



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## NEW THIS WEEK October 12, 2020...

### Art Club Studio Time

The first Art Club Studio Time is on Thursday, October 22! The theme is Halloween, and we are working with clay. There will be an optional Costume Contest if members would like to participate.

AND...

Congratulations to students Keela Mathias and Kailyn Petrie whose artwork was chosen for the 2020 Des Moines Arts Festival Student Art Exhibition. On Saturday, October 3, there was a special viewing for this exhibit, and students received a medallion and certificate. You can view this [online exhibit](#) to see participants' work from elementary, middle, and high schools.



Kailyn Petrie (grade 7)



Keela Mathias (grade 8)

### Managing Parent PowerSchool Email Subscriptions

Parents, please take a look at the two sets of directions linked below for managing your email subscriptions. Note: these directions do not allow parents to unsubscribe from all district emails—only the automated PowerSchool emails.

- [Managing Grades & Attendance Summary, Assignment Scores, and Balance Alert Notifications](#)
- [Managing PowerSchool Class Pages \(PowerSchool Learning\) Email Digests & Notifications](#)



## SCHOOL NEWS...

### Lunch Delivery to Students & Alternative to Outside Treats

Part of IMS's return to learn plan limits what outside food and drink can be delivered to students. Parents may drop off a student lunch when necessary. We will not accept, however, lunches that are being delivered straight from a vendor, such as Jimmy Johns; parents will need to bring the food to the school themselves.

As far as treats—no treats, such as cupcakes or cookies for a birthday, can be brought in and shared at the school this year. You can use the Classroom Catering provided by the district's food service department as an alternative. Click [catering](#) for more details and the order form.

### Food Service Announcement

ALL MEALS (Breakfast and lunch) are FREE to ALL students at this time. Please click [here](#) for more details.

### Change by the Iowa Department of Public Health Regarding Masks

*"If a positive COVID student or teacher was wearing a mask over their mouth and nose at all times, those people who were also wearing a mask over their mouth and nose at all times would no longer be considered a close contact and would NOT be recommended to quarantine."*

For more details, click [here](#).

### Looking for Return to Learn or General District Information?

#### School District Website

<http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/index.php>

### Picture Retake Day **Friday, October 30**

Onsite Learners: 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Remote Learners: 2:00-2:30 p.m.  
(Use the fieldhouse entrance.)

### Yearbook News

Save \$5 by ordering your 20-21 yearbook now! Go to [Jostens](#) by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Be sure to select Indianola, IA Middle School. The cost is \$25 right now.

### PowerSchool

PowerSchool is the district's student information system. [Here](#) is a link to the PowerSchool Parent & Guardian Success site. You will find helpful information to log in, set up notifications, check fines/fees, use the mobile app, and much more.

### Student and Parent App Tutorials

Click [here](#) to find valuable information on how to maneuver through many of the apps that are being used this school year.

### 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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor: Ms. Tina Chaplin  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor: Mrs. Tiffany Cochran

Office Hours: 7:00am – 3:30pm

### Dates to Remember:

November 25-27: No School  
Thanksgiving Break

December 21-Jan 1: Winter Break

January 18 & 19: No School

### From the Library

Hi from the library! I wanted to let you know about a new way to check out books--especially for our *remote learners*.

1. Go to the MS Library Catalog (<https://tinyurl.com/indmslc>) or (<https://icscatalog.indianola.k12.ia.us/>)
2. Click Log In
3. Sign in with Google
4. Search for a book
5. Click *Hold*
6. If you are a remote learner, you can pick up your book in the office. If you think of it, please email and let me know you are a remote learner. [sara.richardson@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:sara.richardson@indianola.k12.ia.us)

Thanks!

Mrs. Richardson



**ACTIVITY  
INFO...**

### We Want our Students to be Involved!

There are many ways for students to get involved at school. Just a few of the groups or clubs offered are Geography Club, Mock Trial, DAA, Yearbook Staff, Art Club, MathCounts, and many more.

