



January 1, 2010

Greetings and a very "Happy New Year" to each of you,

As we begin any new calendar year it seems that I always find myself full of hope for a new year and new beginnings. It usually seems that with this newfound hope, I find myself reflecting upon the past and then resolving to do certain things differently. As a result of this, I find myself setting New Year's resolutions that are based upon looking at things in a different manner or upon doing something in a new way.

For the past three years the Indian Creek School District has held an annual community coffee with the site of the coffee alternating among the buildings in our district. The purpose of those coffees was to share district successes with you, as well as to engage in dialogue with you. In reflecting back upon the time of year during which these coffees were held, as well as the number of people that were able to attend, our leadership team has resolved that perhaps a new strategy should be put in place so as to better share our successes with more people in a more effective way.

Therefore, I am pleased to announce that in mid-January each district household will receive a mailed copy of Indian Creek CUSD #425's first community progress report. This report is aptly named "I. C....the future at 425!" and it truly is a summary of who and what we are. Within this first issue, you will find information about our schools and their successes, as well as information about community partnerships with the district that are in place for the benefit of our students. While the Indian Creek School District has been in existence as such since 1993, we have chosen to focus on the 2008-2009 school year and our achievements during that time period. I hope that you will find this not only to be informative, but also a chronicle of what we have been able to accomplish together.

Sincerely,
Pamela R. Rockwood
Superintendent

SPAGHETTI SUPPER: The girls softball team will have their annual all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper on Friday, January 8 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets in advance are \$6 and at the door are \$7. Children 7 and under are free. Tickets are available from any softball player or by calling the high school office at 815/824-2197. Carryouts are also available. After supper, you can enjoy watching the Indian Creek boys basketball team play Serena. Prices for the game are \$4 per adult, \$3 for high school students other than Indian Creek High School students, \$2 for K-8 students, and senior citizens ages 65 and over are \$1.

PORK CHOP SUPPER: The annual F.F.A. pork chop supper will be on Friday, January 29, 2010 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Carryouts will be available in the front circle driveway of the high school. The menu includes: pork chop, baked potato, baked beans, applesauce, dinner roll, dessert, and drink. One and two chop meals are available. Ticket prices have not been determined as of this date, however watch for more information. Tickets may be purchased in advance from F.F.A. members or at the door. After supper, you can enjoy watching the Indian Creek boys basketball team play Hinckley-Big Rock. Prices for the game are \$4 per adult, \$3 for high school students other than Indian Creek High School students, \$2 for K-8 students, and senior citizens ages 65 and over are \$1.

PRE-K SCREENINGS: 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 2010-2011 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 next screening date is February 8, 2010 at Waterman Elementary School from 8:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. for birth to 5 years. (Birth to 3 years are morning appointments only). Please call 815/824-8257 to schedule all appointments. **All screenings are done by appointment only.**

CONSUMER EDUCATION PROFICIENCY TEST: The state of Illinois includes in the requirement for high school graduation that students take and pass a course in consumer education or pass the state consumer education proficiency test. This is a difficult test and few students pass it, but those who do will not need to have the course in their senior schedules.

This test will be given on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Testing will take place in the morning and students will need to report to room 8 by 7:40 a.m. *Students may take the test once during each school year until they are in consumer education class. Students who are not currently enrolled in the class and who did not take the September 2009 test are eligible as well.*

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.

IVVC REGISTRATION: Current juniors and sophomores: IVVC registration information is arriving. ICHS registration will be coming in late January/early February. Please pick up information from the guidance office if you want to see all the IVVC choices. There are costs associated through many of the classes; which is explained in the information. Please stop by if you are interested.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: The guidance department will be hosting a financial aid night on Wednesday, January 27, 1009 at 5:30 p.m. in the high school library. A representative from Kishwaukee Community College and ISAC will give a presentation on the current trends in financial aid and answer any questions that you may have.

DO YOU HAVE A WINTER WEATHER PLAN? We are approaching the time of year when weather conditions can change quickly. We need to make arrangement for school closing days (in the event that becomes necessary). We trust that all families will also make arrangements in that event.

If school must be cancelled or closed early because of poor weather conditions, or any other emergency, the following radio stations will announce local school closings: WSPY-FM 107.1, WLBK 1360AM, B95-WDKB 94.9 FM, and WGN 720 AM, and television Channel 23. If the weather appears to be bad on any given morning, please turn to one of these stations for information regarding our district. You can also check the district website at indiancreekschools.org and click on the webevent calendar. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS. We need to keep the phone lines open for emergency personnel. Families should discuss and prepare the procedure they will follow in the event of school closing and/or early dismissal. Students should know where they are to go should school close. Preparing ahead will save a lot of frustration and concern later.

