



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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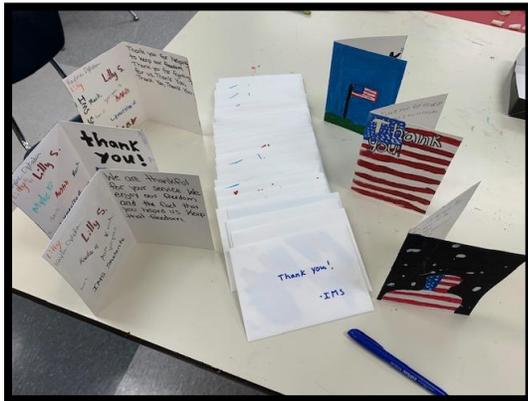


WEEK OF November 15, 2021...

No 6th Grade Girls Circle this Tuesday

Thank You to Veterans

Mrs. Smith's 6th Grade WIN class created patriotic gifts and cards for veterans who attended the Veterans Day assembly last week. Being able to provide a creative "thank you" to these honored veterans was very rewarding for the students.



CELL PHONES! *Students & Parents/Guardians, Please Read*

Students: If you need to contact your parents during the day, you should come to the office to call them instead of texting them. Phones are to be put away from 7:50 until the end of the day.

Students, if you are not feeling well: Go to the health office, and you may call your parent from there.

Parents: If you need to get in touch with your student during the day, please call the office at 515.961.9530 and we will get a message to them. Please do not email or text their cell phone; students are not to be using cell phones beginning at 7:50 until the end of the day.

Please be considerate of our teachers. Phone use causes disruptions in their classrooms during instruction time.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.



SCHOOL NEWS...

Dates to Remember:

Thursday-Friday, November 25 & 26: No School, Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, December 21: 1 Hour Early Dismissal (2:20 for IMS)

Wednesday, December 22 thru Tuesday, January 4: No School, Winter Break

Yearbooks on Sale Now!

Yearbooks are now on sale at [Jostens Yearbooks](#).

Buying online thru Jostens is the only option for buying a book!!

Books will be \$25 thru December 31st. On January 1st thru February 28th, they will be \$30.
Books will arrive in May.

BE AWARE: YEARBOOK SALES WERE NOT OFFERED WITH REGISTRATION FEES. Ordering through the Jostens website or paying in person during conferences are the only ways to order.

District Website:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/>

Information Technology Department:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/information-technology/>

Middle School Website Page

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/school/indianola-middle-school/>

From the ICSD Food Service Department:

As schools across the country work diligently to finish last minute preparations for the new school year, we are being faced with unprecedented supply chain challenges. These issues are forcing us to alter our posted menus, at times with little to no notice. While our intention is to serve the posted menu each day at every building throughout the district, supply concerns will not make this possible throughout the year. We will attempt to substitute the original menu item with an item that is similar in nature, and still meets State and Federal requirements. We appreciate your patience and understanding! Please continue to check our online menus often

at: <https://indianola.nutrislice.com/menu/>

And, Reminder: Meals are free to all students again this year!

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/food-service/>

Free Tutoring Available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Parents, if your middle school child is in need of some extra help, you can sign them up for tutoring. IMS teachers are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40-4:30 in the library.

Please email or call your child's teacher in the subject where assistance is needed. Let them know that you would like your child to attend tutoring. Include the day(s) that your child will attend, and the date that they'll be starting. Also, include a phone number where you can be reached.

Our teachers are ready to help!

Office Information

Phone Numbers: 515.961.9530 Main Office 515.961.9535 Fax

Attendance Line: 515.961.9530 x3162

Principal: Mrs. Kristy Ellis

Asst. Principal: Mr. Mike O'Meara

6th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Tiffany Cochran

7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss

8th Grade Counselor: Ms. Tina Chaplin

Office Hours: 7:00am – 4:00 (3:30 on Fridays)



ACTIVITY INFO...



All IMS students are invited to join the fun after school on Mondays and Thursdays during the school year.

For details, click [here](#).

Activity Pass

If you purchased an activity pass for your child, there should be a “21” sticker attached to his/her student ID. If you purchased one but there is not a sticker, remind your child to stop in to the main office to get it. It is their responsibility to make sure their ID has the sticker.

If you haven't purchased an activity pass, there is still time. The cost is \$50 and it allows your student entry into home high school and middle school athletic events and some music events. You may purchase this pass in the front office (check or exact cash only) or click [here](#) and select Activity Tickets.

If You Enjoy Math, MathCounts is for You!

If your student enjoys solving math problems and would like to be challenged in this way, encourage participation in the MathCounts Competition Series. MathCounts is a wonderful experience that will enhance a love of math. You can read more about the program at <http://mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series>.

The competition will be held in Ankeny in February. Until then, weekly practices will be held at 7:00 am starting the week of November 29; the day of the week will be determined based on which day of the week the most students can attend, and students will indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Students can sign up on Mrs. Asell's door at room 412 by Friday, November 19. Students should see Mrs. Asell if they want to participate but are involved in music activities every morning.

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books (BOB) 2021-22 competition will be online this spring rather than in-person. All interested IMS students are encouraged to read as many BOB books as possible from [this list](#). The books on this list are the Iowa Teen Awards books. This year's guest author has yet to be announced, but there will be an extra book added to the BOB reading list once this is determined. Further announcements will be made when the guest author's book title is released. A test will be held this winter to determine which students will be chosen to represent IMS at the regional Battle of the Books online competition. Feel free to visit the [BOB website](#). Contact Mrs. Asell with any questions at stacy.asell@indianola.k12.ia.us. Happy Reading!



GENERAL INFORMATION...

Job Openings

Do you want to earn extra cash? Do you want to be off in the summers? Do you want to make a difference in children's lives? Do you want to work with a fun, supportive team? If so, become a Special Education Associate at Indianola Middle School!

We have open positions, and we'd love to have you join us.

Click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/careers/>

Like a Flexible Schedule? Want to Make a Difference in Kids' Lives? Substitute Teaching May be for You!

Click on this Heartland AEA link to see just how easy it is to obtain your Substitute Authorization:

<https://www.heartlandaea.org/professional-learning/licensure-info/sub-auth/>

Advance Child Tax Credit Payments in 2021

For details, click [here](#).

Live Online Homework Help

The community libraries in Iowa are providing access to a live online homework help site called Brainfuse HelpNow. Through the website, students can access live tutors for help, upload writing assignments to be analyzed and to obtain helpful comments, ask a quick question, and more. Live help is available from 2pm-11pm every day. Brainfuse also offers a "skills surfer" to reinforce concepts, as well as targeted lessons, quizzes, and online tutoring for ACT, SAT, and GED tests. Go to the public library website at

https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a_id=DAE9AC12&ss=&r=. Click Brainfuse HelpNow, Login, then Sign up.

For more information, see <https://www.brainfuse.com/jsp/company/faq.jsp>, or ask your local or school librarian.