

INDIAN CREEK C.U.S.D. #425
NEWSLETTER
AUGUST, 2010

DISCLOSURE OF FEDERAL PARTICIPATION (STEVENS AMENDMENT):

Projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal grant money must credit the federal government for the federal government's portion of the financial support. This notice informs the public that the use of federal dollars in Indian Creek Community School District #425 meets the Stevens Amendment requirement. Staff development opportunities, resource purchases and personnel have been funded in whole or in part with federal entitlement dollars.

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW (NCLB): The No Child Left Behind Act of 2000 requires all Title I schools to notify parents of all children in all Title I schools that they have the right to request and receive timely information on the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. Upon request, information provided includes: 1) Whether the teacher has met state qualifying and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher is teaching; 2) whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional statute through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; 3) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, including the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and 4) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and if so, their qualifications. Should you wish to make a request, please make that request to the school office and the information will be available within ten days. Because of privacy issues, no personal information about an individual will be provided.

NEWSLETTER REQUESTS: The Indian Creek School District newsletter can still be read online at indiancreekschools.org. Find the district webpage and select Newsbrief on the left menu. Special newsbriefs will still be mailed to the entire district population especially the "back-to-school issues". If you would like to receive a hard copy (and haven't already contacted the district office last school year) or if you were on the list from last year and no longer wish to receive a hard copy, you can call Mrs. Loes at 815/824-2197, FAX your information to her at 815/824-2199, or mail in your information on the form below:

Please send me the Newsbrief: (I didn't request a copy last school year)

Name _____

Address _____

Please return to Mrs. Gail Loes, Indian Creek C.U.S.D. #425, 506 S. Shabbona Road, Shabbona, IL 60550 by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010.

SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 16: Indian Creek C.U.S.D. #425 will begin the new school year for all first grade through high school students on Monday, August 16, 2010. Kindergarteners will start on Wednesday, August 18. Students should have appropriate supplies when they arrive on August 16.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION: Indian Creek High School will host a freshman orientation on Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. All incoming freshman and their parents are required to attend.

BUS ROUTES: Bus routes will be the same times as last year. Students should be ready and waiting for the bus 5-10 minutes early. Students new to the district who are eligible for bus transportation or those who have moved and were on a bus route and are eligible for bus transportation should contact the school their child will be attending on or after August 5. The bus drivers will be calling new students after August 9 with the time the bus will be arriving. Middle school and elementary school students riding the shuttle from the high school to Waterman should be at the high school by 8 a.m. if they are not regular route bus riders. High school students riding the shuttle from the middle school to the high school should also be at the middle school by 8 a.m.

FROM THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT: Parents/guardians: If you have children riding buses or vans in our transportation system and you need to give your bus driver a message, you may call Coral Sanders, Transportation Coordinator at
815/739-6177

and leave a message on the voice mail if she doesn't answer. If you need to let your bus driver know that your child will not be needing a ride in the morning, please call Coral BEFORE 6:30 A.M. If a message is left after 6:30 a.m., we cannot guarantee that the driver will be notified in time. Please give your child's name and address and also the bus number and driver's name. This is for ALL bus routes plus van routes.

Also, be informed that other students may not ride with friends on a bus unless it has been approved by the bus driver and the office of the student's home school at least 24 hours in advance. The driver must also have a permission slip written and signed by a parent before a child will be permitted to ride. Several of our buses do not have the extra seating space so it is imperative to check with the bus driver.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKING U.S. AND/OR WORLD HISTORY: Students taking the above class with Mr. Farnsworth during the 2010-11 school year will need the following supplies: a 1" three ring binder, 1 pack of five divider tabs (please do not label the tabs, this will be done in class), and 1 pack of looseleaf paper. Please have these supplies ready on the first day.

HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS: Art students will need a folder (for art only), a felt tip pen, and a pencil pouch.

