



# TIMBERWOLF HOWLINGS

Indian Creek Middle School

Mrs. Paula Kennedy, Principal

## PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE



Wow we have had a wonderful month here at ICMS!!!! We have so much good news to share!

The Indian Creek Middle School for the second year in a row has received the Academic Excellence Award. We are one of only 67 middle schools that proudly hold this distinction out over 400 middle schools. The Academic Excellence Award is given to schools that achieve a cumulative 90% meeting and exceeding the ISATs in the area of Reading and Math for three consecutive years! We all knew our kids were smart but it is nice for others to notice too!!! Congratulations and thank you to the parents, community, and our awesome faculty who made this possible! And of course the biggest CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to the students that earned these high-test scores!!!! Your hard work and determina-

tion are really paying off! For Your Information... The location of the pick for the 5:10PM sports and academic bus has been relocated to the north parking lot bus lane. This is the same location the buses line up for arrival and dismissal for school. Announcements have been made and staff at school will be monitoring the new procedure.

This is a good opportunity to let you know that the ISATs or Illinois State Achievement Tests will be administered at ICMS on March 5<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please help us create the best testing environment and make sure your child gets plenty of rest, arrives to school on time, brings a healthy snack and water in a clear container.

Semester grades have gone home, meaning we are at the half way point. This is the time of year we really need to analyze the grades. We encourage you to sign up for Home Logic if you

have not so yet. Many parents have expressed how happy they are to be able to check their student's grades and fees so easily. If you have not taken the opportunity to sign up for access to Home Logic and would like to please contact the school for the sign up form.

The girls basketball season is up and running. Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's Basketball team for winning first place at the Amy Todd Fleming Tournament! We welcome our new 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girl's Basketball Coach, Segar Larson!

The Junior 10 is very proud to bring you the third annual Junior 10 All Star Game for both girls and boys! Each coach nominates 3 to 4 players to create two teams of ten players each. Somonauk will be hosting the boys and girls All Star games. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

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ICMS is always focusing on improving education and responding to individual student needs through the implementation of RtI or Response to Intervention will help us accomplish more student success.

What is Response to Intervention? Generally, this is a 3 tier/step model of school supports based on the academic or behavior needs of students. At all three tiers the focus is to help students be more successful.

How does RtI work? All students are provided with high quality instruction, frequent monitoring of progress, and lesson activities that are designed to match student needs. Unique student needs are addressed through the use of accommodations, modifications, and differentiated instruction.

How is behavior addressed? ICMS will be using a positive behavior intervention and supportive program. The program is proactive and positive behavior supports that teach, support, and reinforce appropriate behavior. Students learn how to behave appropriately across all settings, reinforce positive behavior, and encourage students to take responsibility for their own behavior.

Bullies and harassment can be a difficult issue to deal with. Bullying can take many forms, such as pushing, kicking, hitting and threatening. It can include name-calling, humiliation, sarcasm and spreading rumors. Now technology gives kids more ways to bully others. Bullying can have serious, long-term emotional effects. It is not simply "kids being kids." Bullying affects all aspects of children's lives, including



their ability to learn. Bullies can target anybody for a number of reasons, but kids with lower self-esteem tend to be targeted most often. Many victims are reluctant to tell someone out of fear. If you notice grades dropping or your child withdrawing from activities encourage your child to tell you what is going on. You or your child can contact the school for more help. Together we can teach children the social skills needed to live a positive and productive life.

*Paula Kennedy*

## 28th CCC PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE AUCTION

**The CCC's 29th Annual People for People Auction will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2012** in the Indian Creek Middle School small gym.

The Music Boosters will provide a delicious lunch featuring ham and Italian beef sandwiches, hot dogs, nachos & cheese, chips, delicious homemade desserts, and drinks beginning at noon and running the entire time of the auction. This is a major fundraising event for the Music Boosters. They appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the annual event. We hope you will support them by purchasing lunch and snacks while at the Auction.

