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Inverness Elementary School

Message from the Principal

March is an exciting month for our students. It is the time of year when the sun shines bright, flowers bloom, the grass is all pretty and green, and the temperature is warmer. This is also the time of the year when students tend to misbehave the most. I encourage parents and families to talk to students about their behavior as this is also our most crucial time of the academic year.

After Spring Break, IES will be in test preparation mode full blast. Parents, it is very important that students are in attendance each day. I understand that this is the time of year when students experience illnesses such as the flu, but again I ask you to try and schedule all appointments for after 3:00 p.m.

Sincere thanks to all parents, guardians, and community members for your support! Remember, **IES's magic number is 330!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 03/2/2017 | PTA Meeting@5:30p.m. |
| 03/10/2017 | @10:00a.m. Pre K Grade Level Workshop |
| 03/10/2017 | PTA Family Movie & Popcorn Night @ 5:00p.m. |
| 03/22/2017 | Family Literacy Game Night @5:30p.m. |
| 03/23/2017 | Report Card Pickup @4:00-6:00p.m. |
| 03/23/2017 | Bullying/Character Building Workshop@ 9a.m. |
| | Spring Health Fair Screening @4:00-6:00p.m. |
| 03/29/2017 | Fourth Grade Level Workshop @ 10:00a.m. |
| 03/30/2017 | Fifth Grade Level Workshop @ 10:00a.m. |

New Stage Theatre Arts in Education Program

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi chose Inverness Elementary as the school to sponsor two free live plays performed by **New Stage Theatre** of Jackson, MS. What an experience for the students and staff of IES! Pre-K-4 students saw *The Selfish Giant* by Oscar Wilde. Students in grades 5th-8th saw *Oh Freedom! The Story of the Underground Railroad* by Peter Manos. In addition to the plays, Entergy sponsored a workshop on character analysis for our third grade students also conducted by New Stage Theatre. This workshop was an extension of what students were currently learning in their ELA classroom-Character. So not only was this a fun experience for students, but educational as well. Study guides packed with pre and post activities were provided for teachers to use with students. In addition to enjoying the shows, our students served as ambassadors for the guests, participated in the question/answer sessions with the cast, and the photo shoots. **A heartfelt thank you to Blue Cross Blue Shield, Entergy, and New Stage Theatre for selecting Inverness Elementary as honorees of such a noble event!**



Counselor's Corner

Happy March! I am sure we are all feeling stressed right now because we are getting ready for MAP Assessment, participating in schoolwide events, and just managing the day-to-day issues that come up.

Remember that I am always here to help. I enjoy knowing what is happening in your classrooms. While I may not be able to spend all the time I'd like to with your students, I will do my absolute best to meet your needs.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to stop by my office, drop me an email at nfant@sunflower.k12.ms.us, or call me @ 662-265-0011.



Shout Out to Mrs. Alberta Johnson and her 3rd-5th grade students who created their very own Black History "Entrepreneur" Projects!!



**IES's 2016-2017
Teacher of the Year**



Linda Stapleton
6th-8th ELA

Linda Stapleton has been in the education field for 33 years and she has been at Inverness Elementary for 25 of those years. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Mississippi Valley State University. She prides herself in making sure students receive the best education possible!

Teacher of the Month



Alberta Johnson
3rd-5th Grade
Science & Social Studies

Staff of the Month



Elizabeth Ballard-Steen
Secretary

Parent Liaison's Corner

Tips for Parents

Parental involvement is critical to the success of students in school. Getting involved in your child's school will show him or her that you know school is important to them. Below are some ways to get involved.

- Join the PTA
- Attend activities in which your child /children participate--field trips, school performances, student exhibits, etc.
- Encourage your child's teacher to contact you on a regularly about his or her academic progress.
- If the teacher doesn't contact you, contact the teacher periodically, to see how things are going. This will remind the teacher how much you value your child's education.
- Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HOMELESS STUDENTS In many cases, when a family becomes homeless one result is that the children stop attending school. The SCCSD recognizes the importance of education to all children and has policy 501.7 that addresses the needs of homeless children. This policy provides a process for homeless students to continue to be educated despite the challenges they face. Should you become aware of families who are homeless and it appears the children are not attending school, please contact the school. Your call could be of great assistance to these families.

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

The Faculty, Staff, and Students at Inverness showed gratitude to those who made a way for us all to be where we are today!

