

September 13, 2010

Greetings,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! I hope that this new school year has had a wonderful start for each and every one of you. Each year, as we begin a new school year, I am energized by the prospect of greeting people who are new to our district and welcoming the energy that they bring. I always look forward to welcoming back people who have worked here and hearing about new wisdom that they have gained during the summer. Finally, it's our students who I am truly excited to see. It is so rewarding to watch our younger students as they enter our buildings for the first time, with their eyes wide open and eager to learn, as well as our returning students who demonstrate, hopefully, how they, too, have grown over the summer.

While every school year is unique in its own right, this year is probably a most unique year. If you have listened to the news this summer regarding the state of Illinois' financial situation, you will know that this is the first time in the history of the state that it has finished in as dire of a fiscal situation as it is in now. By the end of June 30, 2010, our state was behind in reimbursing our school district by over \$650,000, which was for services that were provided in 2008-2009. As late as July 12, 2010, in his weekly message, state superintendent Dr. Chris Koch indicated that it was still not clear what was in the ISBE FY 2011 budget and that school districts should anticipate the funding delays that we have experienced in the past two years to continue in FY 2011. He encouraged districts to rely primarily on their own local sources.

At the beginning of every school year, before our students begin classes, our staff and administration participate in two days of in-service. Given what has been or what has not been happening at the state level, our focus this year was on positivity and on thinking about the answer to the question "How can we achieve the same results, but change the way that we look at doing things?" In other words, how can we "think outside of the box" to keep in tact our strong tradition of providing an excellent education to our students?

While this school year does indeed have the potential to be unlike any other for a variety of reasons, one of which is our state's inability to set a firm budget in a timely manner (which does have a direct impact on our school district), I can assure you that the staff, the administration, and the board of education keep close to our heart Indian Creek's mission statement. As in the past, this mission statement remains "...**to strive for excellence in learning.**" We just may need to approach the way that we do things in a little different manner in order to accomplish it.

Sincerely,

Pamela R. Rockwood

Superintendent

September 2010

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s);

I would like to thank the staff, parents and students for their cooperation during my time here at the high school. There are many aspects for you to be proud of and I was glad to be a part of the high school while Mrs. Montgomery was on her leave.

There are a few dates and events that are coming up that I would like to remind you about. There is an Early Out scheduled for Tuesday, September 14th at 1:45 pm. The teachers will be working on the School Improvement Plan. Homecoming is the week of September 20th through September 25th. There are a variety of activities throughout the week of homecoming. On Friday, September 24th, we will have our annual Fall Picnic during the school day. In the evening, the volleyball team will play Putnam County, with the freshman game beginning at 4:45 p.m. The sophomore and varsity contests will follow. After the volleyball games, there will be a bonfire in between the high school and elementary school buildings. This year on Saturday, September 25th, the high school has the opportunity to host the homecoming parade. The Homecoming parade will be in Waterman. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the parade line up at 9:30 a.m. at the Waterman Elementary parking lot. The parade will travel west on Garfield, go north on Elm Street, go west on Cleveland Street and south on Birch Street to Lions Park. We will have Senior Recognition for the soccer players around 12:45 p.m. and the varsity soccer match will begin around 1 p.m. The Homecoming Dance will be from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. with coronation at 9 p.m. We encourage the parents and community to come and be supportive of our students and participate with the homecoming festivities. Senior recognition for our volleyball players and golfers will be on Thursday, October 15th.

Again I would like to thank everyone for their support at the beginning of the school year with Mrs. Montgomery out on leave. I hope that homecoming is safe and enjoyable for the students, staff, parents and community. If you have any questions please feel to contact me.

Sincerely,

David J. Mantzke
Shabbona Elementary Principal

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On October 7, 2010 at 8:30 AM, a meeting conducted by Indian Creek School District will take place at Shabbona Elementary 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.

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. The first day that candidates may circulate petitions for signatures is September 21, 2010. 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.

A school board candidate's petition 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. 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 papers may be filed by the candidate in person, by mail, or by an agent. They consist of the following:

Nominating petitions signed by at least 50 voters residing within the district. Petitions must be securely bound together with pages numbered consecutively, and each page must carry the notarized signature of the petition circulator.

Statement of candidacy, which includes a request that the candidate's name be placed on the official ballot, the address of the candidate, the office sought, and a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office and has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

A receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed the statement of economic interests as noted above.

A loyalty oath, which is optional. A candidate may choose to file it or not.

Other important dates for candidates are:

- Tuesday, December 28: last day for filing objections to a candidate's nominating papers in the office of the board secretary
- Tuesday, December 28: last day for a candidate to withdraw from nomination.

Further information on becoming a candidate in the April 5 board election 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.

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, contact the Illinois Association of School Boards for a free booklet, "Your School Board and You". Write: IASB, 2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, IL 62703. The booklet is also available at the Association's website: ww.iasb.com/training/community_resources.cfm.

