

Inverness Elementary School Newsletter

September 2015

"Committed to Academic Excellence"

Principal's News

I can't believe it's already September! Students and staff have been busy this past month building relationships, establishing expectations and learning. From the first day of school, teachers and students have been hard at work. During Open House the halls were alive with families and students eager to show off their work. Open House was a huge success! I can't thank parents and staff enough for your involvement in our community. The way we partner together has a direct impact on our students.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 9/1/15 Title I Parent Meeting (6pm)
- ◆ 9/7/15 Labor Day (No School)
- ◆ 9/11/15 Progress Reports Sent Home
- ◆ 9/11/15 Grandparents' Day Luncheon
- ◆ 9/17/15 PTA Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- ◆ 9/22/15 Nutrition Workshop @ 8:45 AM
- ◆ 9/1-9/3 MKAS Readiness Pretest (Grades Pre-K & K)
- ◆ 9/8-9/11 BOY-Beginning -of-Year Universal Screening (Grades 4-10)

Attendance Incentive Program

Our Attendance Incentive Program for the 2015 - 2016 school year will focus on decreasing the number of student absences from school each day. We are in hopes that if we provide incentives to the students, they will want to and attend school each and every day. Students who have not missed a day at school during the month of August will have their names put into a drawing to receive two free tickets to the Gentry/Ruleville football game.

Grandparent's Day Luncheon

We will be inviting grandparents to join us for our Grandparent's Day Meal. This year our celebration will be on Friday, September 11th during the lunch hour. Please see our Parent Liaison, Beverly Gilmore for details. We hope to see you here!



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IES in collaboration with Project Fit America is creating exemplary Fitness in Education! The Project Fit America grant provides Inverness Elementary with state-of-the-art fitness equipment specifically designed to address the deficit areas where children fail fitness tests; indoor fitness equipment; a dynamic curriculum with games, activities and challenges for kids with outdoor/indoor equipment. In addition, the program will teach character development, sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership skills.

Thanks to our PE/Health Instructor Coach Kelli Bruce for her work on this grant. A celebration is being planned.

Mr. & Miss IES

Congratulation to Khalsey Phillips for being named as our 2015-2016 Miss IES. Also Datravion Franklin is the new 2015-2016 Mr. IES. Look for them in the Gentry coronation and homecoming parade.



Counselor's Corner

Inverness Elementary has a full-time counselor! I am thrilled to be working in one building this year assisting students, families and staff. I will be giving classroom lessons, one-on-one counseling and small group counseling. Please contact me if you have any concerns on your child's academic, social, or emotional well-being when interfering

Parents as Partners: Teaching your Child Student Success Skills

You have many opportunities to serve as a resource for your child to help him/her learn, develop positive habits and improve achievement. Use some of these suggestions to offer valuable support to your child's education.

Challenge: Organizing materials for the next day.

Suggestions: Pack backpacks and gather needed materials before bedtime.

Put packed, zipped backpacks in a grab and go location.

Challenge: Homework completion.

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).

Choose a work strategy: doing small parts on school nights or using longer blocks of time on weekends.

Challenge: Test Nights

Suggestions: Remind your child to begin studying in advance.

Suggest chunking the study material into small, manageable parts.

Be a study partner. Offer to quiz your child on class notes/review sheets.

Homecoming Week 2015

Homecoming week will be from September 28th to October 2nd.

Monday – Super Hero vs Super Villain Day

Tuesday – Fashion Disaster Day

Wednesday – Camouflage Day

Thursday – College Day

Friday – Maroon & White Day



POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS & SUPPORT PROGRAM

Positive Behavior Supports (PBIS) is a nationally recognized program that will be in place at Inverness Elementary this year. PBIS programs help students learn behaviors that are expected of them at school. This is accomplished by purposely teaching school behaviors just like teaching academic skills. School wide behavioral expectations at Inverness revolve around being SAFE, OUTSTANDING, ACCOUNTABLE and RESPECTFUL learners. Students are instructed in what safety, responsibility and respect looks like across all settings at school (i.e. classroom, hallways, lunchroom, playgrounds and bathrooms). School staff will acknowledge positive student behaviors as they are observed at school with the use of specific praise and by using "HAWK BUCKS". HAWK BUCKS are tickets that represent our school mascot, the Hawk, and will be given to individual students or classrooms that demonstrate appropriate school behaviors. Students and classrooms can accumulate bucks for individual privileges and classroom celebrations. Outcomes for schools utilizing PBS practices include decreased discipline problems, increased academic achievement and improved school safety.

MEDICATIONS

We do not dispense medications of any type (prescription, cough medicine, aspirin, etc.) without a parent's signature. In the interest of efficiency, physician's signatures are not required when PRESCRIPTION medications are brought to school IN THE PRESCRIPTION CONTAINER with directions and a current date. The written instructions on the container must correspond with the instructions parents give the school. We will still need to have a MEDICATION FORM filled out by the parent to retain on file for the school year. We will not accept any medication brought to the school in baggies or any container other than the original prescription bottle. CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING ANY MEDICATION TO SCHOOL WITH THEM. PARENTS MUST BRING ANY MEDICATION (EVEN OVER THE COUNTER MEDS) TO THE OFFICE.