

Inverness Elementary School Newsletter

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“Committed to Academic Excellence”

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Principal's Message

Is it October already? The temperatures are finally cooler, the leaves are changing, and the children have one thing on their minds: lots and lots of candy! As principal, I also hope they have lots and lots of learning on their minds as school is in full swing. I would like to inform you of our heavy emphasis upon improving vocabulary this year. We know that the stronger your child's vocabulary, the more likely he or she is to become a better reader, improve in all subjects, and be more successful in future endeavors. October brings many exciting activities to our school, and I hope you will take a look at our calendar and join us for some of them. We must all continue to work as a team and Believe in Success for each and every one of our children.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10/3-7 First Nine Weeks Tests
- ◆ 10/6 PTA Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- ◆ 10/10 Fall Break (No School)
- ◆ 10/11 Fall Break (Teacher Workday)
- ◆ 10/13 Report Cards
- ◆ 10/20 IES Breast Cancer Awareness Day
- ◆ 10/20 Nutrition Workshop @ 9am
- ◆ 10/27 Truancy Workshop/Fly Zone @ 5:30pm

Red Ribbon Week

October 24-October 28



Monday – “Peace Out to Drugs!” Wear tie-die shirt or colorful shirt with uniform bottom.

Tuesday - “I Pledge to be Drug Free” - Wear a RED shirt with uniform bottoms and sign Drug-Free pledge.

Wednesday - “Tune out Drugs and Tune into Learning” - Students will bring earphones or wear the headphones in the computer lab while they are completing i-Ready lessons.

Thursday - “Shade out Drugs” – Wear sunglasses with uniform.

Friday - “Lei Off Drugs” Students will receive a red lei to wear.



Royalty

Mr. & Miss IES

Congratulations to Akeyra Taylor for being crowned as MISS IES 2016-2017 and Sylvester Washington as Mr. IES 2016-2017. They were featured in the Gentry Coronation on Wednesday, September 21st.

Project Fit America Training

Inverness Elementary School held a Project Fit America Regional Training in conjunction with Blue Cross Blue Shield on Thursday, September 29, 2016. The purpose of the training was for physical education teachers in the Mississippi Delta to experience the exciting aspects of the Project Fit America curriculum and outdoor equipment.

WAY TO GO COACH BRUCE!



BIG SHOUT OUT to Mrs. Carolyn Hamilton and Mrs. Shelia Rush for reading to the IES Pre- K to 2nd grade students during our Accelerated Reader Kickoff Week!

We really appreciated your presence!!!!!!



National School Lunch Week October 10 – 14

As we celebrate National School Lunch Week, take a minute and thank your School Nutrition Staff for their hard work providing for all the children in our school district. They work tirelessly to provide good nutrition to our children while following rigid guidelines.

Greetings from the Parent Center

I am available at IES on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 7:00am to 3:30pm. I am looking forward to our continuous journey through the school year.

Tips for Parents

- **Make sure he or she arrives to school on time.**
- **Help with homework**
- **Establish a relationship with your child's teacher and school supervisor.**
- **Talk to your child about what he or she wants to be when they grow up and what it takes to get there.**
- **Most importantly. Provide a loving, supportive and safe environment at home that fosters healthy communication and study habits.**

Beverly Gilmore, Parent Liaison

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Guidance Lessons this cycle will focus on making good choices, not giving in to peer pressure, and being an Up standers. Peer pressure begins at an early age and kids need the skills say no to healthy and unkind behaviors.

Parent: *What can I say to my child about not giving in to peer pressure?*

Counselor: *Making good decisions independently is hard enough as kids get older, and kids are surrounded by peer influences. You can remind your child that it's normal to listen to and learn from other friends in their peer group, and some peers have a really positive influence, but it is up to your child to make safe and healthy choices instead of giving in to bad influences. It is a hard thing to say no, but see if they have at least one other friend who can join your child in walking away from peer pressure. Have someone else willing to say "no" will take the power away from the peer pressure and possibly make it easier to resist. Remind your child that, if he or she continues to face peer pressure, talking to a trusted adult can help him or her feel better. You can role play how to say no or how to come up with an alternative response and walk away from a situation that may get your child in trouble. Peer pressure is tough for, but the more you talk about and practice with them, hopefully the easier it will become to say no in the future! Check out kidshealth.org for more great tips!*

Naomi Fant-Ivory, Counselor