



Springfield Public School District 186

Iles School News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 10**
Fire Drill 9:15 a.m.
- October 13**
No School
Columbus Day
- October 16**
PTO Pizza Hut Night
- October 22**
Early Dismissal
11:30 a.m.
- October 23**
Lockdown Drill 1:30
- October 24**
Early Dismissal
2:00 p.m.
- October 30**
Early Dismissal
2:00 p.m.
12:45 Parade
Parent Teacher Confer-
ences
- October 31**
No School
Parent Teacher Confer-
ences
- November 4**
PTO Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Welcome to Iles School! by Mrs. Susan Rhodes

Thank you to all of the families and staff members for their support of the *Third Annual Iles Celebrates* event held at Southeast High School on Saturday, September 20. There was an incredible amount of work that went into the event and the reward was to see all of the smiling faces. The food was fantastic. It was enjoyable to watch the first ever Iles Talent Show and to see the children and so many families dressed in clothing depicting their heritage. I am always in awe to see the “speed” and “concentration” of our students with the *Speed Stacking* cups. It was fun to watch the younger siblings learn how to stack the cups too. The goal of such an event is to build relationships with one another. I firmly believe that the deep relationships that are developed provide the foundation that is needed to build a strong educational program. The possibilities are endless as to what we are able to accomplish by working together.



Twenty-seven new iMac computers have been ordered for our school. The

plan is to move the computers that we have been using in the computer lab off of the library to Room 103. The eMac computers are going to be used by the first



and second grade students. The new iMac computers will be placed where the eMac computers have been located in the room adjacent to library. Students in grades three through five will use the new iMac computers. With fifteen sections competing to use one computer lab, it will be a welcome relief to be able to use two computer labs to better accommodate the needs of our students. We are extremely thankful to those families that donated money to make this possible.

Iles faculty members worked together on Friday, September 19 with Mrs. Chrisina Allem from Urbana, Illinois in developing our Program of Inquiry in preparation to submit our application in May as part of the process in becoming authorized to be a world school of the International Baccalaureate Organization. We will continue to work on this piece again on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 22.

Physical Education News
by Mrs. Sue Langrebe

CATCH Kick Off on Thursday, October 2nd from 6 -7:30. The evening will include family oriented games and activities to celebrate our status as a CATCH school (Co-ordinated Approach to Childrens' Health). The heart course, speed-stacking, and jump rope will be available. Mrs. Jacobs will have a nutrition display as well. Make plans now to attend!



Iles Alums: Middle and high school students are invited to call Mrs. Landgrebe, 525-3226 if they are interested in supervising The CATCH stations.

Music News
by Mrs. Any Taylor

Swinging Singers is a vocal performance group for all 4th and 5th grade students there are no auditions required for this group. Just a signed permission slip and a desire to sing and be a performer. We will begin rehearsals September 24, 2008 and will rehearse every Wednesday and Thursday after school from 3:00-3:45. If you are interested you can find a copy of the information and the permission



slip on my website.

Go to Iles School on the district webpage. Then go to Teachers and it will be on Mrs. Taylor's website.

Thank you and I hope to see many of you get involved in this group. Mrs. Taylor

PTO Events and New
by Tracey Wobig, PTO President

Wow! It's only the beginning of October and we've already been busy! Iles Celebrates! is now behind us, and I've heard many positive comments about it. My personal "THANK YOU!" goes out to each person who helped make the evening a success!

In spite of the event not being a fundraiser, we did make almost \$1000 after covering the expenses.

Incidentally, we're already looking for several "Someone's" to chair the event next year. We need some parents of first- and second-grade students to get involved and keep this great tradition going. Contact me or Cathy Schwartz if you have any questions about it.

Be sure to come to our Fall Book Fair Family Night this Thursday, October 2nd from 5:30-8:00. Pizza will be served in the cafeteria from 5:30-7:00 for \$1.25/slice. (Please sign up ahead of time.) In addition to browsing the Book Fair, you can stop in the gym and participate in the CATCH activities. Don't miss it; this evening has something for everyone!

