

Inverness Elementary School Newsletter

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“Committed to Academic Excellence”

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1/4-5 Teacher Workdays
- ◆ 1/6 Students Return
- ◆ 1/11 SCCSD Board Meeting @ 6pm
- ◆ 1/14 Data Night/Report Cards
- ◆ 1/14 PTA Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- ◆ 1/15 Donuts for Dads
- ◆ 1/18 MLK Holiday (No School)
- ◆ 1/25 Family Science Night @ 6 pm
- ◆ 1/29 Nutrition Workshop @ 8:45 am

Safety

Parents, if you are bringing your child in late to school, you **MUST** bring them into the school and sign them in. Please **DO NOT** drop them off and watch them enter the building from your car. Let's all work to keep our most precious gift, our students, safe!

Join the PTA!

Looking for a good new year's resolution? If you haven't already done so, please join the PTA. Your membership goes to support our class trips and school assemblies. It is not too late to join!

~ Beverly Gilmore

SHOUT OUT to the IES PTA for giving **ALL** students and staff members a gift card during our annual Christmas program!

Principal's Message

January is full of reflection and resolutions. Perhaps you're setting new goals or making new starts, me too. At the beginning of each year, I take time to consider past accomplishments and set goals for new ones. Being an educator, I have two "New Years" with the first coming in August as preparations for children returning to school moves to the forefront. Whether the goals set are in the summer or the winter, for my personal life or my career, for my happiness or my health they come down to the same principle—make a difference.

I want to thank everyone at IES for your continued support in your child's education. I firmly believe that academic success requires a partnership between school and home.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be going home with your child on Thursday, January 14. Please take time to sit down with your child and talk about the report card. Ask your child questions for clarification and let him/her know how proud you are of his/her accomplishments. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. Remember to focus on the positive and perhaps set one or two goals with your child for this next semester. It is very evident that the most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is the extent to which the student's family is able to create a home environment that encourages learning. Please continue to express high expectations for your child's achievement and future careers, and continue to be involved in your child's education at school and in our community. We appreciate your team effort. It makes a difference.

Change of address or phone number

We all have changes as the year goes on. It is **very important** that your child's emergency card is up to date. If you have had changes to phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts; make sure you let the school secretary know. **We need to be able to contact you in case of in an emergency.**



Inverness Elementary Text Messaging (Remind 101)

If you have not signed up for text messaging from us, please do so. Reminders and notifications about school events are sent by text. If you would like to receive texts from us, please text @msransomth to 81010 to join.

Dress Properly Cold weather is here!

It is important that the children are properly dressed. Please have your children wear winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens, and long pants. We want your children to be warm and healthy.



"WHY WASN'T I TOLD ABOUT THAT?"

We make many attempts to keep everyone informed of early dismissals, special events, changes in times, etc. Your part is to do the following:

1. CHECK BOOKBAGS/FOLDERS every night for notices and information.
2. READ THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR, noting all dates affecting your family.
3. LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE AUTOMATED CALLS. (Call the office if you are not receiving these.)
4. CHECK THE WEBSITE – www.ies.sunflower.k12.ms.us
5. CHECK THE ELECTRONIC SIGN when driving by the school.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER by Naomi Fant

January is National "Thank You" Month

January has been designated as National Thank You month! It is always good to thank people for acts of kindness, hard work, support, and even pushing us to be our best. As a school counselor, we should always thank our coworkers and parents for all they do to support us.

No Name Calling Week - January 18 – 22 - We hope that No Name-Calling Week will help all students consider the weight of the words they use, and make school a safer, healthier place for all of our children. We enthusiastically encourage your participation.