The gym will be open early so people can review the hundreds of items that will be auctioned. The afternoon is filled with lively bidding of goods and services donated by local merchants and individuals. If you have not attended any of the previous twenty-eight auctions, you must attend and witness the excitement and community spirit that fills the gym from noon to 5:00 p.m. There is something for everyone to bid on.

The CCC parent group use the proceeds from the auction to sponsor events, programming, and equipment purchasing for the students of the Indian Creek School District.



We hope you will come and support this auction and the students of Indian Creek.

# ACADEMIC TEAMS ARE ANNOUNCED

Try-outs for the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade spelling bee team started in December, and a team was announced in January. This year, many individuals gave their best effort while trying to make the team. However, in the end the school is limited to twelve participants. The participants for the 2011-2012 ICMS Spelling Bee team are Alexa 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:

The sixth grade team is also busy preparing for the ICMS competition

on February 16. The try-outs for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team were very competitive this year. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade spellers are Justin Berkeland, Louis Faivre, Austin Insley, Hannah Johnson, Matthew Magden, Trae Mishler, Alyssa McCormick, Emily Schmitt, Olivia Tanner, and Makayli Vann. This team is sponsored by Ms. Joanne Burton. Congratulations to all!



als 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; the tension built round by round. 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 Seane, Jim Stack, Riley Johnson, Alexi Cluff and Brock Myers. Tyler Bukovsky is the ICMS winner of 2011-12 geography bee. He will proceed at the state level and hopefully beyond. Good luck Tyler!

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 individu-

## GRADUATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Eighth graders are beginning to make plans for their graduation from middle school on Thursday May 17, 2012 at 7: PM in our big gym.

A Jostens representative will measure each student for their gown on Wednesday, February 8th during lunch hour. He will then meet with the graduation committee and Mr. Anderson to discuss the graduation memorabilia options.

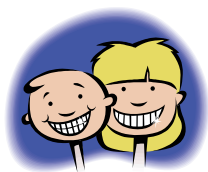
The first of several graduation letters and a diploma form went out to parents. Diplomas will be ordered this week. If a student didn't turn in their diploma form, their name will appear on the diploma the way it is spelled on their emergency/information form.

We look forward to sharing and preparing for graduation with our eighth graders this last half of the

2011-12 school year.

***EIGHTH GRADE  
GRADUATION  
Thursday, May 17, 2012  
7:00 P.M.***

## DENTAL EXAMS A MUST



The Illinois Senate passed a law that requires all children in kindergarten, second and sixth grades in any public, private or parochial school to have a dental examination and form completed by a licensed dentist on

file in the school by May 15 of this school year.

The proof of dental examination and the waiver forms will be uniform for statewide use.

Many of our sixth graders have already completed their examinations and returned a form for our school file. For those of your who have yet

to so, you have until May 15 to return the completed form.

If you are not sure if you have returned a completed form, please call the school office. We have a report of all sixth grade dental records.

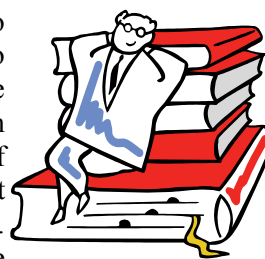
# BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE.....

A perfect time to curl up inside with a good book! A few ICMS students have done just that. That is, they have curled up with about *twenty* award winning books. Since our last newsletter, Haley Petragallo of 6.1, Amelia Dively of 6.2, Angeleque Cross of 8th Grade Reading Group 1-2, and Mrs. Rueff of the Staff completed reading all twenty Caudill nominees. There are many more students very close to accomplishing this read worthy goal. Keep up those award winning reading habits and we will see you at the end of the year Caudill celebration. You have until the first of April to read all twenty of the nominees.

Another goal that we strive for here at ICMS is to qualify to vote in the Caudill Book Award election that is held every February. The winner of the Caudill vote will be announced at the annual children literature confer-

ence held at Northern University. To qualify to vote, a student needs to read at least three books from the Caudill nominee list. The homeroom or reading group that has 100% of their group qualified to vote will get to have a popcorn and movie party. The movie that is chosen by the group to watch will have to be based on a middle school book. So we have quite a variety of movies to choose from.

