



February, 2012

Greetings,

Within past newsletter articles that have been written this school year, there has been some discussion surrounding our buildings. Specifically, the discussion centered on the fact that the schools of today are not the schools of yesterday. As previously noted, today's curriculum and the instructional strategies used to teach it integrate technology much more than ever before. Also, both state and federal curriculum mandates, as well as building codes, have had a significant impact on every aspect of our students' education. Building codes mandate what must be done in and to our buildings, while curriculum changes have impacted how we use the space that we have available to us. During our annual building tours, led by each building's principal, curriculum needs and the building's impact on our ability to deliver that curriculum are discussed with the Board of Education.

For the past four months, during their monthly meetings, the Indian Creek Board of Education has had an ongoing conversation regarding the needs that were presented during these building tours, as well as what they perceive our current and future building needs to be. On January 30, 2012, during a special board meeting, they met with our district's architect to begin discussion with them as to potential options in which the Board has interest concerning our building needs. Our architects will take the information gathered from this discussion and they will return with some ideas that they will share with the Board during the February 27, 2012 board meeting. As of this writing, this process is exploratory in nature, as our Board continues to keep the excellence of our students' education foremost in mind.

Sincerely,

Pamela R. Rockwood, Ph.D.

Superintendent

STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE: The Indian Creek High School Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive at the high school. The food drive started January 27 and will continue to February 27. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the high school main office during school hours. All donations brought in will be given to the N.I.C.E. Center in Lee. We had amazing success with the drive last year. Let's make this year even better! Thank you for your continued support of the food drive.

Student Council Food Drive Committee

TRUANCY REGULATIONS CHANGE: The State of Illinois has in place a new attendance policy that has begun. **From the Illinois School Code...New Truancy Codes:** Any person having custody or control of a child who is below the age of 7 years or is 17 years of age or above and who is enrolled in any of grades kindergarten through 12 in the public school shall cause him/her to attend the public school in the district wherein he/she resides when it is in session during the regular school term. A "**truant**" is defined as a child who is absent without valid cause from such attendance for a school day or portion thereof. "**Valid cause**" for absence shall be illness, observance of a religious holiday, death in the immediate family, family emergency, and shall include such other situations beyond the control of the student as determined by the board of education in each district, or such other circumstances which cause reasonable concern to the parent for the safety or health of the student. "**Chronic or habitual truant**" shall be defined as a child who is absent without valid cause from such attendance for 5% or more of the previous 180 regular attendance days. "**Truant minor**" is defined as a chronic truant to whom supportive services, including prevention, diagnostic, intervention and remedial services, alternative programs and other school and community resources have been provided and have failed to result in the cessation of chronic truancy, or have been offered and refused.

NEW IMMUNIZATION RULES: The state of Illinois has in place new rules for immunizations for 2012. Parents will need to take note and be prepared to comply with these new rules. Starting with the 2012 school year, any child entering sixth grade shall show proof of receiving one dose of Tdap (defined as tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccine regardless of the interval since the last Dtap, DT or Td dose. Students entering grades 7 through 12 who have not already received Tdap are required to receive one Tdap dose regardless of the interval since the last Dtap, DT or Td dose. More information will be given and parents should check with their physicians for details.

I.V.V.C. STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to Lindsey Craig who was named Student of the Month for January in Hospitality Management.

I.C.H.S. TO HOST GIRLS REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:

Indian Creek High School will host the girls regional basketball tournament on February 6-10, 2012. Indian Creek will play on Monday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. The games on Tuesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 9 will begin at 6:00 p.m. and 8:10 p.m. Friday, February 10 will be the championship game at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 for everyone (adults, senior citizens, Indian Creek High School students, other high school students, and all K-8 students). Sorry, no season passes will be honored at this I.H.S.A. sponsored tournament.

FIESTA DINNER: The Spanish students going to Spain this summer will be having a Fiesta Dinner at the Indian Creek High School cafeteria on Saturday, February 11 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The menu is 2 tacos for \$6 or 3 tacos for \$8 in a choice of chicken, beef, vegetarian, or combo. The meal also comes with chips and salsa, rice, beans, drink and dessert. Carryouts are available for those who don't wish to dine in. After the meal, enjoy watching the Indian Creek High School boys basketball team play the Paw Paw Bulldogs. Admission to the game is \$4 for adults, \$3 for high school students (other than I.C. students), \$2 for K-8 students, and \$1 for senior citizens (ages 65 and older).

MIDDLE SCHOOL WASHINGTON, D.C. SPAGHETTI SUPPER: Greetings Creek Nation: On Thursday, March 15 we will hold our fourth annual Washington, D.C. spaghetti dinner featuring Mrs. Rueff's special blend of sauce (vegetarian or meat). The dinner will be held in the Indian Creek Middle School cafeteria from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. Carryouts are available for the dinner as well. Spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, dessert, and beverages provided. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event OR at the door for \$7 each. We hope to see you there!

