

October 1, 2010

Greetings,

Each year during early autumn, our school district holds its annual Homecoming celebration.

If you were to look in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary for the definition of "Homecoming", you would note the following phrases: "a return home", "the return of a group of people especially on a special occasion to a place formerly frequented or regarded as home", and "an annual celebration for alumni". Homecoming at Indian Creek has always incorporated the traditions of wearing red and black, window painting that urged our athletic teams on to victory, participating in activities such as a pep assembly, a bonfire, and a dance, and cheering at both our volleyball and soccer matches. It is the word tradition that is important here.

Again according to Webster's dictionary, the word "tradition" was first used in the 14th century. It is derived from Latin and French words that mean the "action of handing over". A tradition is the preservation from one generation to the next of an established or customary pattern of thought, action or behavior. It provides cultural continuity of a custom.

During our 2010 Homecoming, Indian Creek started a new tradition. For the first time ever our school district sponsored and held a Homecoming parade. While organizing this parade was a new venture for us, it was truly touching to me to see how everyone worked together to accomplish this for our students. With the success of this year's parade, we are already looking forward to next year's procession.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone immensely who helped us in this very successful endeavor.

Sincerely,
Pamela R. Rockwood
Superintendent

INDIAN CREEK STUDENTS IN THE 2011 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

PROGRAM: Principal Sarah Montgomery of Indian Creek High School, announced during the homecoming assembly that Kathleen Chester and Calvin Herrmann have been named Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented to these scholastically talented seniors at a recent assembly.

About 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2011 competition for national merit scholarships, commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the 2009 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named commended students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success”.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Indian Valley Vocational Center (IVVC) recently named its September Students of the Month. This recognition program spotlights students from its 14 onsite programs and cosmetology, fire science and hospitality management, selected by the program instructors for qualities such as outstanding professional work, enthusiasm, attendance, initiative and demonstrated work ethic. Each IVVC program can select a different student each month for special recognition and an award certificate. September Students of the Month from

Indian Creek were:

Culinary Arts – Tom Kallas

Graphic Communications – Brittany Seldal

Law Enforcement – Tyler Foster

IVVC is owned and operated by eleven school districts: Earlville, Hinckley-Big Rock, Indian Creek, Leland, Newark, Paw Paw, Plano, Sandwich, Serena, Somonauk, and Yorkville.

PRESCHOOL SCREENING: Indian Creek School District will be conducting screenings for children birth through 5 years old who are not in kindergarten and who are NOT eligible for kindergarten in the 2011-12 school year. The screening process should take about 45 minutes and parents should expect to complete a questionnaire on their child’s health and social development. In addition to screening pre-academic ability, a vision and hearing screening will also be done for children 3-5 years old. The first screening will be October 21 at Shabbona Elementary from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for 3 to 5 years old. Please call 815/824-8257 to schedule all appointments. **ALL SCREENINGS ARE DONE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING: Vision and hearing screenings will be done, as mandated, for the following children:

Hearing: Pre-K, Kindergarten, first through third grades, special education students, new students, and teacher referrals.

Vision: Pre-K, Kindergarten (if no vision exam is on file), 2nd grade, special education students, new students, and teacher referrals.

Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months and that evaluation is on file at the school. This notice is not permission to test and is not required to be returned. Vision screening is not an option. If a vision examination report is not on file at the school for your child, your child in the mandated grade/group/age will be screened.

Jamie Gibson, R.N.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: On October 7, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. a meeting conducted by Indian Creek School District will take place at Shabbona Elementary in the conference room. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2010-11 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Indian Creek School District, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Jennifer Darlinger, Office of Student Services at 815/824-8257.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON: The 7th and 8th grade boys basketball season is upon us again. We would like to welcome Mr. Luke Anderson as the 7th grade boys coach. Mr. Scott McClure will coach the 8th grade boys basketball team again. Practice will begin on Thursday, October 7 after school from 3:30 to 5:10 p.m. There will be a shuttle bus that will pick up Lee, Shabbona and Rollo participants at 5:15 p.m. and drop them off at the high school at 5:30 p.m.

