

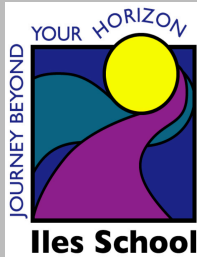


Springfield Public School District 186



Iles School News

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Calendar of Events

May 8

Vocal Concert 7:00 p.m.
Grades 1-3

May 11

Fifth Grade Dress
Rehearsal

May 12

Spring Band Concert
7:00 p.m

May 15

Early Dismissal

11:30 Dismissal

Pizza Hut Fundraiser

Fifth Grade

Re-enactment

May 19

Starter Strings Concert

May 26

Memorial Day

No School

May 28

Fun Fest

May 30

Early Dismissal

2:00 Dismissal

June 2, 3

Early Dismissal

2:00 p.m.

June 4

Last Day of School

10:00 a.m. Dismissal

Iles May News

by Mrs. Susan Rhodes

International Baccalaureate Programme Update

During the first April School Improvement Workshop, Iles teachers had an opportunity to ask questions of Dr. Ann Wink in Austin, Texas. She is the former state director of gifted education in Texas and currently works with the International Baccalaureate Organization. She provided a great deal of encouragement in our school moving forward. She is very knowledgeable in both gifted education and the IB program so it was a good conversation to ensure that our children would continue to have their needs met while providing additional opportunities. Dr. Wink told us that the first elementary gifted magnet school in Texas is in Corpus Christi and it is an authorized IB world school.

At the faculty meeting, a secret ballot was used to ask faculty members if they were interested in pursuing to investigate the IB Programme. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of moving forward. Many staff members are looking forward to attend a Level 1 Primary Years Programme workshop this summer. The cost to attend the workshop and pay for travel expenses is nearly \$1500 per staff member. We are anxiously waiting to hear approval to release the necessary funds from Central Office.

Iles School needs to have teachers format least a teacher from each grade level attend a Level I workshop before the School can file the application form to be a Candidate school. The deadline to file this form is November 1 with an application fee of \$7000 to be paid by the District if approved. This fee entitles the faculty to utilize the IB on line curriculum supports and to have assistance from IB consultants. A school must implement the IB program for at least one year before it can become authorized.

After faculty members attend a Level 1 workshop, they will have a much clearer picture as to whether or not they recommend our school to continue to reach the goal of becoming an authorized world school. For additional information, go to the IBO web site at www.ibo.org.

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<http://www.iagcgifted.org> an affiliate of NAGC <http://www.nagc.org/>

Saturday, June 28

Northwestern University - Center for Talent Development - Family Conference

Would you like to learn more about the social and emotional development of gifted students while earning professional development units?

Do you have a student who wants to learn more about careers in law, engineering or science? Do you know parents of gifted students looking to learn more

about future opportunities for their children?

Opportunities for the Future is a half-day seminar for gifted students, their families, and educators hosted by Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University. It is designed to help families make wise choices about paths to take and opportunities to seize.

This year parents and educators will hear talks by experts such as these:

* Dr. Michele Kane, Illinois Association for Gifted Children President-elect, speaking on "Coping With Stress"

* Dr. David Evenson, Illinois Math & Science Academy Student Life counselor, speaking on "Emotional Characteristics of Gifted Adolescents: Is Anything Normal?"

* Dr. Mary Ann Swiatek, Lafayette College (PA) professor, speaking on "Social Coping Among Gifted Adolescents"

Students in grades PreK to 12 take intriguing age-appropriate mini-classes and career exploration sessions.

Professional development units will be available for educators.

Date: Saturday, June 28

Time: 1-5:15 pm

Place: Northwestern University's Evanston campus

Family Admission Fees:

- * \$110 for the general public
- * \$95 for families with a child enrolled in CTD's Gifted LearningLinks or Saturday Enrichment Program starting in fall 2007 OR 2008 CTD Summer Program

Click on the following link for a downloadable brochure:

http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/resources/downloads/family_conference_08.pdf

For more details, visit <<http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu>> or call (847) 491-3782.

Iles Student Support News

By Mrs. Sherry Frachey



Our Writer's Conference reinforcing our O Ambassador goals was interesting, informative and a huge success! Orders have been shipped and will be distributed by the second week of May, at the latest.

We are finishing our first year of Lion's Quest by "Celebrating You and Me". To celebrate each person's special qualities, we will have small talent shows during student support class the second week of May. Each student is encouraged to bring photos, or actually perform a special ability for classmates. You will also be seeing the last issue of "Together Times" coming home with some wonderful summer ideas.