YEARBOOKS ARE HERE! 2010 alumni can pick up the 2009-10 yearbook (if they purchased one) in the office or have a family member pick it up for them. If a non-family member picks up the book, you need to call or email Ms. Rhodes 815/824-2197 or jrhodes@kidsroe.org. If you're not sure if you bought a book, contact Ms. Rhodes and she will check for you.

The Indian Creek High School yearbook class, "The Pack", would like to thank all the community members, local businesses, and student organizations for their help in creating the yearbook. Your contributions were very beneficial to our yearbook class.

A special thanks to Community Concern for Children and Indian Creek Education Foundation for their generous donations. With your help, the yearbook class will be able to have the yearbook published at a reasonable price for the students. Thank you for your continued support.
Jennifer Rhodes, Advisor

JUNIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER: The junior class will soon be selling Innisbrook wrapping paper to help fund the junior-senior prom in the spring of 2011. The juniors will be selling in late October in time for Christmas delivery.

BULLYING POLICY: Indian Creek C.U.S.D. #425 has a policy on preventing bullying, intimidation, and harassment. Policy #7.180 is online at www.indiancreekschools.org

SPORTS BOOSTERS NEWS: Indian Creek Sports Boosters has insulated coffee mugs for sale for \$10 each. They will be available at ICHS girls home volleyball games and boys soccer games (in the concession stand). Also available are golf-size umbrellas (\$18 each) and Wolfwear attire.

All middle school and high school parents/guardians of athletes are invited and encouraged to get involved in Sports Boosters. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. in the high school faculty room.

CORRECTION: Alex Dolister's name was inadvertently left off the 4.00 gpa 4th quarter honor roll in the July newsletter.

CCC MEETING DATES: The CCC (Community Concerned for Children) group meets in the middle school cafeteria on the following dates:

Monday, September 27

Monday, October 25

Monday, November 22

Monday, January 24,

Monday, February 28

Sunday, March 13 – annual CCC auction

Monday, March 21

Monday, April 25

All parents in the district are invited to attend these meeting which begin at 7:00 p.m.

ACADEMIC LETTERS: The following Indian Creek High School students earned academic letters for second semester of the 2009-2010 school year:

Ian Anderson	gold	****#
Alyssa Arends	silver	*#
Erica Arends	gold	*****##
Andy Barkei	gold	****##
Dallas Boehne	gold	**
Alex Bremner	gold	**
Kathleen Chester	gold	*****
Lindsey Conley	gold	**
Alexandria Corriveau	gold	**
Alex Dolister	gold	*****
David Drendel	gold	*****
Dana Duriavich	gold	***#
Josh Elliot	gold	****
Sarah Faivre	silver	*#
Virginia Filicetti	silver	##
Carole Fleetwood	silver	####
Jordan Flewellyn	gold	*****
Kalia Foster	silver	####
Rachel Foster	gold	**####
Claire Goodrich	silver	###
Loren Goodrich	gold	*****
Khloe Gordon	gold	**
Andrew Hall	gold	***#
Calvin Herrmann	gold	*****
Academic Letters Continued:		
Ashleigh Johnson	gold	**#
Josh Johnson	silver	**###
Matt Korhnak	silver	**###
Sarah Korhnak	silver	**#
Leslie Latimer	gold	*****#
Mitchell Lave	silver	*#
Jenna Marchiorello	silver	*###
Emilee Myers	gold	***#
Vicki Novotny	silver	**###
Elizabeth Oleson	gold	*****#
Clayton Peterson	gold	***###
Shayne Phillips	silver	*#
Jacquelyn Prestegaard	silver	##
Matthew Reynolds	gold	*****
Emily Rueff	gold	**
Ariel Russell	silver	##
Riley Ryburn	gold	**
Sara Sanderson	gold	****
Seth Sanderson	gold	*****
Brittany Seldal	gold	*
Jessica Shroka	gold	****
Anna Stiker	silver	**###
Kathryn Thuestad	gold	**
Cameron Wallace	gold	*****
Steven Wessels	gold	*****

Jennifer Westbrook	silver	**###
Kristen Westbrook	silver	*##
Ellen Witte	gold	**
Evan Witte	gold	*****
Nina Yegoiants	silver	##

Denotes number of silver letters earned 3.600-3.799
 * Denotes number of gold letters earned 3.800-4.000

FROM THE 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 6:30-8 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:

*October 23, 2010	<i>Deadline:</i> September 17, 2010
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

* If registration is adequate, ACT will be administered at Indian Creek High School for the October testing date.

SAT Test Dates for 2010-11:

October 9, 2010	<i>Deadline:</i> September 10, 2010
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

NCAA: Student athletes – fall is the time to register with NCAA. If you are a senior who is planning to participate in Division I or Division II sports as a college freshman, fall is the time to register to be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. You must do this in order to qualify for college athletics. You can register beginning in October. The NCAA also has new eligibility rules for high school courses. Visit http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net/NCAA/student/index_student.html to register and check out the rules.

CONSUMER EDUCATION PROFICIENCY TEST: There will be no proficiency test this year due to being cut from the state budget. Please visit <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/icept.htm> for more information.

