



# ICS Weekly Newsletter

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**HERE WE GO AGAIN — ISTEP TESTING BEGINS NEXT WEEK:** Be sure to have your kids ready to perform to the best of their ability for next week's ISTEP Testing. Making sure that your child gets a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and comes equipped with a positive attitude are the best tools for optimum test-taking. Below is the testing schedule:

#### ALL TESTING SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING

	Monday, 4/26	Tuesday, 4/27	Wednesday, 4/28
3rd	Math	English/Language Arts	English/Language Arts
4th	Math	English/Language Arts	Science
5th	Math	English/Language Arts	Social Studies
6th	Math	English/Language Arts	Science
7th	Math	English/Language Arts	Social Studies
8th	Math	English/Language Arts	English/Language Arts

**ISTEP QUIET ZONE:** During ISTEP Testing next week, the ICS requires that all students are quiet and orderly in the hallways so that students who are testing can remain focused. If your child is loud or disruptive in the hallways next week — which we certainly hope will not be the case! — you will be notified and the student will be assigned to practice proper hallway behavior from 3:20-4 p.m. on Friday, April 30th, with Mr. McFadden. All students have been instructed on proper hallway behavior, so we expect the very best!

**BLOOD DRIVE NETS 39 UNITS FOR INDIANA HOSPITALS:** Our 2nd Annual Jesse Terry Memorial Blood Drive, conducted by the Indiana Blood Center, turned out to be (another) great success! Fifty donor attempts were made, with 39 units of blood donated. Of special note, Irvington Preparatory Academy's student body was well represented, with at least 15 high school students donating blood as first-time donors. Family members, relatives, and ICS and IPA employees also showed their tremendous spirit of service as donors. We were delighted to have Jesse's family join us for the event. Thanks to the community interest in this special blood drive in helping to meet an ongoing critical lifesaving need here in central Indiana, we may host a drive at both the K-8 building and high school next year. Our deepest thanks to all participants.

#### WASHINGTON STREET BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT ON MAY 1ST:

Neighbors from Irvington Terrace and the surrounding community, in conjunction with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Inc., will be planting 50 trees along East Washington Street on Saturday, May 1st, from 8 a.m.-noon. Community members are welcome to join the beautification project. As well, students from Irvington Preparatory Academy will be painting a mural on the Washington Street side of Taller Mecanico. A post-event celebration will take place at La Hacienda. More details are available at [www.irvingtonterrace.net](http://www.irvingtonterrace.net).

**FLOATING HOLIDAYS REMINDER:** Each student is allotted five floating holidays per year. Please note that **they cannot be used after Friday, May 28th**. If your ICS student has accrued 10 or more excused and/or unexcused absences this school year, no floating holidays will be granted going forward.

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

**HAS YOUR FAMILY MET ITS 20-HOUR VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT AT ICS? CONTACT MR. MULHERIN AT 357-5359 TO DETERMINE WAYS TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOUR SCHOOL.**

**POP TABS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT THE ICS FRONT DESK:** Please remember to remove pop tabs from your beverage cans and turn them in to Ms. Brigham at the front office. We collect tabs in support of the good work of the Ronald McDonald House. Our ambitious but reachable goal is to collect 1 million tabs! To date, the ICS community has donated 650,000 tabs, so we're well on our way! We plan to continue the collection next school year, and ask that you keep collecting tabs throughout the summer for us. Thank you!

**ICS AND IPA STUDENTS VISIT PURDUE AS PART OF THE CIPW SCHOLARS PROGRAM:** On April 2nd, Central Indiana Pop Warner (CIPW) scholars headed up I-65 North to the Purdue University campus in West Lafayette. There they were treated to presentations on physics and earth and atmospheric sciences by Purdue science faculty. ICS/IPA students who attended this special event included Jason M.; Emily M.; Shannon, Jaylyn, Jada, and Ethan G.; as well as IPA student Chyanne G. The group involved 3rd-9th grade students. The highlight of the day was seeing the accelerometer (an electromechanical device that measures acceleration forces). The idea behind the daytrip was to promote — if not accelerate! — the students' interest in science. By all accounts, it was time well spent! Also...Shannon G. is the recipient of a \$200 Minority Engineering Program Scholarship to attend the 8th Grade Summer Engineering Workshop at Purdue University this summer. Way to go, Shannon!

**NATIONAL ELEMENTARY HONOR SOCIETY TO CONDUCT SCHOOL GROUNDS CLEANUP:** The 50 members of the Irvington Community School's NEHS chapter will be providing some much-appreciated school community service next Monday, April 26th, targeting the school grounds and Pennsy Trail. Parents are welcome to help out. Please email Mrs. Blocher for more details: [cblocher@ics-charter.org](mailto:cblocher@ics-charter.org).

**WE ENCOURAGE STUDENT BIKE RIDERS TO WEAR HELMETS:** Indiana Code (9-21-11) does not require bicyclists to wear a helmet (though oddly enough, bike bells/ringers *are* required by state law!). But safety awareness suggests otherwise. Parents — please make sure your ICS student bike riders wear the proper head gear when commuting to and from school. Intact noggins are conducive to learning!

	<b>This Week's Character Trait: "Civility"</b>	
	<b>This Week's Lighthouse Leaders:</b>	
<b>KG</b>	Zoe M.	Rayan B.
<b>1</b>	Kasey R.	Shawn H.
<b>2</b>	Hannah K.	Elijah H.
<b>3</b>	Brenna B.	Jenna T.
<b>4</b>	Elshai P.	Jeremy W.
<b>5</b>	Megan D.	Samantha B.
<b>6</b>	Kathryn S.	Shelby C.
<b>7</b>	Hayden S.	Erika C.
<b>8</b>	Jenny L.	Briana P.

*Quote of the Week...*

*"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them." - James Baldwin, American writer*

**SPOTLIGHT AWARD: ICS and IPA community member blood donors last Thursday!**

	MON 4/26	TUES 4/27	WED 4/28	THURS 4/29	FRI 4/30
<b>LUNCH</b>	Crispito/Hot Dog White Rice Applesauce	Walking Taco/ BBQ Sandwich Corn Pears	Spicy Chicken Patty/Hot Ham & Cheese Green Beans Peaches	Grilled Chicken Sandwich/ Chicken Tenders Carrots Fruit Cocktail	Assorted Pizza Meatball Sub Assorted Fruits & Veggies
<b>EVENTS</b>	ISTEP Testing 8-11:30 a.m.	ISTEP Testing 8-11:30 a.m. Cub Scouts 6:30-7:30 p.m. ICS Gym	ISTEP Testing 8-11:30 a.m.		Volleyball League Practice 6-8 p.m. @ ICS