyed the change of pace. Thank you to the men who took time to show us how it is done: Mr. Flury from Pasfield Park, Mr. Logan from Bergen Park and Mr. Sutzer from Lincoln Green.

The Springfield Park District does offer Junior Golf Camp in the summer. Some of our students took to this sport quite naturally and might enjoy a week of golf. Fliers have gone home in the folders. If you have question, contact Mrs. Landgrebe. The Park District does offer some financial assistance. Mrs. Landgrebe has those forms if you are interested.

Please note:

Close-toed and close-heeled Gym shoes are required for each student. Sport sandals and other types of sandals will not be appropriate for physical education.

Late Pick ups:

If you are unable to pick up your student by 3:00 p.m., you must make other arrangements. For your child's safety, student's **cannot** be left unattended in the office.