

Springfield Public School District 186



# Iles School News

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## Calendar of Events

### March 6

Personal Best Art Show  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

### March 7

Brownie meeting  
3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

### March 4-14

ISAT Testing

### March 12-14

Spring Book Fair

### March 13

Spring Book Fair &  
PTO Family Night,  
5:30-8:00 p.m.

### March 14

Fifth Grade Field Trip  
9:00-11:30 a.m.

### March 15

St. Patrick's Parade  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### March 20

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

### March 21-28

**Spring Break**

### April 1

PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### April 8

**Early Dismissal**

## March Student Support News!

by  
Mrs. Sherry Frachey

Many, many thanks to all who donated to our O Ambassadors initiative! Final count for December through February is over



\$500.00! During the last 2 weeks of March, we will have a canned food drive for the local food pantries. Helping other children at home and a broad has so many positive implications for our children.

As students learn about making positive choices, we are learning about children's lives across the globe. While this meets state standards and benchmarks for social/emotional learning, I sincerely believe it also gives the students an opportunity to get perspective on things, become more empowered, and gain more compassion.

Students will soon be bringing home the latest issue of "Together Times". This magazine is intended for family use and I hope you are enjoying it with your child!

Happy Spring!



## Iles Personal Best Art Show

by Robert Jay Marcy

On the evening of Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. Iles



families and friends will have an occasion to view the Iles Personal Best Art Show. Students at Iles have been given the opportunity to display a piece of their art work. Students were encouraged to jury their own work, choosing their "personal best" piece done thus far in art classes this year at Iles. Participation and selection of art work was strictly up to each student artists. The main hallway outside the gym is our gallery setting, providing the works of art of the many talented artists at Iles. The opportunity of listening to instrumental music selections by Iles musicians will be available during the evening show.

## Community Health Corner

By Memorial Medical Center

### *Poison Prevention Week is March 16-22*

"Poisons are all around us every day," says Mike Short, pharmacist at Memorial Medical Center. "Most items are safe if they are used appropriately, but if they are misused they can become poison-

ous. It is important to keep potentially poisonous items away from children.”

According to the Illinois Poison Control Center, the top three



categories of poisonings are medications, household cleaning products and cosmetics or personal care products. Other common poisons include automotive products, batteries, pesticides, fuel and plants.

Short says it is vital to respond promptly to poison exposure. “Know the number for the Poison Control Center: 1-800-222-1222.”

If the person is not conscious or not breathing: Call 911 right away. Take the poison away from the person’s eyes, skin or mouth. Take the victim away from poisonous fumes. **WARNING:** Sometimes it may be too dangerous to rescue someone from an area that is filled with poisonous gas. The 911 operator will tell you what to do.

If the person is conscious and breathing: Call the Poison Center 1-800-222-1222 immediately. Do not wait for the person to feel, look or get sick. Be ready to answer questions about the person’s age, sex, weight and health. Have the poison or its container with you when you call the poison center. If you are told to go to the

emergency room, take the poison or its container with you to show the doctor.

Poison in the mouth: Call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222, even if the poison was not swallowed. Do not make the person vomit or give the victim something to eat or drink unless the poison center tells you to. You may be instructed to give the victim sips of water or milk. **CAUTION:** Some out-of-date first-aid charts may contain incorrect treatment information. **DO NOT** give raw eggs, salt, vinegar or citrus fruit juices to induce vomiting or to neutralize the poison. These treatments are not only ineffective, but may be extremely dangerous.



Poison on the skin: Call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222. Take off clothes that have poison on them. (Later, wash these clothes separately.) Rinse the skin very well with water, then wash gently with soap and water.

Poison in the eye: Call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222. Remove contact lenses if worn. Rinse the eyes with water for 15 minutes. Open and close the eyes while rinsing.

Poison in the air: Call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222. Open windows and doors to let in fresh air. Leave the area and move to a

place where you can breathe fresh air. Help others leave the area, but be careful not to breathe the poison yourself.

Additional information is available at [www.IllinoisPoisonCenter.org](http://www.IllinoisPoisonCenter.org).

## **BAND NEWS:** by Mrs. Dia Langellier



Some contest students will be performing their ensembles at the Personal Best Art Show on March 6. This will help them prepare for their Contest performance on Saturday, March 8. Please stop in and listen. There will be performances at 6:40 and 7:05 in the gym.

Also, watch for us in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15th. Band members should be returning signed permission slips to me for the Parade as well as a \$2 donation to cover the bus rental. If you haven't seen one, ask your child for it please. No one rides the bus without a signed form.

## **Mandatory Dental Exam** by Mrs. Valerie Rogers, RN



In Illinois a dental exam is required for all second graders by May 15, 2008. A dentist must do the exam within 18 months of the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Children may apply for a waiver from this requirement if they demonstrate an undue burden or a lack of access

to a dentist. Students who participated in the school Miles of Smiles program this year already have a form on file.

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.

Please contact me at 525-3226 if you have questions or need assistance locating a dentist.

Valerie Rogers RN  
School Nurse

### The Gift of Sight

Emily Miller a fourth grade student at Iles will be celebrating her birthday this year by collecting eyeglasses for Give The Gift of Sight. Founded in 1988, Give the Gift of Sight is a family of charitable programs providing free vision care and eyewear to underprivileged individuals in North America and in developing countries around the world. Sponsored by Give the Gift of Sight Foundation and Luxotica Group, these programs have helped five million people on five continents and in hundreds of communities across North America. The program's goal is to help seven million people by 2008.

The Gift of Sight is: the student whose grades improve because he can now see to read the black-



board; the tears in a mother's eyes when she sees her child clearly for the first time; the truck driver who can go back to work now that he can see the road signs; the look of gratitude on a parent's face when their daughter receives a needed pair of glasses even though they could not afford them; the privilege of improving lives, one pair of eyes at a time.

Around the world, in developing and industrialized countries alike, millions of people suffer from poor vision either because they have no access to or they simply cannot afford eye care. Poor vision impedes a child's ability to learn in school and robs an adult of independence, mobility and quality of life. Give the Gift of Sight is based on the belief that clear vision is a right, not a luxury. Give the Gift of Sight is committed to delivering clear vision to those in need.

Most of us are fortunate enough to have the vision services we need. Unfortunately, there are many people who are not. If you have an old pair of glasses that you no longer need, please consider donating them to this great cause. Ask family and friends because every pair helps. There will be a drop box for the glasses in the Iles School office. If you do not have used glasses but would still like to donate, monetary donations will also be accepted. Please make checks payable to Give the Gift of Sight. With the help of Emily Miller, the Iles School office will be accepting donations through the end of March.



### RUNNING CLUB

by Mrs. Landgrebe

#### RUNNING CLUB AT LUNCHTIME

On March 14 we will have our first noon-time Running Club session. Anyone willing to help that day should come to the gym at 11:30. (Weather permitting.)



### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2008

Our JRFH event was a huge success. Kids and teachers jumped. Many students new tricks. Several 4th and 5th grade students put together routines and presented them to classes and the morning assembly. Overall, 78 students brought in donations totaling over \$3900! Thanks to the parents who helped worked the event AND thanks to all who donated.



### Lunch Payment:

by Mrs. Sue Jacobs

Please write your child's name on the check when paying for lunch.