Coming up in the rest of October:

- Tuesday, October 7 - PTO Meeting at 6:30
- Thursday, October 16 - Pizza Hut fundraiser
- Wednesday, October 22 - Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser
- Thursday, October 30 - Halloween Parade and classroom parties

Our first Pizza Hut fundraiser night is October 16th - we'll always have it the Third Thursday of the month. Take your voucher with you and hand the spare to friends or co-workers. You can use it all day from noon to close. We'll send them home a week or so before the event.

October 22nd is our fall Chuck E. Cheese night. This is always a fun time to connect with other Iles families and raise some money for our school as well. Be sure to purchase everything that evening from the registers (we don't get credit for sales from token machines). Watch for more information coming home soon!

For all our pizza events - be sure to "Double Dip with Scrip"! We receive an additional 8% when you use Scrip. Both Pizza Hut and Chuck E. Cheese have scrip in \$10 denominations; order cards the week before or check with Jane Fornoff on the day of the event. Order forms are on the Iles web site (under Documents) or call Jane. Use Scrip for your other shopping too - we made over \$3000 last year just from folks using gift cards!



Orders are due in the office each Friday before dismissal and are delivered the following Wednesday.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our next PTO Meeting on October 7th at 6:30 in the Cafeteria (unless it's too hot, then we'll be in the Library). At the conclusion of the meeting, two Iles teachers, Mrs. Sharpe and Miss Shotwell, will be presenting a program on how to help your student develop his/her study skills. This is a skill that nearly everyone can work to improve, so plan now to be there.

As always, if you have any questions regarding PTO activities, you can call or email me any time at 793-9035 or choc18luvr@hotmail.com.

Student Support News by Mrs. Sherry Frachey

It is so good to be back at Iles! These first 2 weeks back, I have begun seeing students one on one and helping with peer mediations. I want to thank each and everyone for the swell cards and get well wishes. What a wealth of love and friendship!!

The first week in October we begin weekly classes. In Student Support class, we explore the Illinois State Standards and Benchmarks for Social and Emotional Learning. In other words, we will explore how to be more self aware, work together in groups harmoniously, and solve problems peacefully.

Our first unit is called, "Growing Together As a Group". I am thrilled to occupy Room 11 this year. Because we have classroom space for classes, I am freer to use more inquiry based learning options to comply with our school im-

provement goal of becoming an International Baccalaureate School. Some examples of our learning stations will include educational games, keeping journals, goal and vision boards, and reading our "Together Times" magazines.

We will also begin our study of the human brain. This study varies, depending on the grade level, but "Whispering Shadows" is a study of our inner dialog, especially giving students strategies for challenging some of their inner negative self talk. This helps with everything from anger management to test anxiety.

RED RIBBON WEEK is also a big part of our October celebrations. During this week, we will focus on alcohol and tobacco prevention, and celebrate Iles being safe and drug free! Stay tuned for more news about our daily themes.

I am at Iles everyday, so if you ever have a question about anything, or a concern about your child, you may call the school office at 525-3226, or my direct line is 525-4407. I am happy support your children to help them experience school success.

Happy October!

Needed for Student Support Stations: Please send used kids magazines you would like to donate for projects. Sesame Street, Ranger Rick, Discovery, anything kid friendly.....Thanks!



Community Day Coupon Booklets Available

Iles School office is selling a coupon booklet that **contains a \$10 coupon plus 8 more 20% off coupons to be used on Saturday, November 15, 2008.** The cost of these booklets is \$5 and ***Iles School keeps the entire \$5*** collected for each booklet sold. It is a very easy fund-raiser for our school and can provide savings to our families who shop at Bergner's, Younkers, or Carson Pirie Scott. This money will be used to help replace six of the televisions in classrooms purchased in 1988 that were struck by lightning this summer.

Office News by Mrs. Teresa Putman

For the parents who need to alter transportation arrangements:

In order to change your child's transportation (bus or car rider), you **must** call the office by 2:30 p.m. on the day of the change. Your request cannot be guaranteed if your call comes through the office after 2:30 p.m.

If you have a request that your child ride a different bus than assigned, you should send



a hand written note stating the bus number and who they will be riding home with.

Please help us to make sure every child gets to their requested destination by following the guidelines stated above.