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS: A reminder to start saving labels from Campbell's soups, Swanson products, V8 products, Franco-American products, Prego spaghetti sauce, Pace Picante sauce, and Pepperidge Farm products. Both elementary schools in the district redeem these labels for educational purposes. There is also a box at Wisted's Country Market in Shabbona to place the labels.

CAPS FOR CASH PROGRAM: Shabbona Elementary saves the caps for cash milk caps from Swiss Valley milk and orange juice products. There is a collection box at Wisted's Country Market in Shabbona to place the caps.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION: Both elementary schools are also saving Labels for Education from cereals.

INSUFFICIENT FUND CHECKS: The following will occur whenever any individual writes a check to the Indian Creek School District which is not honored upon presentation to the respective bank or other depository institution for any reason:

1. The Superintendent or designee will contact the individual by telephone as soon as the check is returned to the District. The individual will be asked to pay the returned check and the \$25 returned check fee.
2. If the amount due is not paid after initial contact, the Superintendent or designee will send a letter by certified mail, return receipt requested, demanding payment within 30 days of mailing the letter.
3. If the amount due is not paid within 30 days of mailing the demand letter, the Superintendent or a designee will contact the school attorney for further collection action.

This is policy 4:45-R of the Indian Creek Board of Education.

HOT LUNCH MENUS AND FEES: Menus for August and September will be available at each school building. Please note the new lunch fees:

Grades K-5	\$2.25
Grades 6-12	\$2.45
Milk only	.30
Kindergarten snack fee (for <u>both</u> elementary schools)	\$40

MARKET DAY: Both elementary schools have Market Day, which is a monthly program in which families or individuals may purchase frozen or fresh food products. Contact Shabbona Elementary or Waterman Elementary schools for more information.

WELCOME: Indian Creek District #425 would like to welcome the following new staff and coaches for the 2010-11 school year that were hired through the July Board of Education meeting:

Jamie Gibson – district nurse

Keith Haag – girls golf coach

Brandon Jackson – middle school baseball coach

E.P.A. ASBESTOS NOTICE: Indian Creek School District #425 has an asbestos management plan. It is available for public inspection at the school district office at 506 S. Shabbona Road in Shabbona.

OMEGA PEST CONTROL DATES: The buildings are usually sprayed the last Wednesday of the month when children are not in session.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS: The Board of Education will meet in the high school media center at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates for the 2010-2011 school year:

Monday, August 16	Monday, September 20
Monday, October 18	Monday, November 15
Monday, December 20	Monday, January 17
Monday, February 28	Monday, March 21
Monday, April 18	Monday, May 16
Monday, June 20	

REMINDERS:

Middle school baseball practice begins on August 2 at the middle school
Middle school and high school volleyball and soccer practice will begin on August 11.
Times and places for practices will be posted on the www.ictwolves.com website when they become available.

Please remember that in order to practice, all athletes need a current physical or they will not be able to practice or participate. Athletes may not play in any competitions until fees and athletic paperwork are turned in.

Middle school open house is Thursday, August 12 beginning with an open house at 6:30 p.m. for all middle schoolers followed by the 6th grade orientation. The evening will end at 7:45 p.m.

High school fall sports picture day is Wednesday, August 25. Coaches will distribute the packets to the athletes.

High school picture day is Thursday, September 2. Senior picture retakes will also be on that day. Information and packets will be given to the students.

CONGRATULATIONS! Jacquelyn Prestegaard was recognized as a Top Ten Chapter Reporter in the state of Illinois at the F.F.A. Convention. The award recognizes outstanding and consistent reporting efforts of chapter reporters and is sponsored by *Illinois Agri-News*. The Indian Creek F.F.A. Chapter was recognized as the Section 6 winner of the American Heritage Award and the Cooperative Activities Award at the Illinois F.F.A. Convention in June. Chapters that received this award are recognized as having programs that promote citizenship in the chapter, school and community and an understanding of cooperatives. Members of the winning F.F.A. chapters participated in a tour of Washington, D.C.