

Mustang Messages



November 2, 2009



Dates to Remember

November

- 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
Updating HS Math Materials Public Forum
6:00-7:00 @ NCHS--Library
- 11th Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 12th Individual Picture Day
Updating HS Math Materials Public Forum
6:00-7:00 @ LCHS—Rms. 131&132
- 13th Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day
ASB Shirt Sale Orders due today
Innisbrook Limo Ride
- 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
- 30th Principal's Coffee 8:30 AM in the Library
Character Counts *Students of Character*
Recognition & Ice Cream Party

December

- 2nd Individual Picture Retakes
VIP Luncheon for K-2nd Grades 11:40 in Library
- 4th PTA Movie Night 6:30-8:30pm in the Gym
Doors open at 6:00 pm
- 7-11th PTA Santa Shop 9:00 am-3:30 pm
- 9th ASB Meeting 12:05 in Rm. 108
- 10th Human Rights Day
- 11th PTA Santa Shop Ends
ASB Popcorn Sale
- 12th Hanukkah Begins
- 16th VIP Luncheon for 3-6th Grades 11:40 in Library
- 17th Character Counts *Students of Character*
Recognition & Ice Cream Party
- 18th Spirit Day
- 21-Jan 3 Winter Break

Principal's Note

Dear Indian Trail Families,

Other than the rain, I love this time of year! Kids and teachers are into their routines and school days are filled with engaging learning activities. It's also a great time of year because of parent teacher conferences. Conferences are one more opportunity for parents and teachers to work together to benefit kids. Between November 19th and 25th, each of you will have a chance to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress during the first trimester of school. I encourage you to plan for this conference by talking with your child about his/her successes and challenges over the first twelve weeks of school. Come prepared to ask questions and try to walk away from the conference with a renewed plan about how you can work with the teacher to help your child continue his/her success during the 2nd trimester.

Communication between home and school is one of the most crucial components to school success for children. Parent (or guardian) participation is vital, and for this reason, Indian Trail students have a jump start toward academic success. Try to communicate with your child's teacher on a weekly basis in one of the following ways: a note, phone call, email, or a brief stop by the classroom. Ask your child what he/she is learning in class and encourage him/her to explain how he/she did the work. If you have questions, call the teacher for clarification. One of the many jobs teachers have is to help each child succeed, so never hesitate to advocate for your child and ask for additional support. If you haven't scheduled your conference, please contact your child's teacher to do so at this time.

I want to thank Lara Cardoza for all of her hard work and leadership in putting together this year's Math Night. What a fantastic evening focused around math games and family fun. I saw Indian Trail families working and playing together while practicing their estimation and general math skills. Every family left with a packet of games and needed materials to play the math games at home. Thank you also to the many parents and teachers who provided estimation station prizes and questions, that helped run math games, and that helped set up and take down for the big event.

I look forward to seeing each of you around the school in November. Please stop by to visit, to ask questions, or to just say hello. My door is always open, and I'm always eager to learn from each of you.

Sincerely,

Paul Gannon

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"Believe It and You'll See It"

Principal's Challenge Math Problem – November – “Trip to the Lake”



The Deweys' car gets 20 miles per gallon (mpg).
 The Stones' car gets 30 miles per gallon (mpg).
 The Webers' car gets 15 miles per gallon (mpg).
 The Golds' car gets 24 miles per gallon (mpg).

Four families traveled from different places to vacation together at the lake.

- The Deweys drove 310 miles.
- The Webers drove 50 miles less than the Deweys drove.
- The Golds drove 100 miles more than the Webers drove.
- The Stones drove 110 miles more than the Webers drove.

The drawing shows the gas mileage for each family's car.

How many gallons of gas did each family use to get to the lake? (Round answers to the nearest tenth.)

