

Mustang Messages



October 19, 2009



Dates to Remember

October

- 19th Innisbrook Sale Ends / Monies Due Today
- 21st VIP Luncheon for 3-6th Grades 11:40 in Library
- 22nd Family Math Night 6:30-8:00 PM
- 23rd ASB Popcorn Sale
- 26th Principal's Coffee 8:30 AM in the Library
- 28th ASB Meeting 12:05 in Rm. 108
- 29th Character Counts *Students of Character*
Recognition & Ice Cream Party
- 30th Spirit Day
Halloween Class Parties
- 31st Halloween

November

- 1st Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set Clocks Back!
- 3rd 6th Grade Butter Braid Fundraiser Ends
- 4th VIP Luncheon for K-2nd Grades 11:40 in Library
- 6th ASB Popcorn Sale
- 10th 4th Graders to Symphony
Veteran's Day Assembly 2:00 PM in the Gym
- 11th Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 12th Individual Picture Day
- 13th Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day
- 16th 6th Gr.Butter Braid Fundraiser delivery date
- 18th VIP Luncheon for 3-6th Grades 11:40 in Library
- 19-25th Conference Week 1:00 PM Dismissal
- 19th PTA Meeting 7:00 PM in the Library
- 23rd End of First Trimester
- 25th 1st Trimester Awards Assembly --
Grades K-3rd 9:30AM / Grades 4-6 10:45 AM
ASB Meeting 12:05 in Rm. 108
Spirit Day – Cats & Dawgs Day
- 26-27th Thanksgiving Holiday—NO SCHOOL
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Principal's Note

Dear Indian Trail Families,

As the weather quickly shifts from long, warm days to shorter, cold days, I reflect upon the many learning opportunities our students are engaged in on a daily basis at Indian Trail. Each of these learning interactions allows our students to develop their skills and knowledge that help them make sense of the world around them. This year our staff is focused around making daily learning goals explicitly clear for kids, so they have a clear understanding about what they need to do to successfully demonstrate their skills and knowledge as mathematicians, readers, writers, and scientists. We are also focused around using on-going classroom assessment to provide kids with timely descriptive feedback regarding their progress toward the state's Grade Level Expectations (GLE's). This is exciting work that ties directly to the new elementary report card you will receive for the first time at your child's November conference.

Regarding the new report card, I want to remind parents that all students (K-6th grades) are now graded using a 4-point scale, rather than with letter grades. Handouts about our new 4-point grading scale and the new report card were distributed to parents at Open House, during my three Standards-based Grading and Reporting presentations. If you still need this information, please contact either our school office or your child's teacher directly. As I also announced at Open House, our staff has decided to no longer use the Honor Roll or ACE academic recognition programs at our school. Both of these programs no longer align with or meet the needs of our current grading system. As our staff diligently works to become experts at standards-based grading, as it is embedded in our work with students in our classrooms, we will also be working to develop and implement a new system for recognizing students' academic progress and hard work. Please be patient with us this year as we do this work, and trust that our end goal will be to find a new meaningful and positive way to honor our students for all their hard work and academic success here at Indian Trail. We will have a new recognition system in place by next fall, if not sooner.

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Regarding reporting student progress to parents, I want to remind you all that parent-teacher conferences are fast approaching. Be on the lookout for conference sign-up sheets coming home with your child so you can schedule a time to talk with your son/daughter's teacher. Conferences will take place between November 19th and 25th. Conference time is a great opportunity to find out how your child is doing academically and in the areas of social development and work habits; to ask questions about how you can support your child's learning at home; and to develop a more meaningful relationship with your child's teacher. Our teachers look forward to meeting with each of you during this time. Please stop by and say, "Hello," when you're in the building.

Thank you for entrusting the Indian Trail Staff with your child's academic and social growth, and thank you for being our partner in their educational journey. Enjoy the remaining days of October! It's only a matter of time until the snow starts to fly. I hope to see you at Math Night, this Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Paul Gannon
"Believe It and You Will See It"

Veterans Day Assembly

On Tuesday, November 10th, Indian Trail's students and staff will honor the Veterans of the United States of America at an all school assembly at 2:00 p.m. in the gym. We know that many of our children are very proud of members of their family who have served in the Armed Forces. We want to invite these men and women to be our guests at this assembly. During the assembly we will ask our guests to share their name and branch of service with the audience. We hope our local veterans can join us for this afternoon full of music and celebration in honor of our national heroes.



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE BLACKTOP NORTH OF THE DUMPSTERS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL (BY THE GYM) DURING THE SCHOOL HOURS OF 8:30AM-3:30PM. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL INSTANCES OF PARENTS PARKING THERE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE BECAUSE STUDENTS USE THIS AREA FOR PLAYING AT RECESS.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN HELPING KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!!

Family Math Night!!! Thursday, October 22nd 6:30-8:00 PM In the Gym

Please join us for a fun Family night filled with GAMES, PRIZES and of course MATH. This year we have several Estimation Stations for lots of chances to win. We also have two math games for each grade. Bring your family, bring your brains, and bring on the fun!

We hope to see you there!

