

Springfield Public School District 186



Iles School News

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Mrs. Susan Rhodes, Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11 PICTURE DAY

Lifetouch will take photos in library

PTO SKATING PARTY

6:00-8:00 PM at Sakteland South

SEPTEMBER 18 MILES OF SMILES

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM in Room 101

SEPTEMBER 20 1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP

Lincoln Memorial Garden

PTO CHUCK E. CHEESE

3:00 - 9:00 PM Town & Country

SEPTEMBER 21 NO SCHOOL

Teachers Attend School Improvement Workshop

SEPTEMBER 24 CINDERELLA

Presented by Windy City Players at 9:00 AM in Gym with funding provided by Iles PTO

OCTOBER 2 PTO MEETING

6:30 - 7:30 Iles Library

We're Off to a Great Start!

Establishing Routines

The top priority at Iles School is creating a safe environment that highly values the process of learning. Staff and students have been working very hard to learn and master the routines that will optimize our learning time.

One example of maximizing instructional time starts at the very beginning of our day. The bell rings at 8:25 AM and our school morning meeting begins in the gym. Short morning announcements are made, student accomplishments and birthdays are recognized, and the *Pledge of Allegiance* is recited by 8:30 AM. Students have been taught to line up quickly and exit with their teachers to their classrooms to begin their daily learning journey. Parents, we depend upon you to do your part to have your child arrive at school by 8:25 AM each morning. Students who arrive late DO miss out on a smooth start to their day and they DO miss out on instruction. Teachers work hard to plan their instruction and it is offensive to have the question asked, "Will my child miss anything if they are absent?"

When your child arrives at school, it is also important to make sure that both you and your child know about your family's plans for after school. **If your plans do change throughout the day, please make every effort to notify the school office 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO DISMISSAL.** With over 250 families at Iles School making changes, it takes a lot of time to answer the phones and notify the appropriate children in sixteen different classrooms

and on 18 different buses.



Iles Celebrates !

Mark Your Calendars!

Iles Celebrates! November 17th at Springfield High School

Last year *Iles Celebrates* was a huge success because of all the help the PTO received from Iles parents, teachers and multiple businesses. *Iles Celebrates* not only raised over \$14,000.00, it was a wonderful event to gather Iles families to enjoy ethnic entertainment, foods and kids' activities. Several families wore ethnic outfits which represented their cultures. We hope more children and parents will try to do this again this year.

Last year, the live and silent auction raised about \$7,500! We really need your help if we hope to do it again. If you have any clever basket ideas, you can start gathering your stuff now. We hope to offer some great packages. Does any-

one have any Cardinal or Cub tickets they aren't using? Connections for free hotel rooms or airline tickets? Coffee baskets, craft baskets, movie baskets...you can provide one item or all the items. We will send home more detailed information in upcoming Wednesday folders.

If you are new to Iles or did not attend the event last year, please check out the video of *Iles Celebrates* on the Iles School web site home page. <http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/iles> We hope to have more information & donation forms available on the web-site soon.

If you have questions regarding *Iles Celebrates*, please contact Cathy Schwartz at 836-1137.



Return Form September 11
Miles of Smiles

If you are planning to have your child participate in the *Miles of Smiles* dental clinic at Iles School on Tuesday, September 18, completed permission forms need to be returned to the Iles School Nurse, Valerie Rogers on September 11.

REMINDER
Physical Time

It is a state law that all students entering a pre-kindergarten program, kindergarten, 5th grade, 9th grade and students relocating to Illinois must have a school physical.. All physical and immunization information must be received in the school office before October 15, 2007. Students not in compliance with

this law will be excluded from school until the information is received. If your child has not had his/her physical, please contact your doctor today to make an appointment. Call the school office if you need assistance locating a doctor. Parents are to complete the health history section of the physical before it is given to the office. Thank you for your assistance.

Valerie Rogers RN
Iles School Nurse

Nutrition Activity
WANTED

Mrs. Landgrebe needs 100 clean six ounce plastic yogurt containers. Please save and bring to Mrs. Landgrebe



Swinging Singers

Swinging Singers to begin on Monday September 17, 2007 3:00-3:45 for all 4th and 5th grade students interested in being involved in a show choir. The performance group meets every Monday and Wednesday beginning on September 17, 2007. We will begin our season with a multi-cultural holiday program. Those interested will receive a permission slip with detailed information on it from Mrs. Taylor in their music classes next week. I look forward to having a great group of performers this year. I hope to see you there.

Memorial Medical Center
Community Health Corner

It would have been hard to miss the recent news about toys being recalled because of lead paint. Some answers to frequently asked questions about the dangers of exposure to lead may not have been readily available. The following information is from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Because no "safe level" of lead exposure has been defined, the goal is to keep the level of exposure as low as possible. Children most often get lead into

their bodies by getting lead-contaminated dust or dirt on their hands and then putting their hands in their mouth, or by directly sucking or chewing lead-painted or lead-containing objects. Because these types of "mouthing behaviors" are a normal part of development between about the ages of 6 months to 3 years, a child's age is an important factor when considering who is at the highest risk.

Most of those who get lead in their body do not have any physical symptoms. Lead, even at very low levels, can make it harder for a child to learn and can cause behavior problems. These effects may be hard to identify in an individual child. At higher levels, symptoms may include abdominal pain, constipation, loss of appetite, agitation, lethargy, and even seizures.

The level of lead in the body is measured in a small blood sample. If you have concerns about your child's exposure to lead, discuss the need for a blood test with your child's physician.

One of the more serious concerns is the swallowing of an object that has high amounts of lead, such as magnets, jewelry that contains lead, or a small lead weight or fishing sinker. If a lead object is swallowed, the American Academy of Pediatrics advises to seek medical attention immediately.



Information on toy safety, how lead can hurt a child, where lead can be found, and more can be found at the AAP's website:

<http://www.aap.org/>www.aap.org

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (USCPSC) is responsible for the safety of toys sold in the U.S. Toy and other product recalls are posted on their web site at

<http://www.cpsc.gov/>www.cpsc.gov

The toll-free consumer hotline at USCPSC is 1-800-638-2772 (TTY 800-638-8270).

Memorial's website address is <http://www.memorialmedical.com/>www.memorialmedical.com.