



# Iles School News

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## Calendar of Events

**November 8**  
Fifth Grade Field Trip  
Military Museum

**November 12**  
No School

**November 15**  
PTO Pizza Hut Night  
Park South, Sangamon  
Center, North &  
Chataham Rd

**November 17**  
Iles Celebrates!  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**November 21**  
2:00 p.m. Dismissal

**November 22 & 23**  
No School

**November 29**  
Winter Vocal Music  
Program 7:00 p.m.



Happy  
Thanksgiving!

## Iles School has a lot to celebrate!

By  
Mrs. Susan Rhodes, Principal

The 2007 Illinois Standards Achievement Test results have been released. Iles School had 100% of their students meet and exceed in both math and science in the tested grades of three, four, and five. Ninety percent of last year's third grade class was in the Exceeds category for math. Last year's fourth grade class had 83% of the class in the Exceeds category for math and 73% in the Exceeds category for Science. The test scores in Science demonstrated a significant improvement. In 2006 the percent of fourth grade students in the Exceeds category was 50%. The 2007 ISAT reading scores show that over 97% of our students were in the Meets and Exceeds category in grades three through five. Last spring our fifth grade students were also assessed in Writing. Iles School had 84% of its students meeting or exceeding state standards. This compares with 42% for the District and 50% for the State.



Each year  
the Chicago Sun Times newspa

per ranks the fifty top scoring elementary schools statewide. The annual school rankings are based on average scores on 2007 state reading and math test, not the percentage passing or year-to-year gains. The method compares each student's score with the state's average score and uses that information to create a school average that is then compared to the average of other schools. This year Iles School is ranked at number 7 in the state elementary schools with a percentile of 86.25. In 2006 Iles School was ranked at number 6 in the state with a slightly lower percentile of 86.14.

Iles School also celebrates all of the hard work of the Iles parents.



Thank you to all who contributed in making the fall book fair a success. Thank you to Mr. Mark Freetly and Ms. Sharon Caprio for all of their hard work in helping with the Iles School landscape. Mr. Freetly has brought truckloads of mulch to Iles School, trimmed the bushes, and extended the hosta plantings on the north side. Ms. Caprio donated the beautiful mums at the Spruce Street entrance. Thank you to Mrs. Hilary Tierney for coordinating the



Spring Bulb fundraiser. We also appreciate the donations of bulbs by parents to be planted on the Iles grounds.

Thank you to Mrs. Sabrena Campbell in her coordination efforts for the Iles School Spirit Wear sale. We value the parents who are



helping with the parties, room parties, room par-noon hour supervision, and the popular popcorn Fridays in addition to the SCRIP program. Mrs. Tracy Wobig has tackled the large task of completing the PTO parent directory that will be distributed soon. Many, many parents and staff members have been very busy in making preparations for the Iles Celebrates event to be held on November 17. Yes, by working together, we have a lot to celebrate at Iles School! THANK YOU!

**Iles Student Support News**  
by Mrs. Sherry Frachey

Red Ribbon Week was a hugesuccess and a lot of fun! We learned about the major systems and organs of our bodies, and how to keep them healthy, We

also discussed the harmful effects of tobacco and other drugs on these systems.

In some classes we created Movies about our healthy lifestyle choices. I hope that these creative and fun projects will help students remember to make healthy choices and say no to risky and toxic things.

As we will wrap up our Healthy Choices lessons, we move on to Growing Together as a Group. During November and the weeks before winter break, we will continue lessons on group process, getting along, making decisions, setting positive goals, and peaceful conflict resolution. Happy Fall!



**Li-brary News**  
by Mrs. Vicki Hall

**Family Reading Night Events in the Community**

Thursday, November 15th 6:30 PM Lincoln Library will be celebrating Family Reading Night with the theme "Pie in the Sky". Becky Cowan will read stories that have to do with pies. Children may wear pajamas. They can participate in a turkey dance and make a craft.



Barnes and Noble will be celebrating Family Reading Night on November 15th at 6:00 PM in the children's department. The Best Thanksgiving Ever by Teddy Slater will be read. Craft time and a special treat will be offered too.

Enjoy some time with your family at these events or stay home and read together. Reading with your children is one of the best gifts you can give them!

**PTO Events and News**  
Dan Tobias & Karen Moranski, PTO Co-Presidents

On November 17, Iles families will be coming together to celebrate our different cultures. From 5-8pm at Springfield High Commons, we will be having our major fundraising and social event. Your ticket price of \$8 for adults and \$5 for students (in advance) or \$10 for adults and \$6 for students (at the door) includes food, lemonade, and entertainment. Soda will be available at an extra charge. Sample size ethnic foods that will be available include: gyros, shepherd's pie, fried rice, egg rolls, pad thai with chicken, nachos, and more!



Entertainment offered will include: Middle Eastern dancers, Brazilian martial arts, folk singer, Indian dancers, and more! Children's activities will include: ori-

gami, calligraphy, and henna tattoos. Show your heritage by dressing in ethnic clothing.

Iles 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders be presenting a bake sale if you like

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, ethnic bas- e objects will be available for bidding at the silent auction (5-8pm) and live auction (7pm). Many volunteers are needed to make this evening a success. If you could offer some time please contact Jodi Standley at 546-5079 or [jdstandley4@yahoo.com](mailto:jdstandley4@yahoo.com). If plenty of people pitch in, we can serve short shifts so we can all enjoy ourselves!

RSVPs with advance reservations are due November 9, but tickets can also be purchased at the door. Hope to see you there-it is sure to be a memorable night!

If you have any questions about SCRIP, please call Amy Peterson 544-9471 or Tracey Wobig to learn more information

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your check when adding money to their lunch account.

Please monitor their account and deposit money when needed. Iles has a large amount of lunch charges each day. Feel free to call me to check your child's balance.



**Mark your calendar!**

Plan on doing your holiday shopping at Barnes & Noble December 7-13 with Iles Vouchers. Iles School will receive a percentage of the profits. Remember, think ahead and purchase Barnes & Noble SCRIP cards to increase our money!

**Announcing the Opening of the Iles Bookstore!!**

by **Mrs. Sandra Bauer**

On Wednesday, November 21, the Iles School Barter or Buy Bookstore will open for its 12th consecutive year!! Students may purchase books with real, American money, or barter books they receive from trading in gently used books. Some books are new, some are used, but all are interest-

ing to students at Iles School grade levels.

Bookstore workers this year will be:

Kayla Morton, Claire Martin, Alex Gelber, Lexie Stevenson, Anushri Devarmani, Rajiv Patel-O'Connor, Alexa Brown, Kassie Fuiten, Lohitha Guntupalli, Clyde Irwin, Julian Litvak, Samantha Macke, Emma McParland, Liam McParland, Kate Moranski, Evan, Northrup, and Cassie Woodworth.

The Iles Bookstore is open on Wednesdays before school and during both lunch shifts every week.

P.S. If you are cleaning closets or bookshelves before the holidays, please send us your gently used books. We will be happy to price them and to resell in our bookstore!!