Washington, D.C. Staff and Students

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Please check the daily announcements/guidance web page for updated information or students can visit the scholarship file outside of Mr. Lindley's office.

Please check the school website for updated local scholarship information. Please read the requirements needed to be eligible for certain scholarships.

All scholarships that are part of the Indian Creek Education Foundation should be mailed to: Indian Creek Education Foundation Board, P.O. Box 426, Shabbona, IL 60550. The deadline for these scholarships is **March 30, 2012. The IC Education Foundation requires that 10 copies of your application be mailed.**

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE: I.C.H.S. Student Council hosted another “Good Breakfast Bunch” on Friday, January 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. The following is a list of the students nominated and the teachers who nominated them:

Mike Armstrong nominated by Mrs. Zwinak

Lexi Headon nominated by Mrs. Sturk

Jared Landsteiner nominated by Mr. Muchmore

Domonic Larson nominated by Mr. Farnsworth

Alicia Lira nominated by Mrs. Kuntz

Jacob Louckes nominated by Mrs. Bend

Kate Thuestad nominated by Mrs. Tyler

F.F.A. NEWS: To kick off the new year, Indian Creek F.F.A. hosted its annual pork chop supper on January 13th. Kye Witek and Dallas Boehne co-chaired the event. We would like to thank all the members for their help during the week and at the dinner! Also thanks to Shar Dodd, Sharlyn Larson, all the alumni members, and Fays for all their help! We had a great turnout and everything went well. A new event to us this year was the 2012 conference held in Schaumburg. Noah Holm, Lauren Frances, and Kaitlyn Moore attended from our chapter and learned with other F.F.A. members about how to grow as a person and participate in different activities. Lauren sent in a scholarship to the state and was able to attend the conference for free. Way to go Lauren! Our last event this month was the Section Job Interview CDE, which we hosted. Carlos Sanchez competed from our chapter against four other members. His job application was to be a veterinary assistant. We would like to thank Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Witek, Mr. Witek, and two students from I.S.U. for judging this event. In addition, we would like to thank Emily Rueff, Amy Taylor, Dallas Boehne, Kailyn Buchholz, and Kye Witek for helping work the event. Overall Carlos received fourth place. Next month we can look forward to Proficiency Award Interviews on February 9, the Dodgeball Tournament hosted at our school on February 18, and the section volleyball tournament on February 25. We also can't forget National F.F.A. Week which is February 19-25. On Tuesday, February 21 will be Ag Olympics/Truck Day, Wednesday will be Tractor Day, Thursday will be the Appreciation Breakfast, and Friday the petting zoo. On March 3 the Alumni would like to invite all adults to attend a dinner-dance at Indian Oaks Country Club at 603 E. Preserve Road in Shabbona. The dinner will be held from 6-8 p.m. and from 8-11 p.m. Nathan Peterson and Destination Unknown Band will be playing. Tickets cost \$25 per person and are available from: Wally Harvell, Kim Holm, Sharlyn Larson, Martenson Seed in Waterman, or any alumni member. Come out for a good time and support your local F.F.A. Alumni!

Dallas Boehne, Reporter

AMERICAN LEGION ESSAY CONTEST: Eighth graders are currently editing their 2012 Department of Illinois Americanism essay contest drafts as their deadline draws near. This year's theme is “America's Constitutional Freedoms”. This annual competition has existed for decades “...to aid the schools of Illinois in the teaching of Americanism and Good Citizenship.” Cash awards ranging from \$100-\$200 are available for the top five state ranked winners. Many thanks to Waterman American

Legion Post 654 for inviting our middle school to compete. Best of luck to all of our writers!

SPELLING BEE: In early January, try-outs for this year's Spelling Bee teams were held. Congratulations to 7th-8th grade participants for the 2012 competitions including Alexi Cluff, Danielle Cunz, Dylan Eberly, Anthony Gaston, Marie Meskimen, Tamara Ormond, Samantha Phillips, Olin Simpson, Amanda Smith, Maisey Tanner, and Ryan Todd. Their individual point totals from weeks of practice will determine their upcoming competitions:

1. I.C.M.S. Grades 6-8 Spelling Bee will be held at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, February 16 in the I.C.M.S. small gym
2. The DeKalb County Regional Spelling Bee will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 25 at Kishwaukee College
3. The Junior Ten Conference Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at Somonauk. There ICMS will defend their title as 2011 Junior Ten Champion Spellers!

The team is sponsored by Mrs. Carol Smith and Ms. Joanne Burton.

