



## February 2012 Update Waterman Elementary School



### Welcome to Asia

Did you know that Asia is the largest continent by landmass? The land area of Asia is actually larger than the land area of the moon.

#### 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 WES participated. How shocked and surprised we were to receive an e-mail on the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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*.



**CCC Auction**  
**Sunday, March 11, 2012**  
**12:30 p.m. @ ICMS**



#### News from the Library

A BIG THANK YOU on behalf of the staff & students to **Jaeden Bouma & Brendan Fritz** for donating several popular titles to the library. Also, “Thank You” to **Mrs. Vaupel** for donating the latest publication from local author & illustrator, Rob Dancey & Mike Olson: *I Found A Monster Today*.

#### Magic Waters Update

Any student who turned in their reading log on time (due January 30) and earned a free pass to Magic Waters Waterpark during the 2012 season will receive their ticket in their final school report card.



#### Summer Recreation Information

It is time again for Waterman Summer Recreation and IC Recreation Baseball/Softball registration. Final registration will be held at the Waterman Community Center on **February 11**, from 9-11. 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.

## EPC News

### Market Day Giveaway

The winner of this month's giveaway is **Linn Brown**. She won a Collapsible Shopping bag. Congratulations to Linn!

Don't forget to place your monthly order so you have a chance to win.



### Jump Rope for Heart

Waterman Elementary students collected **\$1500.00** to donate to Jump For Heart. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously toward this charitable effort!

**Did you know that more people live in India than in Central America, North America and South America – altogether?**



### Illinois Standards Achievement Testing: March 5-16, 2012

Across the state of Illinois students in grades 3-8 are mandated to participate in statewide assessments commonly referred to as ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Tests). Waterman Elementary students have established a record of performing quite well on these academic measures. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be tested in reading and mathematics. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will also take a science assessment. The results are used to determine levels of individual and group learning. Test results also provide valuable feedback on curricular effectiveness. *All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to get plenty of rest and eat highly nutritious breakfasts during the ISAT testing dates.* Most of the tests will be given during the first week and the beginning of the second week, allowing primarily for make-up testing to occur prior to the March 16<sup>th</sup> deadline.

## WES Students to Travel to SES for Motivational Assembly

We are pleased to announce that our entire student body has been invited to join the student body of Shabbona Elementary for a nationally-acclaimed educational assembly at 9:30 am on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. Students will be off-campus for approximately 75 minutes, including bussing to and from Shabbona. The following information has been provided to us by the assembly's promoters to share with our parents and guardians:

**The NED Show** is a program designed to promote academic achievement through positive behavior and character development. **It's the perfect way to motivate and inspire your students!** The NED show is a 45-minute character-development assembly that is offered **AT NO COST**.

NED is an acronym for our message:

**Never give up** (focus & persistence);  
**Encourage others** (kindness & shared learning);  
**Do your best** (diligence & excellence)

Our goal is to motivate and encourage your students that each of them has what it takes to **become a champion at school and in life.**

Schools have found NED's message inspires students to achieve more academically by positively impacting their attitudes and behavior. By hosting The NED Show, you will be promoting key character traits for success at school and in life. Please take a few minutes to check out our website:  
**[www.thenedshow.com](http://www.thenedshow.com)**



# Indian Creek Community Concern for Children Helping Our Students and Our Schools



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**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> (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:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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Printed Name

Signature

Date

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

[www.indiancreekschools.org](http://www.indiancreekschools.org)