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.
Adam Lindley, Counselor

BOYS VARSITY GOLF NEWS: The team started the season playing in three invitationals:

8/17 – Bobcat/Indian Invitational:

Team – 10th place

Individual – Alex Bremner – tied for 1st; Matt Reynolds – 6th place

8/21 – Sandwich Invitational:

Team – 3rd place

Individual – Alex Bremner – 3rd place; Matt Reynolds – 6th place

8/23 – Kishwaukee Invitational

Team – 9th place

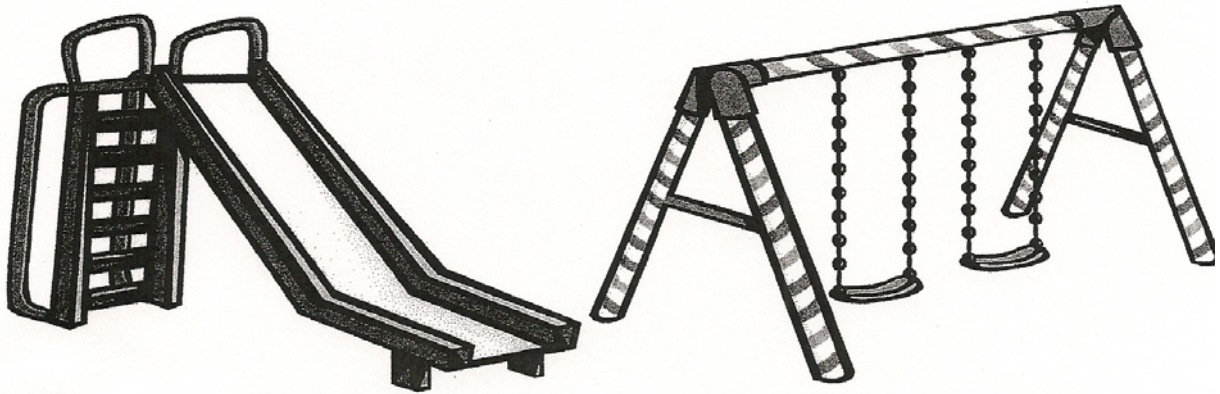
Individual – Alex Bremner – 12th place

We have also played in several other meets with a record of 5-2 at this time. Team members are: Ian Anderson, Alex Bremner, Matt Case, Josh Johnson, Tyler Lieving, Matt Reynolds, and Colton Stockon.
Dave Olson, Coach

F.F.A. NEWS: This past summer has been a very busy one for the Indian Creek F.F.A. This summer we had 15 members participate in the Section 6 FFA Fair. Members got a chance to show and compete with their animals that are part of their project. The chapter also had Jordan Flewellyn and Andy Barkei attend the Heritage and Cooperative tours in Washington, D.C. They were given the opportunity to visit many of the nation's historical sites along with other members throughout the state. Meanwhile, Kye Witek was attending the week-long Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. as well. Jackie Prestegaard also attended Leadership Camp this summer and represented Indian Creek. The Indian Creek F.F.A. has many new events planned for this year. The F.F.A. kickoff party was on September 13 from 4-7 at the high school ag shop. We also helped in the Sandwich Fair petting zoo from September 8-12th and the Boehne plot day on September 14. The chapter has many new and exciting things planned for this year and is ready to get the year started!
Jordan Flewellyn, Reporter

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS: The Indian Creek Student Council kicked off the 2010-2011 school year with a planning meeting August 4 at the Shabbona Forest Preserve. We played get-to-know you games to welcome and get acquainted with new members. This year's members include seniors: Kathleen Chester, Anna Stiker, and Josh Johnson; juniors: Sydney Bend, Emily Bergstrand, and Kalia Foster; sophomores: Ellen Witte, Khloe Gordon, and Alexandria Corriveau; and freshman: Taylor Johnson, Megan Flewellyn, and Nolan Hickey. Our group of new officers for the year are: President: Kathleen Chester, Vice President: Sydney Bend; Treasurer: Anna Stiker; and Secretary: Josh Johnson. The Homecoming theme is "Life's A Game" or board games. The dress-up days are Monday – Jumanji (dress up as an animal or bring a stuffed animal); Tuesday – Twister/Candyland (dress up as a Willy Wonka character, wear candy jewelry, or dress in as many colors as possible); Wednesday – Monopoly (dress up as a police officer, robber, state representative, or tacky tourist), Thursday – Life (dress up as profession or opposite gender), Friday-Checkers (school spirit). On Friday, the 24th an all school picnic will take place. Activities like tug-o-war and a slam dunk competition will take place. Following the picnic a pep rally will be held. The homecoming dance is scheduled for Saturday, September 25 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Coronation will be at 9 p.m. in the high school gym. There is a charge of \$7 per person. Any out-of-town guest forms must be picked up and returned to the high school office by Tuesday, September 21.
Josh Johnson, Secretary

HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT WATERMAN ELEMENTARY



SAVE THE DATE &
Mark Your Calendar

Fay's Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser

coming to

Waterman Elementary School

October 15, 2010

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

or contact any
WES EPC parent

