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# INVERNESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## From the Principal

Happy New Year to all stakeholders of IES!

I welcome all students and parents back to school from holiday recess with renewed enthusiasm. I am confident that the new year will be a good one for the school community, students, and their families. I hope your families enjoyed the two weeks off and are rested and rejuvenated to jump right back into semester two. January is a month of reflections and new beginnings. **We have created a strategic plan to help us achieve our goal of becoming a SUCCESSFUL school.** Moreover, we are working on improving mindsets and making the impossible possible.

I ask you to join us as we celebrate learning, reflect on the growth and begin to imagine how far we can go as we set our expectations high and plan a path to reach them. Parents, this is a very important semester as students will be preparing for state assessments. With this in mind, **please assist us in reaching our goal by ensuring that your child is present and on time every day at 7:30 am.** Teachers will be implanting a plethora of skills and knowledge into our students to ensure that they experience success.

I would also like to remind parents that in an effort to protect instructional time, please schedule to meet with teachers during their planning periods or after school. You may obtain that information by calling the office as well as make an appointment. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Again, I would like to wish everyone prosperity and happiness in the New Year!

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## Upcoming Events

- ❖ 1/9-1/31 STAR Assessment (K-3)
- ❖ 1/12 PTA Meeting 5:30pm  
Report Card Pick-up 6pm-7pm  
1<sup>st</sup> day of the BB King Museum's Plant the Seed to Read Initiative (1<sup>st</sup> graders)
- ❖ 1/16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No School)
- ❖ 1/17 School Resumes
- ❖ 1/17-24 District Comprehensive Assessments
- ❖ 1/18 Nutrition Workshop 10am
- ❖ 1/19 Kindergarten Workshop 10am  
SCCSD Board Meeting 6pm
- ❖ 1/25 First Grade Workshop 10am
- ❖ 1/27 Family Fitness Night 5:30pm

Congratulations to all students who placed in IES's Reading Fair!!



Black Tie Event

*A special thanks to Mrs. Beverly Gilmore and IES's PTA for all of their support!*



## Counselor's Corner

As we start the New Year, it is a time to think about resolutions. New Year's Resolutions are not just for adults. It is important for kids to think about goals they would like to achieve in the coming year. Challenging your child to try new things, work harder and achieve goals can be a fun adventure you can go on together. Make your goals **SMART**. Here are some important tips when setting goals or resolutions with your child.

- 1) **Set Specific and realistic goals.** Encourage your child to pick one or two areas to work on. Make sure they know exactly what they want to accomplish. Example – read a new book each month.
- 2) **Measurable** – How will they know when they reached their goal?
- 3) **Achievable** - Make sure their goal is not too far to reach, but make it challenging.
- 4) **Relevant** – Link the goal to something important.
- 5) **Timely** - Have an idea of when you want to reach your goal. If it is longer term, have mini-goals along the way.

Post your goals as a reminder.

**Write them down.** Hang them somewhere visible as a reminder

I can be contacted via phone at [662-265-0011](tel:662-265-0011) and via email at [infant@sunflower.k12.ms.us](mailto:infant@sunflower.k12.ms.us). My office hours are **7:30 – 4:30 Monday – Thursday and 7:30 – 4:00 on Fridays**. Please feel free to call, email or simply stop by for you have any question concerns or anything that you feel my assistance may be of help to you and/ or your child.

## Parent Liaison's Corner

**Please take an active role in helping our school meet the needs of every child by joining our Parent Teacher Association. Inverness Elementary School's PTA meets every first Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M.**

As Parent Liaison, my goal is to assist every parent/family with their needs or concerns to ensure parents/families achieve the students' academic goals successfully. I am always open to suggestions, new ideas, and to inform you of service opportunities. I am also available to provide necessary resources and referrals, coordinate and inform the parents about events, classes, workshops. This information is shared with you via monthly newsletters and the school's call out system. Working together will help motivate students. I am looking forward to working with you throughout the remaining of this school year.

My days at Inverness Elementary School are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:00a.m. until 3:30p.m. The parent resource center is located in room 3.

### Homework Suggestions:

- Set a schedule and provide a quiet place for homework completion.
- Monitor distractions during homework time (phone, computer, TV). Review your Active Parent account nightly to be sure that all assignments are completed.
- Check in with your child to make sure he/she is keeping up with the schedule/deadline(s).

Inverness Elementary School is Committed to Academic Excellence

## LET'S CELEBRATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP SCORERS!!!

I-Ready Reading	I-Ready Math	STAR Reading	BM2 ELA
Grade K: Jhalen Patton 1 <sup>st</sup> Gr: Laila Jones 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr: Taylor Faint 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr: Kaitlyn Young 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Kourtney Clark 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Omarvion Clark 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Riley Buza 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Samaria Simpson 8A: Ja'Naudia Simpson 8B: Joshua Walker	Grade K: Omarya Wright 1 <sup>st</sup> Gr: Mia Gant 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr: Rainey Hamilton 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr: Kaitlyn Young 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Kourtney Clark 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Omarvion Clark 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Riley Buza 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Khalleecia Simpson 8A: Ja'Naudia Simpson 8B: Joshua Walker	Grade K: Serenity Appleberry 1 <sup>st</sup> Gr: Laila Jones 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr: Angel Kemp 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr: Khiyla Powell	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr: Kaitlyn Young 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Kourtney Clark 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Omarvion Clark 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Kyriana Norman & Jordan Price 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr: Don'neshya Moore 8A: Ja'Naudia Simpson 8B: Joshua Walker
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