7th and 8th grade basketball players and cheerleaders must have an athletic physical, insurance waiver, athletic code, and athletic fee on file at the middle school office before they will be allowed to practice. Both coaches held a meeting for players interested in coming out for basketball before the first practice began. During this meeting, participants received a day-by-day practice and game schedule.

The Sports Boosters will again sponsor the 25th Indian Creek Tip-Off Classic boys basketball tournament. The 8th grade boys basketball team will participate. The tournament begins Monday, October 18 and goes through Friday, October 22. Teams and times will be announced shortly. Please come out and support Indian Creek, the Booster Club, and enjoy some early season basketball action!

Coach Scott McClure

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR:

College Representative Visits: Representatives from a number of different schools will visit Indian Creek this fall. Students planning to attend college need specific information to assist them in comparing one school to another. Juniors and seniors can speak to these representatives. Seniors should make a visit with their parents to the campus of their top picks. Many colleges are holding open houses during days that high schools are not in session.

College Night: Kishwaukee Community College in Malta will be hosting its college night on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. College representatives will provide information about their post-secondary institutions.

ACT and SAT Dates: ACT and SAT are both college entrance exams. ACT has been more widely used in the Midwest than SAT, but most colleges accept scores from either. Some students take both tests, as they are slightly different in approach, and a student may score higher on one than the other. College bound students generally take the ACT in April of their junior year. Seniors who have not yet submitted scores to colleges should take the exams this fall, or they can re-take them if they would like to try to improve last year's score. Students can obtain registration materials for the tests from Mr. Lindley.

ACT Test Dates for 2010-11:

December 11, 2010	<i>Deadline:</i> November 5, 2010
February 12, 2011	<i>Deadline:</i> January 7, 2011
April 9, 2011	<i>Deadline:</i> March 4, 2011
June 11, 2011	<i>Deadline:</i> May 6, 2011

SAT Test Dates for 2010-2011:

November 6, 2010	<i>Deadline:</i> October 8, 2010
December 4, 2010	<i>Deadline:</i> November 5, 2010
January 22, 2011	<i>Deadline:</i> December 23, 2010
March 12, 2011	<i>Deadline:</i> February 11, 2011
May 7, 2011	<i>Deadline:</i> April 8, 2011
June 4, 2011	<i>Deadline:</i> May 6, 2011

Please check the daily announcements and/or become a friend of the T-Wolves guidance webpage on Facebook for the most up-to-date information on scholarships and news from the guidance office.

Career Cruising: Career Cruising is an internet-based career guidance and portfolio development system. The system provides career interest and work skills assessment, in-depth occupation profiles, multimedia interviews with nearly 1,100 employees in over 550 occupational areas, comprehensive information on over 4,000 technical schools, colleges and universities nationwide, a career portfolio, and printable lesson plans, assignments, and worksheets. The career and skills assessments provide students with clear and helpful personal feedback. To login, go to www.careercruising.com. The username is Indian. The password is Creek. We hope you find this to be a useful tool when planning your child's future. This system was granted for three years to our school from VALEES (Valley Education for Employment System).

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION: Nominating petition forms for the April 5, 2011 school board election in Indian Creek C.U.S.D. #425 are now available. Forms may be picked up in the district office at 506 S. Shabbona Road, Shabbona on any business day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Candidate's petitions must be filed in the same office no earlier than 8 a.m. on Monday, December 13 and no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, December 20.

Candidates' names will appear on the election ballot by township in the order in which their nominating papers are received in the secretary's office.

Candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April, 2015. There is also one two year unexpired term that will expire in April, 2013. Some persons may be ineligible for Board of Education membership by reason of other public offices held or certain types of state or federal employment.

To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a registered voter, and a resident of the state of Illinois and

the school district for at least one year immediately preceding the election. Elections are nonpartisan and board candidates do not indicate a political party affiliation. Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest limitations set forth in state law.

Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 50 voters residing within the district.