The homerooms are ranked as follows for the highest number of students qualified to vote: 6.1 in first place with (YAH, RAH!!) 100%, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Group 1-2 in second place with 89.5%, 6.2 and 7.2 tied for third with 87.5%, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Group 3-4 in fourth with 79.2%, 6.3 in fifth place with 65.2%, 7.1 in sixth place with 48%, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Group 5-6 in seventh place with 47.4%, and last (but not least) the



*So little time.*

Staff with 38.5%. We have until February 17<sup>th</sup> to read at least three

*So man books...*

Caudills in order to participate in the voting. Have you a favorite from the list? Which book will take first place at ICMS? Encourage those classmates that need that one book to qualify by suggesting your favorite for them to read!

Got Twenty?  
Mrs. Goodrich

## ICMS MUSIC NOTES

Contest season is upon us in the ICMS music department

On Saturday, February 25, 2012, the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo & Ensemble Contest will be hosted by Somonauk Middle School. All band students have been given a solo to begin learning. Students will be assigned an accompanist, if their piece requires one. Extra rehearsals will be held in February to help students prepare for this event.

The ICMS seventh & eighth grade band will participate in the Illinois Grade School Music Association's Band Organization Contest on

Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Bernotas Middle School in Crystal Lake. Students have begun work on contest selections and are being given specific weekly assignments to prepare for this contest. Our performance time will be announced later in February and notes will be sent home with all contest information.

Our annual spring music concert will be held on Wednesday, April 18th. It will feature the Shabbona Elementary, and Waterman Elementary School fifth grade bands, sixth grade band, seventh and eighth grade band, and the ICMS chorus.



An afternoon all school assembly will be held at 2:00 PM on April 18. Community members are welcome to attend. The evening concert will be held at 7:00

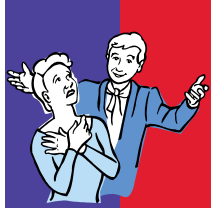
PM.

Our students will be preparing for the upcoming busy contest and concert season. The rewards and recognition will be well worth the effort and time. If families have any questions, please contact us at ICMS, 264-7712.

Mr. Feken and Mrs. Schmidt

# A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT AT ICMS

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<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Ms. Burton and Mrs. Frankel are looking forward to this year’s production. The try-outs will be on Feb. 1st at 3:30. All practices will be after school in the middle school gym. It should be a great production with over 50 students involved in the cast and crew! So mark your calendars now for March 15<sup>th</sup>!! Come and enjoy a night at the theatre!



The eighth grade group that are planning their spring Washington D.C. educational trip will be hosting the annual Italian Café Spaghetti Dinner featuring delicious spaghetti with homemade meat or meatless sauce, garlic bread, salad, dessert and drink for \$7.00. You can eat in before the school spring play “The Tale of Snow White” or take home carry outs and come back for the play. The café will be decorated in Ital-

ian checkered table cloths, fresh floral table centerpieces and of course Italian café music for your dining pleasure.

You won’t want to miss this special evening at ICMS and help support our eighth graders in their fundraising effort to defray some cost for the Washington D.C. experience.

We want to beat last year’s dinner that served 400 people. Mark your calendars for Thurs., March 15 for a great evening at ICMS.

## ROCKIN RECS LUNCH WINNERS

We want to congratulate the following students who were recognized as Rockin RECS (Respect, Effort, Courtesy, and Safety) winners for January:

Sixth Grade: Josh Anderson, Sarah Diehl, and Haley Petragallo.

Seventh Grade: Justyn Kaus, Olin Simpson, and Austin Sommerfeld.

Eighth Grade: Ryan Quinn and Emerson Witte.

Exploratory: J.T. Bain, Declan Booker and Jonathan Farnsworth.

These students enjoyed a Subway lunch and game of Wii during their lunch hour. Congratulation!

Each month students from each grade level are selected by their team of teachers to receive this award.

