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Explorer News

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parents,

March kicks off the first round of ISTEP+ testing along with IREAD for our third graders. In order to encourage our Indian Creek Explorers to do their personal best, the Champion Tip for March is "Champions Take P.R.I.D.E." which stands for Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort. When students are observed taking P.R.I.D.E. in their work, students will earn a Champion Ticket that can be exchanged for prizes during the ISTEP+ celebration on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Indian Creek will also begin promoting our [SaveAround Coupon Books](#) fundraiser. Each SaveAround coupon book costs \$25 with 50% of the total profits going back to the school. Our goal is to raise money for the purchase of a variety of educational materials for each grade level. Each student will receive a coupon book to take home with a flyer. Prizes will be awarded to our top sellers! Rewards will also be given to students who are not participating, but successfully return their coupon books back to school. Below is the list of educational materials that we are planning to purchase:

- Grade 1: Animal Habitat Unit: Equipment and Materials
- Grade 2: Life Cycles Unit: Hen Hatching
- Grade 3: Measurement Unit: Catapult Challenge
- Grade 4: Flight Unit: Rockets
- Grade 5: Inventors Shark Tank: Materials and Equipment
- Grade 6: Science Fair: Materials and Equipment

On Tuesday, March 21, 2017, our 6th graders will be participating in a Science Fair here at Indian Creek. Judging will begin at 1:00pm until 2:15pm during the school day. Parents will be invited back that evening from 6:00pm.- 7:00pm, to view their student's projects. First, Second, and Third place, along with two Honorable Mentions will be awarded. Our winners from the Science Fair, will then represent Indian Creek Elementary School at the District Fair at the Lawrence Education Community Center, on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

Spring Break is March 27th-31st. However, if there are no snow days prior to Spring Break, there will be no school on Thursday or Friday, March 23-24, 2017. School will resume on Monday April 3, 2017.

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 - February

You'll *love* all the wonderful things that happened for our students in the month of February! We kicked off our Kindness Campaign with students reading one random act of kindness on the morning announcements each day for the entire month of February. We continued the love by raising money for the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart and learning about the importance of a healthy, active lifestyle. Our hearts swelled as we watched Indian Creek's VEX Robotics team cap off a very impressive season of hard work and accolades by competing in the State Championship. Last, but not least, we had another successful Valley Forge Day, a long-loved tradition and unique Indian Creek experience that gives our 5th Grade students the opportunity to travel back to the 1700's to live a day in the life of a Continental soldier. These are just a few of the enriching, heart-warming experiences that happen for our Explorers each and every day at Indian Creek. What's not to love about that!

District News

Summer Camp/Day Care

The MSD of Lawrence Township, in partnership with the Benjamin Harrison YMCA is offering a variety of summer camp opportunities for children ages 3 through 15. Check the website for complete details and registration information.

"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.

PREP-Parent Engagement Series

Mark your calendar for the final Parent Engagement (PREP) presentation of the 2017 - 2018 school year, **A conversation with Dr. Shawn A. Smith, Superintendent**. April 25 at 6:30 pm at Lawrence North High School, 7802 Hague Road. Child care and Spanish translation will be provided.

6th Grade Track and Field

Sixth graders are invited to join the Track and Field Team of the middle school they will attend next year. Shuttle bus service from elementary schools is provided to 6th graders participating in athletics. Belzer call out meeting is March 6. Fall Creek Valley call out meeting is March 9. Check the website for details.

Summer sports leagues are forming now. See the **Community Activities** page on our website linked in the lower right side.

Upcoming Events

March

- 1-17: ISTEP testing continues in Grades 3-6
- 2: Skating Party at Roller Cave, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 9: PFO meeting, 6:30-7:30
- 13-17: I-Read testing for all 3rd Grade students
- 16: PFO Meeting, 6:30-7:30
- 20: Picture Day
- 21: 6th Grade Science Fair, 6:00 p.m.
- 22: ISTEP and I-Read Celebration
- 23-24: Snow Make-up Days, if needed
- 27-31: Spring Break; No School

April

- 3: Return to school - full day
- 7: Movie Night, 6:30
- 10-14: Book Fair
- 11: PFO Meeting
- 17: ISTEP testing round 2 begins
- 21: Snow Make-up Day, if needed

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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