Further information on becoming a candidate may be obtained by contacting Gail Loes, Superintendent's Administrative Assistant, 506 S. Shabbona Road, Shabbona, IL 60550 or by calling her at 815/824-2197.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS DAY: School Board Members Day is November 15, 2010. More information will be coming in the November Newsbrief.

INDIAN CREEK GOLF: The varsity golf team recently won the Little Ten Conference Tournament on September 22 at Hughes Creek Golf course. Medal winners were: Alex Bremner – 2nd, Matt Reynolds – 3rd, Josh Johnson – 8th, and Ian Anderson – 10th. The team will be competing in the Putnam County Regional on October 5 in McNabb. The team is currently 12-6. Dave Olson, Coach

N.H.S. BLOOD DRIVE: Students who are 17 or older and interested in donating blood on Tuesday, November 2 for the NHS blood drive, please see a National Honor Society member or Mr. Farnsworth to sign up. Students who are 16 may also donate provided they fill out an official permission slip prior to the blood drive. These slips will available in the main office and must be turned in to Mr. Farnsworth.

Community members, faculty and staff members who would like to donate during the day or planning period should contact Mr. Farnsworth at the high school (815/824-2197).

The blood drive will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2 in the high school gym. All donors need a photo i.d. and are reminded there are guidelines as to tattoos and body piercing. These guidelines are available at http://www.heatlandbc.org/donating_qual.html. Thanks for your donation for a worthwhile cause.

INDIAN CREEK SPORTS BOOSTERS: There will be a Sports Booster meeting Wednesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. in the ICHS faculty room. All ICMS and ICHS parents are invited and encouraged to attend booster meetings. Future meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. Thank you to everyone who helped at the Indian Creek homecoming festivities!!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS: Homecoming 2010 was a huge success. This year's theme "Life's a Game" provided plenty of creative dress up opportunities for ICHS students and faculty alike. Spirit week's dress-up day percentages were:

	Freshman	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Faculty
Monday	11%	23%	26%	28%	25%
Tuesday	17%	30%	15%	45%	46%
Wednesday	12.5%	21%	27%	35%	46%
Thursday	30%	29%	32%	38%	39%
Friday	86%	68%	94%	88%	100%

On Friday, September 24 Student Council members planned and hosted the “all school picnic”. All students received a grilled hamburger or hot dog for lunch prepared by the kitchen staff, Mr. Mertz, Mr. Muchmore, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Lindley. After lunch students participated in the following activities: the slam dunk competition was won by Seth Sanderson with Alex Bremner runner-up. The tug-of-war winners for girls and boys were seniors, however the faculty beat the senior boys in the final tug-of-war. Three teachers took a pie in the face: Mr. Bell, Mr. Farnsworth, and Ms. Novotney. After the picnic, students went inside for the all school pep rally where the high school band played. The first-ever annual \$1.98 beauty contest was held in which contestants included senior boys participating in a fall sport. This year’s winner was Clayton Peterson. All contestants were wonderful participants. On Friday night the varsity volleyball team won 2-0 against Putnam County. The sophomore volleyball team was also victorious going 2-0 as well. The student section was packed with enthusiastic fans making this year’s homecoming a success.

The freshman homecoming court nominees were: Garrett Post, Noah Holm, Taylor Johnson, Tess Wilson, Kristin McRoberts, and Shelby Kroeschel. The sophomore homecoming court nominees were: Aaron Bolton, Jake Bjorneby, Mitch Lave, Alyssa Arends, Kortnie Berg, and Kate Thuestad. Junior homecoming court nominees were: Christian Deutsch, Gabe Warden, Logan Clanin, Sydney Bend, Kendal Baker, Emilee Myers, and Nina Yegoiants. Senior homecoming nominees were Kenny Brown, Alex Bremner, Seth Sanderson, Natalie Harper, Anna Stiker, and Lauren Anderson.

Those who were voted on homecoming court were:

Freshman – Garrett Post and Tess Wilson

Sophomores – Aaron Bolton and Alyssa Arends

Juniors – Christian Deutsch and Sydney Bend

Senior King – Kenny Brown

Senior Queen – Natalie Harper

The students finished up the weekend with a dance on Saturday night. All in all, it was a fun, exciting, and safe weekend.

