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PTSA'S ANNUAL BOARD ELECTION IS MONDAY: 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 nominees are: Terra Skidmore, President; Suetta Bartley, Vice President; Rayann Forbes, Treasurer; and Dixie Robbins, Secretary. The meeting shall begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. In addition to the election, Mr. Ehrgott will be providing a status report on the ICS and Irvington Preparatory Academy expansion project (see attachment). Please come to show your support for the new PTSA Board and for Irvington's school growth!

FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT RETURNS TONIGHT! Family Fitness Night is back by popular demand! FFN is a great way to end your week with fun and fitness activities for the whole family. This special event runs from 6:30-8 this evening, Friday, May 7th. Adult attendees (18 and above) are invited to participate in **FREE** adult wellness screenings (for total cholesterol, random glucose, blood pressure, body fat, and BMI index) provided by Community Hospital, indoor and outdoor recreational activities (weather dependent) with representatives from FitCity (thanks to Learning Well), and the ever-popular Dodgeball Tournament. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Smith at 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 last week. 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) or Mrs. Venekamp (lvenekamp@ics-charter.org) for an order form. **All orders are due Monday, May 10th.** Visit Ms. Johnson's website at www.christinejohnsonbooks.com/.

A "HOMESTRETCH" DRESS CODE REMINDER: With just five weeks left of school, we don't want to let our dress code standards slip! So here's a short reminder about some areas that require extra attention. Shirts are to remain tucked in while at school. If your ICS student's shirt is getting too tight, we encourage you to make sure to get your child appropriate fitting clothes. Belts must be worn by students in grades 3-8. Belts must be solid color: dark blue, black, or brown. There should be no designs or decorations on them. Socks must be plain navy blue or white. School-wide dress code checks will begin next week. If your child is not in dress code, you may be called to bring appropriate clothing. Thanks for supporting your school's dress code!

— Mr. McFadden, ICS Behavior Coach

KIBI LANDSCAPING DAY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19TH: ICS parents are invited to join Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and some local Ernst & Young employees for a campus beautification day on Wednesday, May 19th, from 9 a.m. — noon. Plans have not yet been finalized, but a few small "mountains" of mulch have been delivered! You can count on moving mulch, weeding flower beds, and generally tidying up the grounds. More detailed information will be forthcoming in next week's newsletter. If you'd like to help out and get in some volunteer service hours, contact Mr. Mulherin at tmulherin@ics-charter.org.

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

ARE YOUR KIDS MISSING ANY CLOTHING LATELY? COME CHECK THE ICS “LOST & FOUND” COLLECTION BY THE END OF SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY. THEN IT’S THE DAV’S!


WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR APPRECIATION! Our teachers and staff enjoyed a fine week of gestures of appreciation — largely of the edible variety! — provided by PTSA members and ICS families. PTSA would like to thank the following school community members and businesses for their contributions that made for such a memorable week: Suetta Bartley, Monica Huggler, Julie Gries, Michelle Ledford, Dene Nidiffer, and Delores Clark; Animalia, Applebee’s, Bath & Body Works, Bob Evans, Bookmamas, Carpenter Realtors — Wilma Peacock, Dairy Queen, Fantastic Sams, Fazoli’s, Flowerama, Harrison College — Brookville Road Campus (massages), Indy Tire, Italian Gardens, JJ’s Apparel and Accessories, Jockamo Pizza, La Hacienda, Lazy Daze Coffee House, Le Gourmet Chef, Luca Pizza, Marsh, McDonald’s, Mike’s Express Car Wash, Paul’s Nursery, Penn Station, Rock-Cola 50’s Café, Snips, Starbucks, Steak ‘n Shake, Thairapy Salon, The Legend, Wixs-N-Stixs, and the Ransburg YMCA.

ICS/IPA’S SPECIAL NEEDS PARENT SUPPORT GROUP PROMOTES AUTISM AWARENESS: To increase awareness about the challenges some Irvington students and families face, the ICS/IPA Special Needs Parent Support Group was recently formed. Since April was National Autism Awareness Month (and even though we’re a bit late), it seems the topic of autism is the best place to start!

Autism is a developmental disability that typically appears within the first three years of life. It is a “spectrum disorder,” meaning it affects each individual differently and to varying degrees. People with autism have difficulties with verbal and non-verbal communication, social interaction, and leisure activities. Autism knows no racial, social, or economic boundaries, and boys are affected about four times more frequently than girls. A generation ago autism was thought to be rare, affecting between 1 in 5,000 to 1 in 10,000 individuals. That number, however, has skyrocketed. The latest statistics, released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in December 2009, show the incidence of autism is now 1 in 110 individuals – and 1 in 70 boys. The incidence of autism in Indiana public school systems is 1 in 101 students. *Continued...*

To read the article in its entirety, go to www.ics-charter.org/autism_awareness.

Submitted by Adrienne Urbanek

	This Week’s Character Trait: “Honesty”	
	This Week’s Lighthouse Leaders:	
	KG	Samuel W. Olivia M.
	1	DeVaughn W. Karenda A.
	2	Rodney B. Sean L.
	3	Aurora S. Rory B.
	4	Brady M. Anna W.
	5	Drake K. Meghan S.
	6	Jesus M. Kolmann B.
7	Mrs. Richadson’s Homeroom Olivia M.	
8	Linda D. Jamie S.	

Quote of the Week...

“The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth.”
 - Dan Rather, journalist and former CBS News anchor

SPOTLIGHT AWARD: ICS Teachers and Staff!

	MON 5/10	TUES 5/11	WED 5/12	THURS 5/13	FRI 5/14
LUNCH	Mac & Cheese/ Fish Nuggets Peas Pears	Bean & Cheese Burrito/Hot Dog Corn Banana	Ravioli w/Toast/ Pork Fritter Broccoli & Cheese Peaches	Chicken Tenders/ Rib-B-Que Carrots Fruit Cocktail	Assorted Pizza/ Bread Sticks & Cheese Assorted Fruits & Veggies Pudding
EVENTS	PTSA Monthly Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. PTSA “Meet ‘n’ Greet” 6:15 p.m., ICS Gym	Girl Scouts 6:30-8 p.m. ICS Gym Cub Scouts 6:30-7:30 p.m. ICS Classrooms		“Hoops for Haiti” IPA Fundraiser 6-8:30 p.m. ICS Gym	Volleyball League Practice 6-8 p.m. @ ICS