Directions to Submit an Answer:

- 1) To submit an answer to the Principal's Challenge Math Problem, write your child's name, your name, and his/her teacher's name on the top of a piece of paper.
- 2) Responses must include a written explanation using words, numbers, and/or pictures so that Mr. Gannon can look through your answer and make sense of it.
- 3) Drop off your responses in the Indian Trail Office by Friday, November 20.
- 4) Have fun solving this problem with your child! Parental help is encouraged.
- 5) Winning responses will receive a small prize from Mr. Gannon.

Answer and Winners from the October Principal's Math Challenge Problem

Correct Answer: It took Avery and her father 68 seconds to reach the top of the escalator since they didn't run up any of the steps.

Below are the families that submitted correct solutions to the “Up an Escalator” problem in October.

Carter and Jason Delp – Mr. Hall – 3rd Grade
 Emma and Mark Vandine – Ms. Chittum – 5th Grade

These families received a small prize for their correct solutions. Congratulations and I look forward to scoring all the answers to this month's problem.

Thanks ~ Mr. Gannon

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 our students are very proud of members of their family who serve, or 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.



VIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



The following students received the VIP award for demonstrating excellent character, and academic progress.

STUDENT	GRADE	TEACHER
Alex Ramsey	Kindergarten-AM	Mrs. Kusel
Kaitlyn Reed	Kindergarten-PM	Mrs. Kusel
Ali Dixon	First	Mrs. Zambryski
Cade Collins	First	Mrs. Ryan-Walls
Ethan Brazeau	Second	Mrs. Ferguson
Kloey Evenson	Second	Mrs. Overbay
Savanna Kerr	2/3 Combo	Mrs. Spencer
Christian Martello	Third	Mrs. Melnick
Jordyn Foster	Third	Mr. Hall
Jake Wash	Fourth	Mrs. Kight
Zachery Chavez	Fourth	Mrs. Golden
Molly Johnston	Fifth	Mr. Hatcher
Caleb Ruiz	Fifth	Mrs. Chittum
Noah Archibald	Sixth	Mr. Bachman
Justice Iseminger	Sixth	Mrs. Moen

Congratulations to these students. You can see their faces and certificates on our special VIP bulletin board by the main office.

CHARACTER COUNTS - RESPECT

During November, our school is emphasizing the pillar of **RESPECT** through our Character Counts program. **RESPECT** stresses treating others the way you want to be treated and following the Golden Rule.

RESPECT is defined as:

- being tolerant of people's differences
- using good manners, but not bad language
- being considerate of the feelings of others
- never threatening, hitting, or hurting anyone
- dealing peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

We continue to not tolerate students disrespectfully teasing, bullying, or threatening each other. Often these things happen when supervision at school or home is relaxed. It helps to recognize our own 'triggers' that make us uncomfortable or angry, and not allow others to 'push our buttons.'

Thomas Jefferson is quoted as saying, "Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances."

RESPECT emphasizes being polite and courteous, and being respectful even if others look, act, or believe differently than our family. We hope respect is a quality you are giving and receiving in your own lives.

Respectfully to you,
Mrs. Sue Betts, Counselor

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.

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



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.



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

Updating HS math materials: We want you!

Spokane Public Schools is spending the next few months considering the options for updating the high school mathematics materials for Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II. This work is based on the recently adopted math standards approved by the state of Washington on July of 2008.

Public forums will be held Nov. 10 at the North Central HS library from 6-7 p.m. and Nov. 12 at Lewis and Clark HS (rooms 131-132) from 6-7 p.m. The purpose of these forums will be to provide an opportunity for a brief update on the adoption process and for parents and community members to provide input on their priorities with respect to high school mathematics materials. Additional forums will be held in late January or early February.

For more information, visit spokaneschools.org or contact Bridget Lewis, executive director of Instructional Programs, at bridgetl@spokaneschools.org, Rick Biggerstaff, coordinator of Secondary Mathematics, at rickerb@spokaneschools.org, or call 354-5900.

