



Springfield Public School District 186



Iles School News

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Calendar of Events

December 6
Ill State Museum
Second Grade Field Trip

December 7
Fifth Grade Field Trip
Harry Potter Trivia
Night/Bookfair
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

December 10
Winter Band Concert
7:00 p.m.

December 11
Starter Strings
3:00 p.m.

December 14
Brownies
3:00 p.m.

December 19
Swinging Singers Tour
9:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m

December 20
Pizza Hut
Fundraiser Day

December 21
Early Dismissal
2:00 p.m.

December 24 thru
January 8
Winter Break

Iles Student Support News

by
Mrs. Sherry Frachey

STUDENTS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE AS O AMBASSADORS

Innovative program encourages youth to become active global citizens



Students at Iles have been chosen to participate in the O Ambassadors program, a joint project of Oprah's Angel Network and Free The Children. This is an amazing opportunity for our students! We will work towards the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, learning about global issues and making a tangible difference in the lives of peers in the developing world.

We are part of a network of O Ambassadors clubs across North America that are working to find solutions to global challenges through active learning, idea-sharing and taking action.

Through this program, youth in North America have the unique opportunity to develop leadership skills and become active and compassionate global citizens.

We are so excited to be a part of the O Ambassadors program and we're proud to represent the voices of youth in Springfield.

There are so many issues in our world that need our attention and we're ready to show that youth in Springfield care and want to make a difference in our world. Throughout the year, the Iles O Ambassadors Club will raise awareness about the importance of a holistic approach to development by focusing on the Millennium Development Goals. Every two months the club will focus on a different theme (poverty, education, health and sustainable development, and organize fundraising and awareness-raising events for their school with the help of posters, how-to guides, regional guides and an Educator binder (with curricula).

The funds raised by students at Iles will go towards holistic development projects in East Asia. Our club has the opportunity to research and support the efforts in this area and what we can do to help. These projects provide children and their families with the tools they need to break the cycle of poverty. All projects will be carried out in partnership with local communities. We are looking forward to this exciting adventure! Our club already has 50 members! We will keep you posted about our projects.

For more information, please visit

www.oambassadors.org

Happy December!.

PTO Events and News

**Dan Tobias &
Karen Moranski,
PTO Co-Presidents**

"Breaking SCRIP news" Several of you have been asking about it & now they are finally available! Wal-Mart gift cards are available in \$25.00 & \$100.00 amounts. You can download the order forms from the Iles school website or if you have an old form, just add Wal-Mart to your order."



Last order before the holidays is Friday, December 14th.

Swinging Singers News

by **Mrs. Amy Taylor**

Swinging Singers will be touring for the holiday performance on December 19, 2007. We will depart at 9:15 and travel to the Early Learning Center for a 10:00



a.m. performance till about 10:45. We will then travel to the mall and eat lunch and

then perform at the mall at 1:00-1:45. We will then depart and arrive back at Iles by 2:00 p.m. I hope you can come and enjoy these fabulous young performers.

The Iles Bookstore is Up and Running!

by **Mrs. Sandra Bauer**

Every Wednesday before school and during both lunch shifts, all students may visit the bookstore to trade in books that they've finished or to purchase new ones with money or barter bucks. The bookstore staff is willing and eager to help anyone find a great book to read!!

In addition, during the month of December we will gift wrap presents for 10 cents a package. We even put bows on them!!

The Iles Bookstore Managers, Claire Martin, Rajiv Patel-O'Connor, Lexie Stevenson, and Asst. Manager, Liam McParland, all feel that the bookstore is off to a great start this year. They thank all of the workers and customers for their enthusiasm and interest.



Come visit the Iles Bookstore in the science lab on Wednesdays!!!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

by **Mrs. Sue Landgrebe**

Running Club is quite successful this year. In three months time we

have "run" over 11,000 laps which translates to 1100 miles! It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and the energy of these young people. We are trying to go the length of the Great Wall of China. We do have quite a distance to cover yet but we also have many months ahead of us.



PE Challenges have begun in November for 4th and 5th graders. There are 6 events that students practice and then show they have achieved the challenge. This is done at lunch recess. To date 75 challenges have been met. This is a national program and there is school recognition for students achieving 4 or more of the 6. We already have 15 students who have earned bronze, silver, and gold certificates respectively.

Lincoln Library Art Exhibit

by **Mr. Robert Marcy**



Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Iles artists at the downtown Lincoln Library. Pieces of their art works will be on display through the month of January.

Miranda Schneider
Patrick Schoeben
Kendall Wobig

Thanks for sharing your talents with our community!

Don't Forget!

Iles Harry Potter Trivia Night/ Bookfair!!!



Where? Barnes And Noble

When? Friday December 7, 5:00 to 7:00 Trivia starts at 5:45. (For an added bonus, a percentage of all items purchased with a special Iles voucher between December 7 and December 13 will go back to Iles PTO.)

Why? Because Harry Potter is AWESOME!!!

Form your teams today and see who is the real Harry Potter wizard. The following guidelines will apply:

1. Questions will range from Book 1 through Book 7.
2. Teams are limited to Iles students and their siblings (up to middle school age).
3. Teams can range from three to four players. (Adult/high school age teams may partake as space allows that evening).
4. Individual students who would like to play but aren't part of a team may still sign up and we will assign you to a team.
5. There will be a team sign-up sheet available in the office by Monday, November 26.

Remember, the trivia night is December 7 but the bookfair will last until December 13. Buy your Barnes and Noble scrip cards today!

Community Health Corner

by
Memorial Medical Center

Yes, your mother was right! She probably told you repeatedly to wash your hands. It's good advice.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that washing your hands is the single most important thing you can do to prevent the spread of infection.

National Hand Washing Awareness Week is the first week of December. Frequent hand washing may prevent you and your family from acquiring a cold, the flu, hepatitis A, meningitis, infectious diarrhea or other serious illnesses. You'll be healthier, miss fewer days of work and school, and reduce the chance of sharing an illness with others.

"It is important to wash your hands well and wash them often," says Karen Trimmerger, RN, Director of Infection Control at Memorial Medical Center. "You do not have to use an antibacterial soap – regular hand soap and warm water will do the trick.

"Wet your hands well with warm – not hot – water. Apply soap, lather your hands and rub them briskly on the top, palm and between the fingers for 15 seconds before rinsing them. The rubbing action is important. You can teach your kids to hum the 'A-B-C' song or 'Happy Birthday' while they wash, which takes 15 seconds. Rinse well then dry your hands with a paper towel. Use the paper towel to turn off the faucet. If you are exiting a public restroom, use a disposable towel to open the door to prevent re-contaminating your hands."

Keep yourselves and others healthy. Remember to:

- Wash your hands whenever they are dirty.
- Always wash after using the bathroom, changing diapers, cleaning up after pets or handling money.
- Wash before eating.
- Wash before preparing food and after handling raw food, especially meats, poultry, fish and eggs.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your fingers. (We do this unconsciously many times a day.)
- Don't cough or sneeze into your hands – use the bend of your elbow to cover your mouth and nose. If you did cover your cough or sneeze with your hand, be sure to wash.
- If someone in your family is sick, wash your hands more often.

Remember – prevention is the key to staying healthy

Iles Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff!



Christmas joy warms the heart

May you each enjoy a warm family holiday and a bright new year!