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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Indian Creek Parents,

I want to take some time to inform all of our families about the upcoming state assessment, ISTEP+. The purpose of the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) program is to measure student achievement in the subject areas of Reading, Writing, Mathematics (Grades 3 through 6), Science (Grades 4 and 6), and Social Studies (Grades 5 and 7). ISTEP+ reports student achievement levels according to the Indiana Academic Standards. There are two rounds of testing. An Applied Skills open-ended Assessment (Part 1) and a Multiple-Choice and Technology-Enhanced item Assessment (Part 2) are used to measure these standards. Round 1, Applied Skills, is completed using paper and pencil and will be taken between February 27th and March 10th. Round 2, Multiple Choice, is done online from April 17th to May 5th.

Our third graders have an additional state assessment called IREAD. The purpose of the Indiana Reading Evaluation And Determination (IREAD-3) assessment is to measure basic reading skills through grade three. Based on the Indiana Academic Standards, IREAD-3 is an assessment developed because of Public Law 109, it "requires the evaluation of reading skills for students who are in grade three beginning in the Spring of 2012 to ensure that all students can read proficiently before moving on to grade four." Third graders take this online assessment between March 13th and March 17th. IREAD test samples are available [HERE](#).

You can find additional information on both of these state assessments at www.doe.in.gov/assessment.

What can you do to prepare your child for these assessments:

- 1) Help to make sure they are completing their nightly homework
- 2) Encourage their nightly reading
- 3) Make sure your child is here at school and on time, each and every day
- 4) Try not to schedule appointments during these testing days
- 5) Help children to get to bed on time so they are ready to work hard at school

Best Regards,

-Mr. Kevin Kemper

“Do not be embarrassed by your failures, learn from them and start again.”-Richard Branson



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Month in Review - December

December was the perfect time of year to celebrate Indian Creek's many gifts! As students rejoiced in the first snowfall of the year, we cheered on our skillful robotics team at the Shortridge High School VEXIQ competition. Family and friends gathered to listen to the beautiful voices of our very talented choir, and teachers and staff members feasted on delectable homemade cookies provided by our PFO. No matter the reason or the season, we are grateful for the many gifts bestowed upon us by our students, staff, and families!

On to the State Championship!

With a stellar performance at the Indianapolis VEX Robotics Competition on January 8th, the Indian Creek Robotics Team advanced to the Indiana VEX IQ Elementary School State Championship. The team won the prestigious Indiana Department of Workforce Development Design Award, which is given to the most efficient and effective robot design process. Our Indian Creek team was also featured in this [Indianapolis Star article](#). Congratulations to Mr. Nelson and the entire team for their hard work and success!

District News

High Ability Testing Requests for students in grades 1, 3, 4 and 5

We are currently accepting parent requests for High Ability Testing for students in grades 1, 3, 4, and 5. Requests may be submitted between January 10, 2017 and January 30, 2017. The testing will take place on February 22nd, 2017 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. for students in grades 1 and 3 and February 23rd from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. for students in grades 4 and 5. Testing will take place at the Lawrence Education and Community Center (LECC) located at 6501 Sunnyside Road. Visit the district website at LTschools.org to request testing for your child.

Public Forums

Lawrence Township Schools are growing again! Over the past two years, the MSD of Lawrence Township has been the fastest growing school district in the state. Enrollment has now reached the point where space is becoming an issue and the administration wishes to present a few potential solutions to members of the community.

Two public forums will be held:

Tuesday, January 24th, in the Lawrence Central High School media center, 7300 East 56th Street, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 25th, at the Lawrence Education & Community Center, 6501 Sunnyside Road, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Your input will be highly valued by the Board of Education as they determine the next steps for the MSDLT.

“Light Their Future” Celebration

On **March 10, 2017**, the Lawrence Township School Foundation will host its 17th annual “**Light their Future**” Celebration. It will be an evening of dinner, dancing, socializing, and a fantastic silent auction. Check the Foundation's website at www.msdltf.org for more information or if you or your company is interested in donating something to be used in the silent auction.

Preschool Registration for the 2017 - 2018 school year is now open. Visit LTschools.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

January

- 16: MLK, JR. Day; no school
- 19: 3rd Grade IREAD Night, 6:00 p.m.
- 24: Skating Party, 6:30-8:30 p.m
- 31: Dine and Donate

February

- 3: "Souper" Bowl
- 10: Movie Night @ 6:00 p.m.
- 16: 3rd Grade IREAD Night, 6:00 p.m.
- 17: Jump Rope for Heart
- 20: Presidents Day; no school
- 24: Valley Forge Day
- 27: ISTEP testing begins

A Special Thanks goes out to our featured Community Partners whose continued support allows Indian Creek students to stay happily engaged in learning and exploring new things!



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