

Springfield Public School District 186



Iles School News

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Mrs. Susan Rhodes, Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1
PICTURE RETAKE DAY
NOVEMBER 2
MS. CLAIRE MARTIN-PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY
NOVEMBER 3
2:00 DISMISSAL
School Improvement

NOVEMBER 7
PTO MEETING-6:30
NOVEMBER 10
NO SCHOOL-VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY
NOVEMBER 14
MR. CURRY-PIE IN THE FACE
2:15 PM Sydney Tobias and another lucky winner from Mr. Curry's room will have the "honor:"

NOVEMBER 14
VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM
Grades 3-5 at 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 16
PTO PIZZA HUT
NOVEMBER 22
2:00 DISMISSAL
NOVEMBER 23-24
THANKSGIVING BREAK

NOVEMBER 28
PTO SKATING PARTY
Skateland South 6-8 PM

Iles School Gets Things Done! Working Together

We have just finished our first quarter of the school year. With everyone working together, we have accomplished a great deal in a very short amount of time.

Families have been engaged at Iles School through their support of helping their child with classroom assignments, attending parent conferences, assisting with field trips, playground supervision and classroom celebrations. This is in addition to volunteering their time to help with popcorn on Friday's, working in the PTO Bookstore, and participating in the *Family CATCH* and *Iles Celebrates* events.

The staff at Iles school is committed to working with parents in providing the very best educational experience possible for each and every child.

As principal of Iles School I am very thankful to be surrounded by individuals who have the passion and motivation for excellence. It is exciting to be able to envision the possibilities, discuss them with others, and then see those dreams become a reality. The power of people working together to prepare our children for the future is an exciting endeavor, filled with endless opportunities. I am thankful for the collaborative efforts of the Iles community and gratified by the beneficial outcomes that has such a positive impact upon the lives of our children. Your level of engagement is appreciated!

Review After-School Plans Each Morning Getting Into Routines

It is very helpful when parents remind their child each morning about

their plans for after school for that particular day. When children and parents both know "the plan" it saves a lot of anxiety for everyone involved. Iles School values our students' instructional time and works hard to limit classroom interruptions. Families can help maximize this instructional time by arriving at school at 8:25 AM and making sure their child knows "the plan" for after school each day.

Sabrina Campbell, PTO President

PTO Events and News

A huge Thank You to everyone for making Iles Celebrates! a success! It would not have been the success it was without all of you -- our Iles parents, students, Iles teachers, Mrs. Susan Rhodes, relatives, and friends. Your help in working on the class auction items, donations, and helping with the event is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Mrs. Susan Rhodes and the Iles teachers for their support of this event. We truly appreciate all that you have done. Our children are very lucky to have you teaching them. We can't wait for the next years event. We will be celebrating more cultures within the Iles community.

I would personally like to give a big THANK YOU to the following people whose undying commitment made this wonderful event happen -- Cathy Schwartz, Dana Bueno, Amy Peterson, Deb Antoine, Cindy McGuire, Ravita Sinha, Sara Thompson, Terra McParland, Connie Anderson-Dicenso,

Illinois Department of Transportation

Grades K-6 2007 Illinois Work Zone Safety Calendar Contest “Keep Everyone Alive. Drive 45.”

- Categories:** The three categories for the 2007 calendar contest are Kindergarten – 1st Grade; 2nd – 3rd Grade; and 4th – 6th Grade.
- Deadline:** *To be eligible for the contest, all submissions must be turned into the Iles School office by Friday, December 8, 2006.*
- Materials:** Posters must be no larger than 8” x 11” and should be created on paper, cardboard, or foam board. All submissions should be drawn horizontally.
- Selection of Winners:** All children who participate in the contest will receive a certificate of participation. The Illinois Department of Transportation will judge entries received by the schools.
- Notification/Awards:** Illinois winners will be notified in writing by February 2007 and will receive their prizes at an awards luncheon in March/April 2007. National winners will be notified in writing by April 2007.
- Contestant Information:** A *Release and Waiver Liability Form* (forms available in Iles School office) must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian for each poster submitted to IDOT. On the back of each poster, the child’s name, grade, teacher, school name, school address and school phone number must be typed or written legibly. Iles School office also has “*10 Tips for Driving Safely in Work Zones*” and “*You The Motorist*” hand outs that may be helpful when planning your poster. Please ask the office for copies.
- Use of Artwork:** Artwork becomes the property of the American Traffic Safety Services Foundation (ATSSF) and may be used at ATSSF’s discretion for promotional and other purposes.
- For more information:** Please contact IDOT’s contest coordinator, Jessica Baker at (217) 782-6518.

Marni and Paul Countryman, Amy Gelber, Tracey Wobig, Mrs. Sandy Bauer, Mrs. Barb Thompson and Liesl Mulder-Smith. They made sure we had delicious food to eat, activities for our children, terrific entertainment (maybe I can learn to belly dance) and the fabulous items in the silent/live auctions. So many local restaurants donated food to Iles Celebrates!, please make sure to show your appreciation by frequenting their businesses and thank them.

Iles Celebrates! so far has made \$10, 538. WOW!!! We still have some expenses/revenues outstanding. We should have a final number soon. Everyone should be very proud to have been a part of this event. This money will be spread out to the classrooms, technology, office, and a new copier. Please come to the Iles PTO Meeting Tues., Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m. to vote on the allocation of this money.

Other PTO news: We say goodbye and good luck to Cindy Gor-

rell, PTO secretary. We wish her and her family the best. If there is anyone that would like to be the new secretary of the PTO, please contact me at 522-4267 or come to the PTO meeting Nov. 7. We will vote on a new secretary that night.

The first Skateland South night is Tuesday, November 28, starting at 6:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM. Come join us for some fun.



Congratulations Room 207! Boxtop Update

WAY TO GO ILES!! We collected over 5,000 box tops, including bonus coupons, for a total of **\$509!** That's over 50% of our goal this year. FANTASTIC!! Congratulations to Mrs. Bauer's class! They won the contest by collecting 1,241 box tops and will receive an ice cream party. The second place winner was Mrs. Myers class and Miss Shotwell's class came in third. Thanks to everyone who sent in box tops--they really add up for our school! **Keep sending in your box tops, as we collect them all year. There will be another contest this year.** If you have any questions, please contact Jill McClelland.

