



# ICES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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**Be respectful, responsible, safe, involved, and focused.**

## From Mr. Nidiffer's Office:

Welcome back, everyone! Two weeks are behind us, and from what I hear from all the directors everything is going really well! I wanted to take a quick moment to personally invite everyone to our first "ICS Friends and Family Cookout" tonight at IPA from 6-8:30 p.m. There will be food, music, door prizes, and student artwork on display (and maybe a dance lesson or two!). Not only do we want to give our families a chance to have some fun together, we want them to bring some of their friends that could be part of ICS, too. We have a few grades with openings or short waiting lists, so please plan to join us Friday night.

On another front, I wanted to let everyone know that I will have open office hours every Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m. My office is located at IPA (5751 University Avenue). Please stop in if you need to see me about anything. Of course, you may always call or e-mail to schedule an appointment outside of office hours. - David

## DONORS CHOOSE

Consider a new way to help your child's classroom. **Donorschoose.org** is an online organization that connects classrooms with companies and individuals who want to support education. A few ICES teachers have projects currently posted on Donorschoose.org and more classrooms will be adding projects throughout the school year.

Donations of varying amounts can be accepted, and if you cannot donate yourself, maybe you know a person or company who would like to contribute. You can also find a project that you would like to support and share it on Facebook. Last year, several ICES classrooms were able to receive materials and complete special projects that would not have happened otherwise. Thank you, as always, for all of your support.

## ATTENDANCE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

A recent report from John Hopkins University, *The Importance of Being in School*, has shown that attendance directly affects academic performance. In fact, "Achievement, especially in math, is very sensitive to attendance, and absence of even two weeks during one school year matters."

To encourage students to come to school on time each day that they are healthy, ICES is implementing incentives for students and parents. For example, each morning one name is randomly drawn. If the student is present and on time, he/she gets a prize. Other attendance incentive plans are in place for this year, so stay tuned.



*First graders from Miss Welsh's class dance the Tooty Ta during Music Class.*

## ICS FRIENDS AND FAMILY COOKOUT

Don't forget to attend tonight's cookout at IPA, from 6-8:30 p.m. Join us to meet other ICS families, check out artwork of ICS students, and enjoy a cook-out dinner. **Please plan to bring a store-bought snack to share (chips, cookies, fruit/veggie tray, etc.).**

Plan to park at either ICES or ICMS and ride the complimentary shuttle over to IPA. If you have friends who are looking for a school, please bring them with you to learn about the many opportunities ICES has to offer. Families earn additional raffle tickets for bringing guests with school-aged children! We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Follow ICS on Twitter: [@IrvCommunity](https://twitter.com/IrvCommunity)**

**AUGUST AT A GLANCE**

10th: Cookout at IPA, 6-8:30 p.m.

14th: Boy Scout Meeting

16th: PTSA meeting @ ICES, 6 p.m.

21st: Boy Scout Meeting

28th: Boy Scout Meeting

**THANKS TO OUR DONORS**

The PTSA would like to extend a BIG thank you to the organizations that donated items for the survey drawings at the ice cream socials. A total of 10 prizes were given away, including Jockamo gift certificates, Audrey's Place gift certificates, gift baskets, and more! Be sure to visit the area businesses that contributed and let them know how much they are appreciated! Thank you Jockamo Pizza, Audrey's Place, and Nordstrom Rack!

**FIRST PTSA MEETING OF THE YEAR**

Please plan on joining us for the first PTSA meeting of the 2012-2013 school year. We will discuss and vote on the PTSA calendar and budget. A guest speaker from Aramark will discuss changes to lunch menus this year and will answer any questions. Aramark provides breakfast and lunch services at all three Irvington schools. Not a PTSA member yet? No problem. Come to find out how you can become one! **We'll plan on seeing you, Thursday, August 16, at 6 pm in the ICES Gym.**

**FROM THE LEARNING WELL CLINIC**

If you have a new student at ICES and have not turned in a copy of your child's shot record, please do so right away. All students, both new and returning, must be up to date with immunizations in order to attend school. If you have questions, please contact Brooke Robeson, RN, BSN: 357.3559 x133 or brobeson@ics-charter.org.

**What's for Lunch...**

**BOARD FORMALIZES NEW ICSPD**

On Tuesday evening, August 7, 2012, the Irvington Community School, Inc. Board of Directors meeting hosted an historic event: Scott McKinney, ICS, Inc. school resource officer, was sworn in as an Irvington Community Schools police officer and named chief of police. This event, in effect, not only granted Chief McKinney a more prominent role with greater police powers (ability to arrest, carry a firearm, issue traffic citations, etc.) but also established the first charter school police department in Indiana.

**AUGUST CHARACTER TRAIT**

*"Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for others guides our manners."* This quote by 18<sup>th</sup> century novelist and clergyman Laurence Sterne reminds us that in order to have good judgment and compassion for others we must first respect ourselves. When we respect ourselves, we feel compelled to demonstrate respect for others through good manners of behavior. At ICES we model, teach, and expect our students to use good manners and respectful language and practice dignified, considerate behavior at all times.

<b>Lighthouse Leaders • RESPECT</b>			
<b>K</b>	Jadah Roulette	Athina Clayton	Kase Johnson
<b>1</b>	Aidan Weaver	Sean Manchester	Ava Rolfsen
<b>2</b>	Natalie Sayer	Nautica Johnson	Raegan Bryan
<b>3</b>	Evie Matthews	Nicole Warfield	Jordan Clark
<b>4</b>	Alec Jarvis	Jaden Berggoetz	Christian Forbes
<b>5</b>	Ethan Clark	Jannsyn Keefer	Shae Kelly

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Chicken Patty Sand. Turkey Hot Dog Bologna Sandwich	Grilled Cheese Popcorn Chicken Ham & Turkey Salad	Chicken Soft Taco Corn Dog Ham & Cheese Sand.	Spaghetti Chicken Nuggets Egg Chef Salad	Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger PBJ
Corn, Broccoli, Apple, Orange Juice	Tater Tots, Salad, Banana, Peaches, Vanilla Pudding	Pinto Beans, Fresh Carrots, Honeydew, Grape Juice	Green Beans, Tomatoes, Orange, Applesauce, Choc. Pudding	French Fries, Celery Sticks, Watermelon, Apple Juice