Thank you Math Night Volunteers

I'd like to thank the fantastic volunteers who helped me make Math Night such a great success! I could never have done it without you!

Ivy Hatcher	Kate Anderson
Kayti Elam	Teneasa Epefanio
Caroline Callahan	Ami Elliott
Stacy Palmer	Pat Shollenberger
Lavonne Horobiowski	Miss. Kusel
Melissa Gregory	Matt Cardoza
Mr. Gannon	Megan Cox
Amy Mickey	Mrs. Melnick
Tere Clark	Cindy Cooper
Mrs. Golden	Dan & Vera Perich
Matt Stone	Cheryl Bradley

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all the teachers and room parents who worked so hard to get us their wonderful estimation stations.

Also, thank you to the following families for donating their own estimation stations.

The VanDeBogert Family
The Rae Family
The Cardoza Family
The Simmons Family
The Robideaux Family
The Elam Family
The Flannery Family
The Czarapata Family
The Montgomery Family
Mr. Gannon

Last of all, I would like to thank all the families who attended Math Night!

Thank You!
Lara Cardoza

INDIAN TRAIL ASB SHIRT SALE

The Associated Student Body is again offering an Indian Trail shirt for sale this year. *Before choosing a size please consider that on several occasions people have found that some of the sizes run small: the youth 6/8 hoodies have been small for most kindergarteners, the youth 14/16 has been small for some 4th and 5th graders, the adult small and medium shirts have been small for some adults.*

ORDERING DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.

<u>Available Sizes and Colors</u>		<u>Available Styles and Cost</u>	
youth 6/8 small	adult small	T-shirt	\$13.00
youth 10/12 medium	adult medium	Long-sleeved T-shirt	\$15.00
youth 14/16 large	adult large	Crew-neck sweatshirts	\$17.50
	adult XL, XXL, XXXL	Hooded sweatshirts	\$24.50
Colors: burgundy, navy, ash		\$2.00 extra for XXL sizes, \$3.00 for XXXL	

This year's artwork is by 6th grader Abigail McDonald. Please see the order form sent home with your student for a look at the artwork.

*Please fill out the order form and send it to school with cash or your check made out to Indian Trail ASB in an envelope marked **SHIRT ORDER**.* Call Mr. Bachman at 354-3096 for information concerning the shirt sale. Please do not call the office.

STUDENT NAME _____ TEACHER _____

PARENT NAME _____ PHONE # _____

<u>Kind of Shirt</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u># of shirts</u>	<u>Amount \$</u>
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Total \$ _____

Check here if the order includes a gift for a student.



**All current and former Chess Club members
are invited to participate in**

**“King Quest”
Indian Trail Elementary
Seventh Intramural Invitational
Chess Tournament**

Date: Thursday, November 19th, 2009

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: Indian Trail Gym and classrooms (locations to be announced)

Family members are welcome in the Gym. Players can relax between rounds in the Gym

Cost: None

**There will be trophies for first, second and third place
in each of two sections: 1-3 and 4-6**

- **All current and former Chess Club members are invited to play.**
- **We will use the Swiss System, generally used in Scholastic tournaments, of ranking players and choosing opponents.**
- **Players will be separated into two sections, 1-3 and 4-6. There are three rounds, and all players play all three rounds.**
- **We hope to have pizza again, but please plan to bring snacks and water. Each round can last up to an hour. Also you might bring something to do between rounds – books, games, etc.**
- **We will follow general Scholastic tournament rules. Family members are welcome to wait in the gym but are not allowed to watch tournament play. This rule is for the benefit of the players.**
- **Please sign this form and put it in the box outside the library, or give it to Mrs. Korsmo. If you have questions, please contact: Barbara Korsmo at Indian Trail Elementary, or Laurie Rogers at 468-0402 or wlrige@comcast.net**
- **Thanks so much for participating in the club. We hope to see you at the tournament!**

Name: _____ Yes, I will play in the tournament _____
No, I cannot play this time _____