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PLEASE JOIN US FOR TOMORROW'S SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE ANNUAL ICS 8TH GRADE TRIP TO D.C.:

The ICS 8th grade will host a dinner and silent auction on Saturday, March 20th, 2010, from 6-8:30 p.m. in the gym. Proceeds from the event will support the 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C., at the end of the school year. The silent auction is a great opportunity to purchase gift cards, gift baskets, and various services, usually for less than face value. More than 150 auction items available for bidding include: \$45 Outback Steakhouse gift certificate, \$20 Max and Erma's gift card, one-night stay and breakfast for two at Casino Aztar, Holiday World and Kings Island tickets, Step 2 Children's activity desk, Southport Chick-fil-A "Free Bundle," autographed Pacers jersey, team-autographed Fever t-shirt, party for eight at Monkey Joe's, \$20 Charleston's gift card, one-hour massage, and more! Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 8 and under. Dinner will consist of fried chicken and/or BBQ pulled pork, vegetables, salad, desserts, and drinks.

5th GRADE MUSICAL, BAND AND CHOIR CONCERTS SCHEDULED:

The 5th grade U.S. History Musical will be Tuesday, March 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the ICS Gym. Students will perform *The American Dream*, a musical celebration of America's early heritage. Students should arrive at the school by 5:30 p.m. dressed in red, white, or blue attire. No jeans allowed. Attendance is required and will be part of their state report grade. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Walden, Miss Welsh, or Mr. Cameron, the ICS Music teacher. **A joint ICS band and choir concert will be held on Monday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.** The choirs will perform music by the Beatles, music from *Grease*, and many other songs. The bands will perform a wide variety of music as well, ranging from Renaissance tunes to the music of Queen. Students should arrive at the gym by 6 p.m. As with the 5th grade musical, student attendance is required and will be a part of their grade this quarter. As a reminder, band students will need to wear their band shirts or blue school uniform shirts and khaki pants. Choir girls will need to wear dresses, skirts, or school uniform pants, and a nice blouse. Choir boys will need to wear school uniform pants or other dress pants with a button-down shirt and tie. No jeans will be allowed for any member of band or choir. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Arter (arter@ics-charter.org) or Mr. Cameron (bcameron@ics-charter.org) at 357-5359.

LIKE SPRING, BOOK FAIR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

The Spring Scholastic ICS Book Fair is set for April 5th-9th, 2010, our first week back from Spring Break. Fair hours are Monday 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. PTSA could use a few good men and women as Book Fair volunteers for set-up, tear-down, and to staff the fair. If you would like to help out, please contact Tina Harris at 352-8234 or RHCH8787@sbcglobal.net.

FORTY-ONE GUEST SPEAKERS PARTICIPATE IN CAREER DAY!

Ms. Skvara and her 6th grade class hosted this year's Career Day, and Irvington's kids learned a lot about the world of work. Quite an array of professionals generously gave of their time to present background on their careers to our K-8 students. Guest speakers included police officers, firefighters, a cartoonist, mail carrier, engineer, state senator, court reporter, college professor, and family practice physician. Ms. Skvara and her Career Day Ambassadors really went above and beyond. Well done!

ICS's Four Guiding Principles: Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be an Involved Member of the Learning Community

**PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR U.S. CENSUS FORMS AND RETURN THEM PROMPTLY!
LOCAL ALLOCATIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR SERVICES DEPENDS ON IT — AND YOU!**

FROM THE LEARNING WELL CLINIC: We have been seeing more cases of Fifth Disease (parvovirus B-19) at ICS. As with colds and flu viruses, the best way to reduce the spread of this common virus is to keep reminding your children to frequently wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer, and to be sure to disinfect surfaces. As long as the infected children have no fever, they are generally not excluded from school. Once you see the telltale “slapped cheek” rash, infected children are no longer considered contagious. They were contagious when they had a fever or cold symptoms before the rash appeared. The lag time between exposure and infection is usually 2-14 days. Some people are completely asymptomatic but can still spread the virus. Although not usually a serious illness, Fifth Disease is of special concern to pregnant women, people who are immunosuppressed, or those with Sickle-Cell Disease. If anyone with these conditions is exposed to Fifth Disease, contact your health care provider. If you are interested in learning more about Fifth Disease, go to: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/revb/respiratory/parvo_b19.htm. — *Brooke Robeson, RN, BSN*

ICS WILL HOST TOMORROW’S SIMSAC VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: On Saturday, March 20th, our school will be the site of the one-day SIMSAC Volleyball Tournament. The single-elimination six-team tournament — hosted by the ICS for the first time — begins at 9 a.m. and will conclude by approximately 3 p.m. Admission is \$1. Should parking overflow our school lot, parents are encouraged to park in the Marsh parking lot adjacent to the Pennsy Trail and enjoy the short walk to the school. Also, Ms. Smith, the ICS Volleyball Team head coach and tournament coordinator, could use some volunteer assistance with this special event. Please contact her at 357-5359 x116 or jsmith@ics-charter.org.

SURVIVOR WEEK NEEDS YOUR HELP! ICS students annually compete in a school-wide “Survivor Challenge,” a series of activities in PE class in which students earn points for their teams. Students use strips of material to create team identity headbands and armbands for the Survivor Challenge — and they love it! We could use some help from the ICS community in supplying the kids with this material: i.e., strips of cotton fabric (ideally in 3-foot strips and with colorful designs). We will also gratefully accept cash donations to Jo-Ann Fabrics on our behalf so that we can purchase additional material for the event. If you would like to donate fabric, please send it with your student to Mr. Stenger or Ms. Smith. Thank you for your support!

	This Week’s Character Trait: “Accountability”	
	This Week’s Lighthouse Leaders:	
KG	Genna E.	Alexis L.
1	Cheyenne P.	Juliet K.
2	Keith H.	Lukas K.
3	Hayden P.	Ethan S.
4	Kelly F.	Chris H.
5	Amelia C.	Austin V.
6	Jackson D.	Kourtney S.
7	Bryana F.	Chelsea B.
8	Tommy G.	Elijah H.

Quote of the Week...

“When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them.”

- Rodney Dangerfield, comedian

SPOTLIGHT AWARD: Ms. Skvara and her student ambassadors during Career Day!

	MON 3/22	TUES 3/23	WED 3/24	THURS 3/25	FRI 3/26
LUNCH	Chicken Tenders/Hot Dog Green Beans Apple	Soft Taco/ Chicken & Dumplings Mashed Potatoes Pineapple	Pork Tenderloin/ Spaghetti Side Salad Applesauce	Chicken Nuggets/Super Sub Corn Banana	NO SCHOOL!
EVENTS	Band & Choir Concert 6:30-7:30 p.m. ICS Gym	ICS Board of Directors Meeting 6-7:30 p.m. @ ICS 5th Grade Musical 6:30-7:30 p.m. ICS Gym	Volleyball Practice 6-7:30 p.m., ICS Gym Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser 3-9 p.m. 8109 E. Wash. St.	Volleyball Game 6:30-8:30 p.m. ICS Gym	NO SCHOOL!