***LIFETOUCH SPRING  
PICTURES  
FRIDAY, MARCH 2***

## CAN DRIVE CONTINUES

The aluminum can drive continues until March 1. This is a terrific fundraiser for the Physical Education Department. Please deposit cans behind the school on the north west side of building by the eighth grade hallway doors. Please have the students identify themselves by either telling us at school, or putting a name tag on the

bag. In this way they can get credit, which can lead to a prize (the top three contributors will win money) or a free class continental breakfast. They will also have their name mentioned during morning announcements.

We want to thank Indian Oaks Coun



try club in Shabbona for saving cans for us. We get them directly from the Country Club.

Please be generous. Can recycling helps the school and helps the environment.

Physical Education Department  
Cathy Hartman, and Eric Schrader

# SEVENTH GRADE NEWS

In math we have been emphasizing the importance of showing your work. The students need to show and use formulas and ratio boxes to solve many of their homework problems. Scientific notation with positive and negative exponents is another skill that we have been concentrating on.

In science we are studying DNA, RNA, human inheritance, and genetic disorders. A note about this was sent home to the parents on January 23.

In social studies we just fin-

ished our unit on the Revolutionary War and will be learning about how the colonies became a country. After that, we will begin our state-mandated Constitution test.



In language arts class we just completed a poetry unit. Be sure to ask to see some of your child's work as they all did a great job! As February and Black History Month begin, we will participate in literature circles using the novel The Watson's go to

Birmingham, 1963. Students will learn about culture clashes, stereotypes, and civil rights as they read. There will be many creative projects that this will require. Keep an eye out for them as they come home.

Seventh Grade Team

## REC BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

It is time again for the Waterman Summer REC and Indian Creek REC summer baseball and softball registration. Final registration will be held at the Waterman Community Center on Saturday, February 11th from 9-11 AM. Registration forms can be found at [www.indiancreekrec.org](http://www.indiancreekrec.org) or [www.wix.com/watermansummerrec/wsr](http://www.wix.com/watermansummerrec/wsr). With the two REC programs

working together this year to manage both areas of ball, girls playing softball 8u and up will register with IC REC. Boys playing baseball Super-T and up, will register with WSR. T-ball will still be offered in each league based on where you live.

This will be the last opportunity to register early for a discounted price.

**ICMS ISAT TESTING**  
March 5 thru March 16

## NEW SHUTTLE BUS PICK UP LOCATION

Beginning Monday, January 30, 2012, the after-school sports and activity shuttle bus will pick up students at a new location at ICMS. At the regular pick up time, 5:10 PM, 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 we normally load and unload

students 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.



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## ICMS YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE

We are excited that this year's book will again be all color ... we thank the CCC for underwriting our cost for the yearbook so we can keep the fee down for our students.

Note the change in procedure:

Students will be given their yearbooks on their last day of school. This will allow them the time to have fun with the big "signing" event. Eighth graders will receive their books graduation day so they can sign books at their picnic, and sixth and seventh their last morning before summer break.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Our 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 to \$200 are available for the top five state ranked winners. Many thanks to the Waterman/Shabbona/Lee American Legion Post 654 for inviting our middle school to compete. Best of luck to all of our writers.

Mr. Marquardt is offering those students to participate in the ICMS Scholastic Bowl that is open to students in all grades. They meet in room 114 from 3:30 to 5:00 on Tuesdays and Thursday beginning January 26.

Students divide into teams and attempt to answer trivia questions on a variety of subjects from history and science to literature and popular culture and, yes, even math.

Students can take the 5:10 p.m. sports/academic shuttle to Shabbona on those days, if needed.



**Lifetouch spring pictures  
Friday, March 2, 2012.**

**Community Inspiration Awards  
program between games on Tues.,  
Feb. 21, 2012**

**ICMS Spring Service Project  
N.I.C.E. WALK  
Sunday, May 6, 2012**

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**DO YOU LIKE TRIVIA?** Well some students at ICMS do.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

## 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.