I.V.V.C. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to the following Indian Creek High School who were students of the month at Indian Valley Vocational Center:
Zach Sauer – culinary arts – November
Shelbie Schusler – cosmetology – December
Thomas Kallas – culinary arts - December

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT: The Indian Creek High School basketball teams are busy over the break. The varsity boys play at Marseilles, while the varsity girls play at Amboy. The sophomore boys play at Somonauk and the sophomore girls travel to Amboy along with the varsity girls. The freshman boys play at Oregon just before Christmas.

We have a busy month of January with Senior Recognition for all senior participants in basketball, cheerleading, drill team, and pep band. We will have five games on Saturday, January 9 starting at 12:30 p.m. with the freshmen boys. All teams will play against Rockford Christian. Senior recognition will be at approximately 5:00 p.m. that night, right after the sophomore boys finish their game (which is scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m.) Both varsity teams will play after senior recognition. Come out and support your Indian Creek basketball teams all day on January 9.

The softball team will be having their spaghetti supper on Friday, January 8. The boys basketball teams will be playing Serena. We would like to welcome our new softball coaches: Paul Waitkoss (head coach) and Ashley Moore (assistant coach).

We would also like to welcome our new 8th grade girls basketball coach, Daniel Anderson. Practice for 7th and 8th grade girls basketball will begin on January 4. Practice schedules can be seen online at www.ictwolves.com. You need to click on your desired sport and it will bring up a practice and game schedule.

Both the high school girls and boys basketball teams will be playing one of the home games this year at Indian Creek Middle School. The girls will play on Thursday, February 4 against IMSA. The boys will play on Tuesday, February 9 against Genoa-Kingston.

Finally, Indian Creek has been chosen to host both the girls and boys basketball regionals this year. The girls regional will be played the week of February 8, while the boys regional will be the week of February 22.

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I.C.M.S. 2009 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL: The 8th grade boys basketball team at Indian Creek Middle School recently completed a very successful season. Their overall record of 12 wins and 10 losses earned them a second place finish in the Jr. 10 Conference. Some other accomplishments include three, 2nd place finishes in the IC Tip-Off Classic, the Blackhawk Invitational Tournament, and the Jr. 10 Conference Tournament.

Overall the team played great basketball and tough defense all season long. Team members include: Garrett Post, Taylor Johnson, Noah Holm, Stephen Muetze, Steven Urda, Nick Baldwin, Lane Rissman, Jacob Dodd, Kenny Harper, Josh Gaudio, Justin Hatfield, Jeff Taylor, Colton Ewing, Jacob Leeney, Josh Sandine, Gavin Eberly, and Camden Booker. A special thanks goes out to Samantha Bergstrand, Kristen McRoberts, Tess Wilson, and Kayla Kauffmann for managing this year and also to Mr. Scott McClure for coaching the team. He is extremely proud of all their accomplishments. Mrs. Frankel and our wonderful cheerleaders also supported the team during every home game and deserve a special thank you.

ICMS would like to express our gratitude to all the fans and parents that came out and supported us all year long. Congratulations to the team, its managers, and Mr. McClure.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR ASSEMBLY: Indian Creek Middle School and Mr. Malm are proud to announce that Mr. Elster, a holocaust survivor, has again been scheduled to come and speak at Indian Creek Middle School on Friday, January 8, 2010 at a 1 p.m. assembly. We were honored and humbled when he was able to come and speak at the middle school three years ago.

Mr. Elster is a Holocaust survivor who managed to flee a town ghetto as people were being rounded up and sent to concentration camps during World War II. His escape story and will to survive (over two years) at the age of 10 are truly amazing and inspirational. He is a known author and committee member of the Illinois Memorial Holocaust Museum in Cicero, Illinois. Indian Creek Middle School has made a donation to the museum in gratitude for Mr. Elster's presentation.

The public is welcome to attend this special event at the middle school.

Indian Creek Community Concern for Children

Helping Our Students and Our Schools



YOU ARE INVITED TO DONATE TO THE:

27th ANNUAL PEOPLE-FOR-PEOPLE AUCTION

SUNDAY MARCH 14th, 2010 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

E-mail: susan.kauffman@mchsi.com

PO Box 241

Phone 815-264-7905

Waterman, IL 60556

Our success depends upon your generosity! 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 13th between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

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

If you have a web page, and would like it to be linked to your donation listed on the Listing of Donations, please list it below, then print and sign, authorizing the link.

Web Page address _____

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

Printed Name

Signature

Date

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

www.indiancreekschools.org