

Springfield Public School District 186



Iles School News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 6
BAND CONCERT
DECEMBER 8 & 15
JAPANESE CLUB AT 11:50
GRADES 1-3

DECEMBER 9
STARTER STRINGS CONCERT
1:30 PM FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 16
PTO BARNES & NOBLE FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 19
INVENTION CONVENTION
10:30 5TH GRADE IN GYM

DECEMBER 20
"FIRESIDE CHATS"
9:00 4TH GRADE IN GYM

DECEMBER 21
2:00 DISMISSAL
PTO PIZZA HUT

DECEMBER 22
NO SCHOOL
TEACHER WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 25 - JAN. 7
WINTER BREAK

Recycling, Symphony, Celebrations, Thank You

Working Together

Iles School is in the process of starting a recycling program with paper and chipboard. Bins to collect paper will be provided by the city of Springfield for each classroom and the office areas. On Thursday, November 30, all of Iles students and teachers had an opportunity to hear Ms. Wynne Copela of the city's Division of Waste and Recycling Office of Public Works discuss the importance of recycling and how we can help. Every student was given a green information sheet regarding Springfield's curbside recycling program. Additional copies are available in the Iles School office. It is important to teach our children about managing and using our resources in a responsible manner. A very special thank you to Dr. Grace Wenz, previous principal of Iles School, who has donated \$750 to purchase a ticket for every first, second and third grade student to attend the Illinois Symphony performance of Talk to the Animals at the Sangamon Auditorium at UIS on Friday, February 9, 2007. We greatly appreciate this generous donation that enables our children to participate in the arts.

Several Iles students participate in an after school Starter Strings program through the Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony. You are invited to attend their concert that is being held on Saturday, December 9 at 1:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church at 2924 Koke Mill Road, off Wabash Avenue. The Symphony, Concert, and Preparatory Orchestras will be featured in addition to the Starter Strings.

Thank you for your patience as Iles School was without Internet service on

Monday, December 4 and most of Tuesday, December 5. It is amazing how much we depend upon this form of technology as we conduct our daily work. This weather has caused many disruptions in our lives and we appreciate your understanding as we try to get all of our operations fully functioning.

Several students are celebrating birthdays and the teachers really appreciate the advanced communication that you provide when honoring your child's special day. Our challenge as a school is to continue to provide instruction in an effective manner while giving your child special recognition. Because we value our instructional time, birthday celebration time will be held to a minimum. It is necessary to have individual treats to distribute in an efficient manner. Iles School strives to teach children the importance of making good nutritional choices. Your support in selecting treats to support healthy choices is appreciated.

Thank you once again to all of the parents and family members of Iles students who continue to support Iles School in so many ways. Many of you come and go quietly without a word of thanks. Please know that although your efforts may not always be recognized with a word of thanks, they are deeply valued. Iles School is a special place for children because of all of your kind efforts and support. We all know that we are not able to provide the programs, services, and support to our children without all of us working together. Thank you.

Student Electronic Cumulative Folders

If you would like to access your child's electronic cumulative folder, we are holding class again January 9th at 12:15 and 5:30 at Lincoln Preview Room. Parents need to call 525-3015 to register for the class and they also need the school to sign a release stating they are indeed legal guardians.

Lincoln Library Art Exhibit

Congratulations to Tori Madonia, Kassie Fuiten and Lexie Stevenson!

These student artists will be representing the many

outstanding artists at Iles School with art work on exhibit at Lincoln Library through the month of January...another

great reason to visit Lincoln Library.



Band News

Our annual Winter Band Concert is scheduled for Wed. Dec. 6, 2006 at 7 pm, followed by a punch and cookie reception. Please bring a dozen cookies with you that night to share. The concert is free, but bring your wallet or checkbook - we will be accepting free will donations to support the band. If your child has not brought home a letter about the concert, please see the "informational pdfs" on my website and download a copy.

Many students have begun to leave their instruments at school (in the hallway!) rather than carry them back and forth between home and school. You may want to have a conversation with your



child if he/she is one of the students guilty of this. Please be sure that all instruments go home on Monday, Thursday and especially Friday nights. They can't be practiced if they are here at school. Also, consider the consequences if the school were to have a break-in...

Swinging Singers News

Swinging Singers will be on "tour" December 15, 2006. Our tour will begin at 9:15 a.m. and will end around 2:15. We will be touring to the mall and to the Early Learning Center. Please try to attend one of these performances, as this will be the only performance for Swinging Singers for the month of December. In the spring we will have an evening performance with a cookie and punch reception after an awards ceremony.



Extra Rehearsals!!

We will have four extra rehearsals over lunchtime on December 5, 6, 12, and 13 from 11:45 - 12:20. Please do not sign up for any lunchtime duties or activities on those days if you are in Swinging Singers.

Fitness Goals



Fourth and fifth grade students have just completed a series of fitness tests. Each student received a graphical summary of their fitness tests. During class we have gone over what these tests show about fitness. The students were asked to develop a personal health-related fitness goal based on their current level of fitness. Parents, please review these papers with your student and discuss their goals with them before signing the papers. The students are to turn them back in to Mrs. Landgrebe.



PTO New and Events

Sabrina Campbell, PTO President

"Barnes & Noble Fundraiser: Saturday, December 16th. Vouchers will be sent home with students the week of December 11th to share with friends & family. All money spent at Barnes & Noble will earn the school money. If you purchase Barnes & Noble SCRIP cards, we can DOUBLE DIP on our earnings. (Turn in SCRIP order by Friday, December 8th)

Stock up on SCRIP gift cards for Christmas. Orders are still due every Friday in the office.....don't delay & order now! Gift cards make great gifts for teachers, bus drivers, piano teachers, co-workers, birthday party gifts, friends, family. You can also purchase gift cards & use them for your purchases. Talk to other family members now to see if they need to purchase any gift cards for the holidays.

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