

Ithica Elementary School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

February 6

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

February 23

Jump Rope for Heart Day

February 26

PTSO - Testing Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Looking Ahead

March 5

Title I Parent Input Meeting
8:30 and 12:00 in Media
Center

March 6

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

March 8

Villa Rica Steam Night - 6PM
Villa Rica High School

Happy February... the month of love and kindness! We want to thank you for entrusting your wonderful children to us each day. We hope that you know that the faculty and staff of Ithica love and cherish each and every one of our Titans.

At Ithica Elementary, we are committed to teaching our Titans to demonstrate kindness within and outside the walls of our school. Our students just finished creating posters about the No Place for Hate promise to respect ALL people. These fabulous posters can be viewed on our Facebook page. This year alone, we have impacted our community through cookie deliveries to our first responders, a K-Kids sponsored food drive, a school wide Toys For Tots collection and our Student Council lead charity events for the Ronald McDonald House Atlanta, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the West Georgia Spay Neuter Clinic. We are so proud of these many acts of student sponsored kindness.

Go Team Titans!

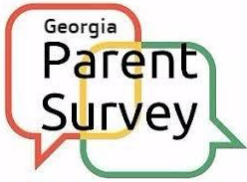
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Ithica Elementary is "No Place For Hate!" In January, we completed our first of three No Place For Hate projects promoting diversity and acceptance - a school wide poster contest! We received 72 amazing posters from students in all grade levels. These posters will be on display throughout the month donning banners for first, second, and third place, along with most unique, honorable mention, and a variety of other accolades. Continuing the theme of accepting and respecting all people, Ithica will celebrate Kindness Month in February. Our second project consists of the fourth and fifth grade No Place for Hate Student Leadership Teams joining the counselors to facilitate lessons about respecting differences and spreading kindness amongst our community. We look forward to the example they will set for their peers and the many students who look up to them. Along with our planned programming for Kindness Month, we encourage all of our Ithica family to join in by doing random acts of kindness for others.

Sincerely,

Julie Gordon, MSW and Dina Johnson, M.Ed
School Counselors



Please help us receive a School Climate Star Rating by taking the Georgia Parent Survey. The survey contains 24 questions and can be accessed from any personal computer, smartphone or tablet. Should you not have Internet access; tablets will be available in the front office for use during school hours. Survey can be found on the IES website or by visiting:

<http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>



Student Council would like to thank everyone who bought gum on National Bubble Gum Day. We raised \$365 that will be divided equally amongst St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Ronald McDonald House Atlanta. Thank you for supporting these great charities and our students here at IES!



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

All students are expected to bring an excuse for any absences on the next day of attendance. Students who are absent three or more days should provide formal documentation such as a doctor's excuse.

CCRPI Tidbit: 21.7% of our students have missed 6 or more days of school this school year.

Congratulations Janaury Terrific Titans



