



# INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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## NEW THIS WEEK October 19, 2020...

### Updated Guidance on Face Coverings Effective November 2, 2020

The Indianola School District has amended its current policy regarding face coverings effective November 2. The policy will now require all K-12 students and staff to wear face masks, with provisions for mask breaks and instructional use of face shields, within physical distancing and per public health guidelines. Also note that **Gaiters are not acceptable face masks**. Thank you for your attention to this change as we continue to work through this pandemic and do our best to provide a safe learning environment for our staff and students.

### Distinguished Achievement Award

It is Distinguished Achievement Award Time! If you are interested in being awarded this prestigious award please plan on attending the informational meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 21st @ 7:15 am or 2:00 pm in the media center. If you are unable to attend either of these times please email or see Mrs. Stanley or Mrs. Ellis. More information can be found in the links below.

[DAA Intro Video](#)

[DAA 20/21](#)

### Yearbook Orders

The yearbook staff will be taking orders at lunch on October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>. They will accept CASH or CHECK ONLY. Checks should be made payable to IMS. Please list the student's name in the notes section of the check.

You can also order yearbooks online at [Jostens](#).  
Books are \$25 this year.

### Lost and Found

Items are piling up in our Lost & Found closet. If you have misplaced your jacket, sweatshirt, binder, sweatpants, etc., check the closet near the recess doors. If you have lost your water bottle or lunchbox, check in the cafeteria.

Items that have not been claimed by this Friday, October 23, will be donated.

## Sprinkling Happiness Project

Indianola Middle School would like to spread Happiness throughout the weeks and months this year. Our student council celebrated our Sprinkling Happiness Project on Wednesday, October 15th. We would like to thank our parents and staff for all their efforts to provide a successful school year for our students.

\*\*Special Thanks to Nate Fehl and Hy-Vee for their donation of water and granola bars\*\*



Students, beginning today, you must have your ID card with you to go through the ala carte line in the cafeteria.

**ID Card Tip:** Take a picture of your ID/barcode so in case you lose your card you'll be able to scan the image from your phone in the lunch line.

## Family Consumer Science (FCS) Club

Members of the FCS Club take part in many fun activities during the year. Last year they packed meals for the heartland, baked goodies and delivered them to first responders, sewed hand warmers for the homeless, and more! If you are interested in joining FCS Club this year, please stop by Ms. Cordray's room (416) for an application. There will be a limited number of participants accepted.

## Indianola Boys and Girls Basketball Fan Gear!

Indianola Boys and Girls Basketball fan gear is now available!

Get your team gear for fans by **October 28th!**

<https://bit.ly/2H4NApM>

\*\*Please note, Covid-19 has caused higher than normal supply issues, so there will be some sizes in certain items that might not be available.\*\*

## 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...**

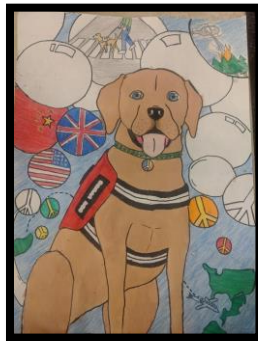
Middle School students participated in the international Peace Poster Contest which is sponsored by our Indianola Lions Club. Creating peace posters gives students the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. Congratulations to the following IMS students who placed locally:



3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Traci Green



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dylan Turner



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Theo McDonald

Theo's poster will go on to compete at the next level on October 17. These posters, along with others, will be displayed around the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade lobby. Congratulations to all participants. There were many competitive artists this year!

**The following students were selected to Student Council Offices:**

**Isabella O'Meara: President**

**Dana Blake: Vice President**

**Abbie Kluver: Secretary**

**Congratulations!**



**SCHOOL NEWS...**

Looking for Return to Learn or General District Information?

School District Website

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

## 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.

## 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.)

## 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.

## 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](#)

## 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

Wrestling and Girls Basketball practice begins today, Monday, October 19, after school. Students must be signed up for Study Table to stay after school until the start of practice.

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

### 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/>



The Zone is temporarily on hold.

For details, click [here](#).

## 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.

## 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!

## Middle School Website Page

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## GENERAL INFORMATION...

## 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  
Indianola, IA 50125  
515 961-9500

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.