The sixth grade team is also busy preparing for the I.C.M.S. competition on February 16, including Justin Berkeland, Louis Faivre, Austin Insley, Hannah Johnson, Matthew Magden, Trae Mischler, Alyssa McCormick, Emily Schmidt, Olivia Tanner, and Maykayli Vann. This team is sponsored by Ms. Joanne Burton.

Good luck to all of our I.C.M.S. spellers!

GEOGRAPHY BEE: The geography bee is a school-wide event held in December and January to find one individual to possibly represent the school at the National Geography Bee. However, the road to the bee is challenging. Ten individuals competed in a championship round to define a school winner. It took 15 rounds in the championship competition for Tyler Bukovsky to overcome a persistent Brock Myers. Those winning school bees must pass a state test, and win at the state bee in order to attend the national bee. This year's finalists were: Noah Taylor, Charlotte Whitely, Parker McClane, Maddie Gilbreth, Nicole Diaz, Brandon Seaney, Jim Stack, Riley Johnson, Alexi Cluff, and Brock Myers. Tyler Bukovsky will proceed at the state level and hopefully beyond. Good luck Tyler!

FRESH/SOPH ACADEMIC BOWL NEWS: The fresh/soph academic bowl team did well the weekend of January 28 at the Sterling tournament completing their pool play with a 2-3 record. Everyone did a nice job contributing to the overall effort. Special recognition goes to Andrew McComb who received all tournament selection by answering 13 toss-ups correctly. Cory Bradford had the second most correct toss-up questions with 4 answers. Mr. Farnsworth thanks all team members for participating this year as well as Danya Anderson's leadership as team captain.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY: The middle school spring drama production will be “The Tale of Snow White”. The performance will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 15. Come and enjoy the spaghetti dinner before the play or get a carryout and come back for the play. Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 15 for a great evening at I.C.M.S.

NEW SHUTTLE BUS PICK UP LOCATION AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL: The after-school sports and activity shuttle bus is picking up students at a new location at the middle school. At the regular pick up time, 5:10 p.m., the shuttle bus will pick up students at the north parking lot bus drop off and pick up location. Most students know where that is because that is where they normally load and unload for daily routes, field trips, etc. This change in after-school shuttle pick up is for the safety of our students and drivers. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 815/264-7712.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who used your warm hearts to donate warm coats for the Waterman Elementary two-day coat drive in December. Thank you to our students, families, community members, faculty/staff, and everyone across our entire school district who helped publicize and contribute to the two-day “Warm Hearts, Warm Coats” national coat drive sponsored by Good Morning America and Burlington Coat Factory in which W.E.S. participated. How shocked and surprised we were to receive an e-mail on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 3, stating that they would announce Waterman Elementary as the “winner” of their two-day school challenge the following morning on the GMA broadcast. Although it took until the final 31 seconds of a two-hour broadcast for it to happen, it was still thrilling to hear George Stephanopoulos and Robin Roberts state how the students at Waterman Elementary “packed the principal’s van” and collected 416 coats! Special words of gratitude go out to our EPC President Cheryl Simpson for organizing and coordinating the entire project, and to Mrs. Amy Wackerlin for helping to load and deliver all of the coats to the Burlington Coat Factory drop off location. At a time of year when many were focused on what they *wanted*, it was an excellent opportunity for all of us to focus on what we could give to many who are truly in *need*.

Indian Creek Community Concern for Children

Helping Our Students and Our Schools



YOU ARE INVITED TO DONATE TO THE:

29th ANNUAL PEOPLE-FOR-PEOPLE AUCTION

SUNDAY MARCH 11th, 2012 12:30 P.M.

Indian Creek Middle School (small gym) 425 S Elm in Waterman

Lunch by the Music Boosters will be served starting at Noon!

WHAT IS THE PEOPLE-FOR-PEOPLE AUCTION??

The People-For-People Auction is the annual fundraiser of the CCC, the Indian Creek School District's Parent Organization. We welcome you to join us for meetings on the 4th Monday of each month at the Middle School cafeteria at 7 p.m.

All proceeds from this auction go towards programs/items for the K-12 students in our district. Our School District #425 is a relatively large rural district encompassing portions of DeKalb County, Lee County and La Salle County. The district includes the three villages of Lee, Shabbona and Waterman and two smaller organized areas of Rollo and Scarboro.

People-for-People Auction Donation Form

Please complete and return this form to:

Susan Kauffman
PO Box 241
Waterman, IL 60556

E-mail: susan.kauffman@mchsi.com
Phone 815-264-7905

Cash donations are also accepted.