Josh Johnson, Secretary
I.C.H.S. Student Council



**Waterman Elementary School's
Family Reading Night
"Reading Round-Up at Wild, Wild, W.E.S."**

Roundin' up all students and their families!

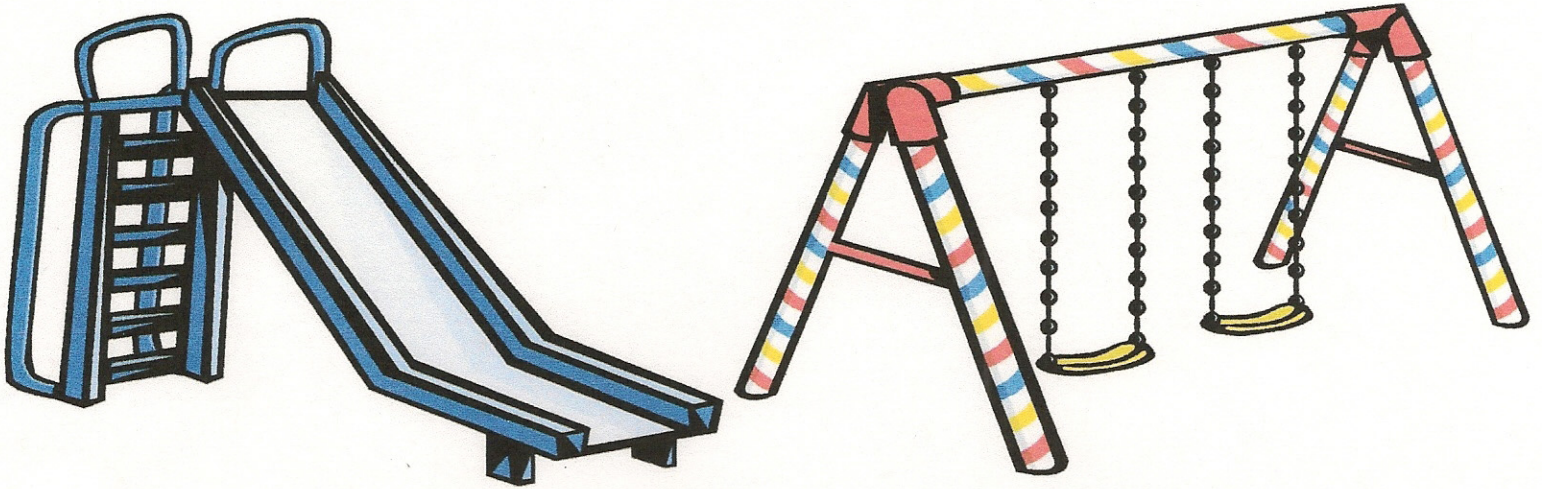
This year the Waterman Elementary School will celebrate a very special "Family Reading Night" on **Thursday, November 18, 2010**. Our students, families and community members are invited to turn off the T.V. and come to **W.E.S. from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** This will be an evening of entertainment and fun in celebration of reading and "The Wild, Wild, West" which is our school-wide theme of this year. Families attending will be able to choose from sessions that are geared to all ages and which relate to that special theme. There will be gift bags and door prizes at the end of the evening.

Family Reading Night is a statewide event sponsored by the Illinois Secretary of State/State Librarian's office. The office states "Celebrate reading with your family- make every night a Family Reading Night!"

**Mark your calendar for a Rip Roarin' fun night at W.E.S. on
November 18th!**



HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT WATERMAN ELEMENTARY



Waterman Elementary School
220 North Maple

Fay's Drive-Thru Pork Chop Bar-B-Que Fundraiser for new Playground Equipment

Friday, October 15, 2010
Serving from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

2 Pork Chops \$12
Combination \$12
(1/4 Chicken & 1 chop)
1/2 Chicken \$12

Including:
Baked Beans, Coleslaw,
Applesauce, Roll/Butter

For tickets, please contact Waterman Elementary School - 815-264-3351