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

Please remember to call our attendance hotline at 354-3134 to report your child's absence. If we do not hear from a parent, we will call your home to confirm your child's absence.



ANNUAL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATIONS

If you have not already done so, please make any necessary changes and return to school by October 30th. If you make any health changes and your child requires medication at school or needs to have a health/emergency care action plan, please call the office for further instructions.



**-----ATTENTION-----
WE NEED YOUR
E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES)!!!**

In an effort to conserve paper, make use of technology, and offer a nicer-looking, more efficient newsletter, we would like to send home Indian Trail's Mustang Messages newsletter to you electronically via your e-mail address(es). Our goal is to be paper-free by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, but we would like to start the process now.

If you haven't already turned in the form below, please fill it out and return it to school so that we can get our e-mail list compiled and begin sending you the newsletter electronically right now!!!

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER
INFORMATION FORM**

Your Name:

The e-mail address(es) you would like us to send the newsletter to:

Your student(s) name & Teacher

Influenza vaccine clinics in schools and at the YMCA's:

Free seasonal and H1N1 (Swine) vaccination to all children 18 years and under. Parent must accompany child to sign permission form.

Adults: Seasonal Flu vaccinations available for \$12.00. (cash or check accepted) Bring medicare card if medicare eligible.

H1N1 vaccinations available **free** to those in the vaccine priority groups:

1. Pregnant or planning to become pregnant
2. Children 6 months to 24 yrs of age
3. Household contacts or caregivers of children less than 6 mo
4. Persons 25-64 years with chronic health conditions
5. Health care workers and emergency services personnel regardless of age

Vaccine is provided on a first come first serve basis during clinic hours. Depending on the demand for influenza vaccine, parents and students may need to be prepared to wait in line.

It is preferred that clinics located in schools be reserved for students and families from that school although no one will be turned away.

SRHD Flu Hotline will be kept updated about clinic sites: 324-1643

Flu Clinics		
Date	Location	Time
10/20/2009	Farwell	3-6pm
10/24/2009	Central YMCA	9-3pm*
10/29/2009	Shiloh	3-6pm
11/03/2009	Farwell	3-6pm
11/07/2009	Valley YMCA	9-3pm*
11/12/2009	Shiloh	3-6pm
11/14/2009	North YMCA	9-3pm*
11/16/2009	Centennial	3-6pm
11/17/2009	Centennial	3-6pm
11/18/2009	Ness	3-6pm
11/19/2009	Ness	3-6pm
11/20/2009	Madison	1-4pm
11/23/2009	Arlington	1:30-6pm
11/24/2009	Madison	3-6pm

* note time change



Thanks so much for all the student workers: Alec Tabish, Austin Gillette, Joslyn Anderson, and Jared Kutsch. They did a wonderful job of delivering food, clearing tables, and cleaning up. Thanks for the wonderful turn out! It was fun to have so many people joining us for dinner. We earned \$393.98 for our school. That is our best turn out ever!!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

*The Sixth Grade Camp Reed Trip
Butter Braid and Pastry Puffins Fundraiser*

Indian Trail's sixth graders are making their annual trip to Camp Reed this spring. To raise money for that trip they are holding a fundraiser. Like last year 6th graders are selling the Butter Braid and Pastry Puffin frozen pastry doughs. The cost is \$10 for a pair of Butter Braids or six Pastry Puffins. A percentage of the sales fund our trip. We have had happy customers in the past and we hope you will buy a couple from one of our sixth graders. Funds pay for the rental of the camp and the fee for the very exciting ropes course. Order forms will also be available at school in the teacher lounge and the workroom. The sale began on October 14th and will conclude on Tuesday, November 3rd. Your purchases will be delivered on Monday, November 16th.

Thank you,
Sixth Grade Teachers

THANK YOU SPOKANE VOTERS

Thanks to Spokane voters' passage of the 2003 and 2009 bonds, every school has received upgrades to school facilities, technology and security systems. Recently, every school received a new office printer/copier/scanner, which is not only quicker, but cuts per-copy costs by 35 percent. Indian Trail also received four desktop computers, two laptop computers, one digital camera and three SMART boards, as well as a heat pump replacement.

Thank you, Spokane!

CROSSWALKS AND SAFETY ISSUES

Dear Indian Trail Parents,

Please be advised that our Patrol (crossing guards) are only allowed to cross students in the marked crosswalks at Weile, Sutherlin, and Woodside. Please **DO NOT** ask or gesture to your child to cross in undesignated areas. We ask that parent/guardians also abide by the school rules when crossing the street, as we all need to set a good example for our students. In addition, vehicles are parking too close to the crosswalk areas. **Federal law states that the area 20 feet on either side of the crosswalk is a NO PARKING ZONE.**

Thank you in advance for helping us keep all our Indian Trail students safe!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INDIAN TRAIL ALL-CITY CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS



What a great showing our Indian Trail runners had at the All-City Cross Country



Meet that was held at Comstock Park on Monday, October 12th. Listed below are the students who participated and their placements:

Megan Dean	4 th place
Ryan Harmon	11 th place
Luke Krotzer	24 th place
Zach Krotzer	6 th place
Lauren Mattocks	11 th place
Sammi Noldin	30 th place
Haley Palmer	26 th place
Brooke Robinson	23 rd place
Sierra Robinson	8 th place
Isaiah Wilson	34 th place
Brooks Wolfley	42 nd place

STUDENTS OF CHARACTER

The following students were selected as a Student of Character for showing **RESPONSIBILITY** for the month of September

STUDENT	GRADE	TEACHER
Josh Tucker	Kindergarten-AM	Miss Kusel
Grace McEachran	Kindergarten-PM	Miss Kusel
Malachai Crowe	First	Mrs. Zambryski
Jasmine Webster	First	Mrs. Ryan-Walls
Maddie Rae	Second	Mrs. Ferguson
Jacob Okihara	Second	Mrs. Overbay
Dante Hegewald	2/3 Combo	Mrs. Spencer
McKenzie Clark	Third	Mrs. Melnick
Quincy McDeid	Third	Mr. Hall
Jake Wash	Fourth	Mrs. Kight
Josh Nguyen	Fourth	Mrs. Golden
Lauren Erickson	Fifth	Mr. Hatcher
Tatum Holestine	Fifth	Mrs. Chittum
Olivia Guenther	Sixth	Mr. Bachman
Justice Iseminger	Sixth	Mrs. Moen
Camron Pearson	Fourth	Mr. Drennen
Faith Cook	Fifth	Miss Millersmith

NO SCHOOL DATES

There will be NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day and also November 26-27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Volunteer News

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the following people for their help during the vision screening:

Lisa Duncan, Camille Weipert, Kate Anderson, Megan Cox, Lara Cardoza, Cheryl Bradley, Ivy Hatcher, Sharon Robinson, Julie Duncan, & Megan Ruiz.

Without your help the vision screening would not have been possible. Your dedication to the students is greatly appreciated!

Thank you,
Kristi Flannery
Volunteer Coordinator

TARDIES

Your child's education is our number one priority. Children need to be on time to school and ready to learn every day in order to be successful. We are finding that some students are taking a lot of extra time walking to school and are arriving late. We want to show our students how important it is to be on time. We would appreciate any assistance that you can provide in stressing to your child the importance of being on time. We also appreciate your efforts in making appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.) outside of the school day.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Plan on attending a parent/teacher conference for your child during the week of November 19-25. The dismissal times during these dates will be as follows:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

Grades 1-6	9:30 am - 1:00 pm
AM Kindergarten	9:30 am - 10:45 am
PM Kindergarten	11:45 am - 1:00 pm

FRIDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20-25TH

Grades 1-6	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
AM Kindergarten	9:00 am - 10:30 am
PM Kindergarten	11:30 am - 1:00 pm

INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY IS COMING!! THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH



Classroom Halloween Party Guidelines



October 19, 2009

Kids and adults look forward to Halloween with much anticipation. However, it is important to remember that it is a school day, and needs to be a day of learning as well. On Friday, October 30th, classroom parties will take place at Indian Trail between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. Below is a list of school-wide guidelines for students and adults to follow in regards to Halloween parties at Indian Trail. Please note that individual teachers may have additional guidelines to ensure a safe and productive day in their classrooms.

- Students should bring their costumes in backpacks or bags, and plan on putting on the costume right before their classroom party. Kindergarteners are allowed to wear their costumes to school because of the amount of time they would need to get dressed in the classroom.
- To ensure that costumes are appropriate, safe and fun, we ask that you help your child select an appropriate costume. Masks that obstruct vision are discouraged, as are high heels and other apparel that make walking difficult.
- Costumes with toy guns, knives or other weapons are prohibited at school.
- Please avoid costumes or characters that emphasize violence, blood and gore, or drug and alcohol involvement. This applies to adults as well.
- Costumes that are more “revealing” than our regular school clothing guidelines allow are NOT permitted. This also applies to adult costumes.
- We strongly encourage students to wear costumes with positive themes such as princesses, dancers, athletes, animals, story characters, and historical figures.
- Teachers may have specific costume suggestions that are organized based on a classroom theme or instructional unit that students are learning about.
- We discourage extravagant make-up as there is no one to assist in applying it. Remember students only have about 5 minutes to put on their costumes and be ready for their classroom party.
- As you help your child select a costume, please be sensitive to the diversity of cultures within our community. Please ensure your child’s costume is appropriate and respectful to everyone. Any student wearing a costume deemed racially or culturally insensitive will be asked to change.
- Finally, if you aren’t sure whether the costume is appropriate for school, please call your child’s teacher for guidance.

Parents, due to allergy concerns, please check with your child’s teacher or room party parent regarding any foods you wish to bring to the party. This will help ensure that all the students in the class can enjoy the full menu of treats.

Thank you for your help with this matter. We’re going to have a great time!

For students who don’t celebrate Halloween, we will host organized games in the library for students to enjoy. We do encourage all students to attend school on this day. If you choose to pick your child up, please do so at 2:00 p.m. so they can still participate in all of the regular learning activities up until the time of their classroom party.

Thank you,
The Indian Trail Staff