

Ithica Elementary School Newsletter

January 10, 2017

Principal: Brad Corbett
Assistant Principal: Cecelia Brown



Ithica Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break. The New Year is always a great time for reflection. I encourage you to take the time to reflect with your child/children on how much they have accomplished in the last year. Acknowledging your child's accomplishments will help them focus on all of the positives in their lives.

Upcoming Events

January 16

No School
Martin Luther King Day

January 23

PTSO Meeting at 6:00 PM

Looking Ahead

February 7

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

February 10

Fairy Tale Ball
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM



If school is to be called off due to bad weather, announcements will be made on the radio stations in Carrollton (WBTR FM92, 105.5 and WLBB AM 1100) and also on Channel 2 television. Watch and listen for those announcements. School Messenger will also notify parents by phone regarding school closings

We would like to share with you one of Ithica's many accomplishments from last school year. In November, the Georgia Department of Education released our 2016 College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI). We scored an 86.9 which was over 15 points higher than the state average. Our score improved 12.9 points from the previous year. We are very proud of this accomplishment! Thank you to all of our stakeholders who helped make this possible.

We are Titan Tough!

Brad Corbett and Cecelia Brown

Congratulations December Terrific Titans



Home & School CONNECTION[®]

Working Together for School Success

January 2017

Ithica Elementary School



SHORT NOTES

Is my child over-scheduled?

Take a moment to review your youngster's after-school schedule together. While there's no magic number of activities that's right for every child, consider whether she has enough time to do homework and enjoy downtime. If one or more days each week are jam-packed, think about having her drop an activity.

School supply inventory

The year is halfway over! Your youngster's school supplies may be running low, so check if he needs more pencils, paper, or calculator batteries. You might also ask his teacher about shared items like tissues or glue. *Note:* Contact the school counselor if you need assistance in getting supplies for your child.

Good handwriting matters

Although your youngster will type more of her work as she gets older, it's still important for her written assignments to be legible. Also, she will be less apt to make math mistakes if she writes numbers clearly. Encourage her to take pride in completing her work neatly.

Worth quoting

"I know nothing in the world that has as much power as a word. Sometimes I write one, and I look at it until it begins to shine." *Emily Dickinson*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?

A: Lost.



Motivated to learn

What's the best way to keep your child inspired to learn? Help him learn to motivate himself! Raise a self-motivated youngster with this advice.

Point to the future

Your youngster may feel more motivated to learn something if he understands how it will be important later. Tell him about ways you use school subjects like math and writing at work. You might explain how you count the money in your cash register and compare it to sales receipts when your shift ends. Or show him advertisements that you helped to write or design.

Move on from mistakes

There are two ways to react to mistakes: Feel discouraged, or get motivated. Encourage your child to look at a mistake as an opportunity to succeed next time. If he made careless errors on a report, for example, he could proofread papers more



carefully in the future (take a break before proofing, read backward).

Celebrate hard work

Have your youngster find natural motivators when he is faced with a big job. For instance, he may plan to read a new mystery he's been looking forward to after finishing a challenging book for school. Or you might let him organize a fun family activity that's related to his science project—perhaps a visit to a cavern if his experiment involves minerals. ♥

Winter workouts

No matter what the weather, your family can stay active this winter. Try these ideas.

Sticky catch. Use gloves for more than keeping warm. Get Velcro circles with sticky backs (available at craft stores), a Wiffle ball, and a pair of knit gloves. Stick Velcro pieces all over the Wiffle ball. Each person wears one glove, leaving one hand free to throw. Go outside for a game of catch!

Fitness hunt. Ask each family member to draw and label pictures of physical activities (making snow angels, doing forward rolls). Hide the drawings, and race around trying to find them. When you spot one, do the activity five times. Then, hide that picture for someone else to find. ♥