I WILL BE DONATING THE FOLLOWING: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

_____ I do not want my donation included in the Silent Auction.

_____ I will deliver my donation to Indian Creek Middle School in Waterman on Saturday, March 10th (8:30 - 10am)

_____ I would like a CCC representative to pick up my donation.

_____ Yes, I would like to help raise more \$\$, please email my thank you letter to: _____

Yes, I have a web page that I would like to have linked to the school's web site for my donation.

Web Page address: _____

I authorize the linking of my web page to the Listing of Donations on the school's website.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Watch the Schools Web Page for a listing of items being donated.

www.indiancreekschools.org

ICMS CONGRATULATES HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following ICMS students who earned a position on the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2011-12 school year.

8th Grade

HIGH HONORS (95 % or Higher)

Drew Headley, Alexa Cluff, Kurtis Rood, Alex Turner, Josie Diehl, Alexis VanWyhe, Emerson Witte, Brock Myers, Madison Russell, Elissa Rood, Jacklyn Bouma and Danielle Cunz.

HONORS (90% to 95%)

Randy Dunaway, Hannah Sorbel, Rachel Frances, Mary Franzen, Ryan Quinn, Holly Rood, Jonathan Farnsworth, Kevin Drendel, Ellie Gatz, Olivia Monteiro, Mary Franzen, Tyler Bukovsky, Amanda Smith, Jacob Krantz, Hayley Larson, Dale Rissman, Alyssa Feltz, Fernanda Valencia, Jacob Wehrman, Casey Hauck, Ivy Marcum, Adrian Lippmann, Charles Schmitt, Scott Ahlback, Ehren Nelson, Zack Witek, Peyton Gatz, Austin Stanek, Andrew Brower, Jordan Boyd, and Savanna Pafumi.

B HONOR ROLL (80% to 90%)

Destiny McGinnis, Angeleque Cross, Jacobe Christian, Evan Ostrander, Jordyn Bergstrand, Catherine Kerner, Lucy Johnson, Peter Challand, Allison Nehring, Calder Booker, Dylan Eberly, Scott Cruise, Ryan Todd, Nick McCord, and Shawn Agler.

7th Grade

HIGH HONORS (95% or Higher)

Anna McComb, Jenna Cowan, Trevor Guerra, Katherine Nolan, and Makayla Schreck.

HONORS (90% to 94.999%)

Danny Cassidy, Ariana Ward, Renee Corriveau, Olin Simpson, Maggie Boecker, Sam Fleming, Maisey Tanner, Grace Leeney, Declan Booker, Tamara Ormond, Chase Ryburn, Derek Wild, James Stack, Lindsey Miller, and Natalie Swanson.

B HONOR ROLL (80% to 90%)

Nicole Kauffman, Samantha Phillips, Lizzie Cursio, Tanner Lutz, Austin Sommerfeld, Maddie Stambaugh, Olivia Harvell, Tessa Barker, Brandon Seaney, Marie Meskimen, Kevin Jordal, Alyssa Yeager, Mitchell Tuntland, Lena Bjornson, Tatyanna Chamberlin, Elizabeth Roberts, John Gleason, and Anthony Gaston.

6th Grade

HIGH HONORS (95% or Higher)

Alyssa McCormick, Haley Petragallo, Devin Probst, Morgan Johnson, Nolan Govig, Olivia Muetze, Justin Berkeland, Louis Faivre, Catherine Bend, Joshua Anderson, Makayli Vann, Olivia Turner, Topanga McCoy, Matthew Magden, Hailey Herrmann, Ethan Johanningsmeier, Emily Schmitt,



Miranda Stryker, Charlotte Whitely, Scott Jernigan, Emily Rowland, James O'Neal.

HONORS (90% to 94.999%)

Steven Pickwell, Darby Bend, Justin Brestal, Jared Wild, Madison Gilbreth, Amelia Dively, Joseph Wilson, Katelyn Schilling, Jacob Beauchem, Austin Suddeth, Donovan Newman, Nicole Diaz, Collin Bakkan, Joshua Limrick, Trae Mishler, Sarah Diehl, Jose Ibarra, Carol Ann Boecker, Danielle Hurst, Jamie Boecker, Ashlynn Clucas, Marisa VanWyhe, J.T. Baine, Alisha Carter, Chase Bradford, Maya Headon, Jordan Morris, Olivia Denny, Jayci Pitstick, Donovan Lopez, Aylin Pacheco, and Parker McClane.

B HONOR ROLL (80% to 90%)

Hanna Johnson, Hannah Loucks, Austin Insley, Cody Kuesis, Seth Jackson, Tyler Evensen, Joseph Cunz, Allison Boyd, Camdin Clark, Preston Sanford, Jack Milostan, Noah Taylor, Ethan Jaros, and Dakota Grafton.

Honor roll is based on the average of courses taken during the quarter. This includes core classes (language arts, math, science, social studies), physical education., exploratory classes, band and choir.