We also are wrapping up our O Ambassador program. We have learned a lot about children from other countries, and have reached out fund raising goals. Thank you for your generous support!



Fifth Grade Happenings!

Fifth Graders Make History Come Alive at the Old State Capitol



On Tuesday, May 13, the fifth graders at Iles will make history come alive at the Old State Capitol in Springfield. The students have been researching life in the 1800s since January. They are working in eight small groups with mentors to research and write a play about their topic. On May 13, the students will be in costume at the Old State Capitol to present their ten-minute plays. Beginning at 9:45 a.m., the students will present their plays repeatedly for visitors from area schools. After a break for lunch, they will resume at 12:45 p.m. and present until 2:15. Plan to come and join us. Just tell the staff at the door of the Old State Capitol that you are with Iles Elementary school.

May Baskets...Giving Back

By Mr. Robert Marcy

With the coming of May 1st and the tradition of May Baskets, Iles O Ambassadors were given an opportunity to give back to the Springfield community. In conjunction with senior volunteer, Mary Link and RSVP, the Springfield School District 186 Visual Art Department was asked to participate in the May Basket Project which delivers over 300 seniors May Baskets filled with

flowers and small gifts. Iles students gave up several lunchtime recesses to gather in the art room designing “baskets” made out of white paper bags in which the thoughtful gift items will be transported. It is one of our ways of giving back!

Band News:
By Mrs. Dia Langellier

The annual Spring Band Concert is coming up soon. It is scheduled for May 12, 2008 at 7 p.m. here in the Iles School Gym. Both bands are busy preparing an interesting selection of



music for your enjoyment. We have something for everyone. We hope everyone will try to make it to the show. The Music Boosters are again going to provide a reception after the show so band members--don't forget to bake those cookies!

Speaking of punch and cookies, we are in need of some band parents to set up the punch and cookies before the concert begins. Interested in helping us out? Contact Dia Langellier (dial@springfield.k12.il.us) a.s.a.p. Don't have email? Call the school or send a note to Mrs. Langellier. Thank you.

Cafeteria News
By Mrs. Sue Jacobs

Parents, as the end of the school year draws to a close, please remember that Student lunch accounts must be kept current.

In May, only one charge will be allowed. Students will receive a cheese sandwich instead of the lunch on the menu. I will try to



send notices home when your child's' account gets low.

Please feel free to call me to check on your child's lunch account. My number is 525-3229.

Fun Fest Lunch Menu

- Hot Dog or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Baby carrots
- Apple slices and Assorted Fruit Cups
- Baked Cheetos

Cost: Student \$1.35
Adults \$2.25



Music Notes

By Mrs. Amy Taylor



All first, second, and third grade students will be presenting "Three of a Kind" on May 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Iles School gymnasium. As many of you are aware auditions were held and parts have been assigned. Below you will find what your child is to wear according to the part he/she has and the time your child should come to school that evening. It is my hope that all of the first, second, and third graders take part in this very entertaining evening. Please join us for a delightful musical evening. Hope to see you there.

Physical Education

By Mrs. Sue Landgrebe

FUN FEST Mark your calendars for the morning of May 28 and sign up to help with Fun Fest. A notice will be coming home soon for you to learn about the types of activities we will need help with. Send



back the form with your contact information so we can include you in the FUN!

Friday, May 9 Running Club will have an additional session during the noon hour.

Any parents interested in helping should call Mrs. Landgrebe or e-mail her at slgrebe@springfield.k12.il.us

Lost & Found

Parents please take a look at the “Lost & Found” items located in the hallway north of the gym when you attend the Grades 1-3 Vocal Music program on Thursday, May 8 and/or the Spring Band Concert on Monday, May 12. All remaining items will be packed up on May 13 and donated to a local charity.



Thanks PTO!!!

Ms. Harlow's Early Childhood class wants to thank the Iles PTO for their donation to our classroom. We were able to purchase a digital camera to document all the terrific things that have been going on in our class. Please check out our classroom website <http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/teachers/jharlow/?b=12> to see all the new photos. Thanks again Iles PTO!!!



Dental Exam Reminder

By Valerie Rogers RN
School Nurse

The deadline has passed for all children in kindergarten, second and sixth grade who are required by Illinois Law to have a dental exam by May 15, 2008. If you have not turned in your exam, please do so as soon as possible.