Here is a link to the Activities section of the IMS webpage:

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

**Students should be wearing a face covering when attending any district activities or games!**

## Wrestling and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball

Last week, parents/guardians were emailed the link to the sign-up form for Wrestling, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball. Students, if you are interested in participating, please remind your parent to complete the sign-up form and indicate whether you will be attending Study Table each day before practice.

Practice begins Monday, October 19. Parent meetings will take place Wednesday, October 14: 6:30 p.m. for Basketball and 7:00 for Wrestling. More details will be sent to parents as we get closer to the start of the season.

If you have questions, please contact Jon Fitzpatrick at [jon.fitzpatrick@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:jon.fitzpatrick@indianola.k12.ia.us).

## Indianola Music Boosters 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft and Vendor Show

Date: Saturday, October 31

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Place: Blake Fieldhouse

Cost: \$3

Click [here](#) to see the flyer and more details.



**The Zone is temporarily on hold.**

For details, click [here](#).

## Attention Kids who Love to Read!

The Battle of the Books (BOB) 2020-21 competition, hosted by Great Prairie AEA, 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](#). Copies of the list can also be found in the Information Center outside the IMS office. The books on the BOB list are the Iowa Teen Awards books.

This year's guest author is Terry Lynn Johnson and the extra book to add to the BOB reading list is her title *Ice Dogs*. All of the Iowa Teen Award books will be available electronically for free on MackinVIA, but student accounts are not yet set up. (Especially if your student is a remote learner, contact me and I can get this MackinVIA account set up right away.) A test will be held this winter to determine which students will be chosen to represent IMS at the regional Battle of the Books competition.

Feel free to visit the [BOB website](#). Contact Mrs. Asell with any questions at [stacy.asell@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:stacy.asell@indianola.k12.ia.us). Happy Reading!

## Check Out the District Event Calendar

Below is a link to the district's event calendar. You'll find dates, times, and locations for sports, music, and various other events in which our students are participating on this site.

<https://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com/public/genie/206/school/645/>



## GENERAL INFORMATION...

### Social Emotional Behavioral Health of Students

Welcome back to school. We are excited to work with the students either onsite or remotely. This year, one of our focuses will be on the SEBH (Social-Emotional Behavioral Health) of your student. The School Board has approved more school based mental health therapists for the district to better serve the students.

The Wellness Committee has developed a site on the District Website that provides resources for staff, students and families. Please take time to take a look at what is available. <https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/district/wellness/>

Counselors will present strategies to teachers to work with students onsite as well as remotely. If you are in need of SEBH support, please contact one of the building counselors. Thank you, parents, for all that you are doing. We look forward to the new school year.

### 2021 Youth Heifer Program

Midwest Heritage 2021 Youth Heifer Program helps youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding bred heifers to recipients who are chosen based on merit, future goals, and the ability to care of the heifers.

Midwest Heritage will grant up to five 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders three bred heifers each. Students from Adair, Lucas, Madison, Wayne, and Warren counties are invited to apply. Applications can be picked up at the Communication Center (wall near the health office). Click [here](#) for details.

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Indianola Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of age (except students), race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, creed or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities.

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of age (except students), race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, creed or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or Iowa Code § 280.3 is directed to contact:

504 Coordinator  
Indianola Community School District  
1304 East 2nd Avenue  
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who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 and Iowa Code 280.3 (2007).

**Anti-Bullying/Harassment (Ref. School Board Policy 104)** Harassment and bullying of students and employees are against federal, state and local policy, and are not tolerated by the board. The board is committed to providing all students with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school community are treated with dignity and respect. To that end, the board has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to deal with incidents of bullying and harassment. Bullying and harassment of students by other students, by school employees, and by volunteers who have direct contact with students will not be tolerated in the school or school district. Concerns can be reported to the building administration by phone, email, or in person. Board Policy forms 04E1 and 104E2, along with additional bullying and harassment policy information can be obtained from the district website or from the main office.