



# ICS Weekly Newsletter

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**MATH PENTATHLON TEAM EARNS HIGH MARKS:** Congratulations to ICS's Division I Math Pentathlon team coached by Mrs. Lannan. Last Saturday, our team of 1st graders competed against 1st grade students from other Indianapolis schools in the Math Pentathlon Tournament at Southport High School. The Pentathlon is a set of five games that focus on sequential thinking, problem solving, recognizing attributes, planning strategy, and critical thinking through comparing. Emily Bales earned a Bronze Medal, while Aidan Burke, Stephanie Ish, and Isaac Pryor earned Honorable Mention. Pentathlete participation awards were given to Madeline Rojowski, Lindsey Fulcher, Nathan Allen, Brandon Davidson, Alec Jarvis, and Grace Hill. Well done, Pentathletes!

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: COMING (VERY) SOON TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU...** May 3rd-7th is National Teacher Appreciation Week. PTSA will be coordinating the ICS community gestures of appreciation for another year of fine educational service to your children. PTSA is asking that families help supply a selection of treats in the Teacher's Lounge for staff during this special recognition week. A flyer was sent home today outlining food and beverage suggestions. If you would like to be involved or have any questions, please contact PTSA Vice President Delores Clark at 201-3140 or [deloresclark@hotmail.com](mailto:deloresclark@hotmail.com).

**THREE ICS CLASSROOMS HAVE PERFECT ISTEP ATTENDANCE:** Kudos to Mr. Stallard's 3rd grade class and to the entire 4th grade — Mrs. Yeoman and Mrs. Daugherty's classes — for perfect attendance during ISTEP! This effort takes a team: students, parents, and teachers. Not to mention a little bit of luck on the health side of the equation! Thanks to all our students who were able to maintain perfect attendance during this round of Indiana's standardized testing.

**ATTENTION PTSA MEMBERS: ANNUAL BOARD ELECTION IS NEXT WEEK!** The ICS Parent/Teacher/Student Association chapter will be holding its annual board of directors election for the 2010-2011 school year on Monday, May 10th. The slate of nominees will be on hand at 6:15 p.m. to meet PTSA members and talk about their vision for the coming year. The meeting shall begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. As members of PTSA, this is your opportunity to choose your board and participate in the process! In addition to the election, Mr. Ehrgott will be providing a status report on the possible ICS and Irvington Preparatory Academy expansion project. This is an exciting time for our schools! Your attendance would be greatly appreciated to show support for the new PTSA Board as well as support for Irvington's school growth!

**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 project. As well, IPA students will paint a mural on the Washington Street side of Taller Mecanico. A post-event celebration will take place at La Hacienda. Details are available at [www.irvingtonterrace.net](http://www.irvingtonterrace.net).

**SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:** We are in the process of finalizing next school year's calendar. Meanwhile, please note the following dates for your planning: **Fall Break: October 4th-10th; Winter Break: December 20th-31st.** We appreciate your patience as we work out the details on the 2010-2011 school calendar. More info soon!

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

**PTSA’S ANNUAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 10TH, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE ICS GYM. ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO GET OUT AND “ROCK THE VOTE”!**

**FROM THE LEARNING WELL CLINIC:** The United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared the month of May as National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Here in central Indiana, May makes for a great time to promote the benefits of physical activity. Getting — and staying! — active increases your chances of living longer and can help you control your blood pressure, blood sugar, and weight; raise your “good” cholesterol; and prevent heart disease, colorectal cancer, and type 2 diabetes. Need some tips to help you stay active? Aim for at least two hours and 30 minutes of moderate activity per week. This includes exercises such as walking fast, dancing, and biking. Do muscle-strengthening activities at least two days a week. Be sure to strengthen all major muscle groups including the legs, hips, back, chest, stomach, shoulders, and arms. — *Brooke Robeson, RN, BSN, 357-5359 x133 or brobeson@ics-charter.org.*

**YOU MUST COME — IT’S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD! ;-)** **FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT RETURNS!** Family Fitness Night is back by popular demand! FFN is a great way to end your family’s week — meaning, together! FFN is all about fun and fitness. This special evening runs from 6:30-8 p.m. on Friday, May 7th. Attendees are invited to participate in **FREE** adult wellness screenings (for total cholesterol, random glucose, blood pressure, body fat, and BMI index), games, outdoor recreational activities, and the ever-popular Dodgeball Tournament (please sign up for this event by 7 p.m.). A special “Taste Test” hosted by our lunch program vendor, Aramark, is also tentatively scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Smith at [jsmith@ics-charter.org](mailto:jsmith@ics-charter.org) or 357-5359 x116.

**NOVELIST TO VISIT ICS ON JUNE 4TH:** First-time novelist Christine Johnson will be visiting the 6th-8th grade students on Friday, June 4th. Ms. Johnson will be conducting a book signing and reading from her newly published book *Claire de Lune*, notably of the teenage werewolf genre, which will be released on May 18th. Students will have an opportunity to purchase a hardcover copy of the book for only \$10.20, which is 40 percent off the retail price! Order forms went out to grades 6-8 on Wednesday. If your child would like to purchase a copy of *Claire de Lune* and have it autographed by Ms. Johnson, please contact Ms. Skvara ([kskvara@ics-charter.org](mailto:kskvara@ics-charter.org)) or Mrs. Venekamp ([lvenekamp@ics-charter.org](mailto:lvenekamp@ics-charter.org)) for an order form. All orders are due Monday, May 10th. You can also visit Ms. Johnson’s website at [www.christinejohnsonbooks.com/](http://www.christinejohnsonbooks.com/).

	<b>This Week’s Character Trait: “Civility”</b>	
	<b>This Week’s Lighthouse Leaders:</b>	
<b>KG</b>	Dayleigh R.	Darrell A.
<b>1</b>	Shane S.	Bethany W.
<b>2</b>	Larry C.	Regan M.
<b>3</b>	Kyle M.	Jack M.
<b>4</b>	Jazmin W.	Sam S.
<b>5</b>	Miriam H.	Sydney C.
<b>6</b>	Cearia C.	Dylan H.
<b>7</b>	James L.	Dakota D.
<b>8</b>	Dylan P.	Arielle P.

*Quote of the Week...*

*“Everybody thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of changing himself.”*

*- Leo Tolstoy, Russian writer and author of “War and Peace”*

**SPOTLIGHT AWARD: Ms. Alford for her flexibility and patience in sharing the gym!**

	MON 5/3	TUES 5/4	WED 5/5	THURS 5/6	FRI 5/7
<b>LUNCH</b>	Crispito/Chicken Nuggets Corn Pineapple	Cheeseburger/ Corn Dog French Fries Oranges	Super Baked Potato/Sub Sandwich Pretzels Apples	Chicken Patty/ Walking Taco Green Beans Applesauce	Assorted Pizza/ Pepperoni Dunkers Assorted Fruits & Veggies
<b>EVENTS</b>		Wellness Meeting 5-6 p.m. @ ICS Cub Scouts 6:30-7:30 p.m. ICS Classrooms		Volleyball League Practice 6-8 p.m. @ ICS	Family Fitness Night 6:30-8 p.m. ICS Gym