

Ithica Elementary School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

December 12-16
Santa Shop
8:00 AM-1:00 PM Daily

December 12
PTSO
Kindergarten Performing
6:00 PM

December 19-30
Holiday Break
No School

January 2
Teacher Work Day
No School

January 3
Welcome Back Students

Dear Ithica Family,

I, along with everyone at IES, would like to wish you Happy Holidays. December is a busy month and we have many exciting activities happening at IES. Our K-Kids club is collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots, we have our annual PTSO sponsored Santa Shop, AR Party, and Kindergarten students will perform at our PTSO meeting. However, let's not forget that the most important activity we have happening at IES is LEARNING! Our teachers and students will work hard to finish out the first semester these last three weeks. As always, please encourage your children to work hard, study, and to be on their best behavior. Don't forget to check out the December issue of the Home & School Connection on our school website at <http://ies.carrollcountyschools.com>.

Wishing you a great season with family and friends! Safe travels to all of you. See you back in 2017.

Brad Corbett and Cecelia Brown

Congratulations to our November Terrific Titans



Lost and Found

Before leaving for the holiday break, please stop by our lost and found locations. Many "lost" coats, jackets, hats, scarves and lunchboxes will be found there. You may need these items over the break.

All remaining items will be donated to a local charity on 01/03/2017.



Yearbooks are on sale for \$25. Please send money to Mrs. Weaver in an envelope labeled with your child's name, homeroom teacher, and yearbook on the front.

Counselor Update

Chances are, technology is somewhere on your child's holiday wish list, and with a long break from school, there will probably be some free time for gaming and other technology use. This is a good time to consider ways to teach safe and responsible internet use.

The following resources are available to help you, as a parent, help your children enjoy technology in a safe and healthy way.

www.themoreyouknow.com/eBooks/: This free ebook brings parents up-to-speed on the basics and provides suggestions for helping you talk to your children about online safety.

<http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents> This website is a program of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The parent page helps parents learn how to protect their children from online risks. There are also interactive pages for young children, tweens, and teens, with videos and games designed to help promote online safety.

www.commonsemmedia.org This website provides a wealth of resources to help parents evaluate movies, books, apps, games, television, and much more.

The AR party is approaching quickly! The last day to earn AR points for the 2nd nine weeks is Wednesday, December 14th. The AR celebration will be a pajama day on Thursday, December 15th. Students who earn their points and have a clear library account will enjoy a movie and games to celebrate their hard work.



Jr. Beta News

IES Junior Beta is doing a great job this year! We are so blessed to have such a large number of dedicated and hard working students serving in Beta. The IES Beta Club packed 15 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and donated five bags of personal items to the women's shelter. They also served Thanksgiving Lunch like pros! Great Job Betas!



Nurse's Notes

They have arrived! Not Santa and his reindeer, I am talking about colds, flu and the stomach virus. Did you know that 80% of all infectious diseases are transmitted by touch? The most important thing you can do to prevent illness is to wash your hands! It is best to wash hands with cool to slightly warm water.

Using warm to hot water can cause irritation and inflammation of the skin. The CDC recommends washing the hands for at least 15 seconds, but it is ten times more effective if you wash your hands for 30 seconds. We teach the young children here to sing the ABC song or the Happy Birthday song to let them know they have washed their hands long enough.

Make sure you wash between your fingers, around your nails and wrists, and your thumbs. These are the most frequently missed areas! No soap and water near by? Get out the hand sanitizer! It can be just as effective as washing with soap and water, and it is much better than not washing your hands at all.



ATTENDANCE

CCRPI Attendance % for November: 13%