



ICS Weekly Newsletter

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RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT: Now that the 2008-2009 school year is well under way, we want to be sure to say THANK YOU! to our safety- and community-conscious parents for your help in making the daily releases as smooth as possible.

A new parent to the school recently observed how important the virtue of patience is during our release process. Our release staff understands that you want to spend minimal time in our parking lot when picking up your children, and they work hard trying to accommodate everyone. But they can't do this alone. Efficient, streamlined, safe traffic management requires every driver's cooperation. The fact is, we're all in this together. So let's be respectful, careful, and – as our new parent so profoundly noted – *patient* when picking up (and dropping off) your children each day.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER: Please be sure to note that students need to report promptly to their classroom by 8 a.m. each morning. Making it to the front desk by 8 o'clock is not considered on time! Teachers need your help in getting the school day off to a great start. Whenever a student is habitually late, the entire class suffers, as the lesson is disrupted. We understand how challenging mornings can be! Having a morning schedule in the home that every family member is clear about will help get everyone out the door and to school and work on time and with less stress. As Robin Williams' character said so eloquently in the film "Dead Poets Society," when it comes to education, "Carpe diem!" – *Seize the day!*

POWERSCHOOL NOTE: PowerSchool is an online student management program used to track attendance, grades, and important student information. Parents can view their child's attendance and grades with a unique username and password. To log into PowerSchool, go to: <https://ps.ics-charter.org>. If you have not received your username and password, please contact Mrs. Pryor at dpryor@ics-charter.org.

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION: If you filled out a Free or Reduced Meals Program application, you should receive a letter by Aug. 18th from us. If you do not receive a letter by that date, please contact Cindy Sum, ICS accountant, at 357-3770 x1010 or csum@ics-charter.org.

If you need a Free or Reduced Meals Program application, please go to the following ICS webpage: www.ics-charter.org/elementary/forms/.

SCHOOL UNIFORM ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR WARREN

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS: The Warren Township Trustee's Office will accept applications for township assistance for public school uniforms up to Aug. 29th, 2008. New this year, the township is partnering with Lutheran Child & Family Services' "The Sharing Place," which will furnish new uniforms to qualifying students. Township assistance guidelines will apply. Please note: **Families must reside in Warren Township.**

If you know of any families that need assistance with uniforms, please ask them to contact the office of Carrie Radabaugh, MPP, community outreach coordinator, to schedule an appointment with a township assistance caseworker. Ms. Radabaugh can be reached at 327-8947 or cradabaugh@warrentwpfire.com.

ICS IS PARTICIPATING IN THE KROGER CARES FUNDRAISING

PROGRAM: Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Kroger Cares Program. So far, we have had 60 families participate – so we're off to a great start! If all 60 families average \$50 per week in groceries and gas purchases from Kroger, that will earn ICS approximately \$7,500! These funds that will go right back into the classroom for teacher supplies and materials.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP! You can get a blank form at the front desk from Ms. Neal or on the website at www.ics-charter.org/pdf/KrogerCares.pdf. Just fill out

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the form and drop it off with your \$5 per card requested to your student's teacher or at the front desk with Ms. Neal. Those of you who signed up for the Kroger Cares Program during ICS registration should look for your cards in the mail in the next few weeks.

And...there's more to this win-win program: Participants who purchase gasoline from Kroger can receive up to 10 cents per gallon discount!

DID YOU KNOW...THE ICS IS A COLLECTION POINT FOR POP TABS TO BENEFIT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE? We are still collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. So far, we have about 80 pounds of tabs, which is approximately 80,000 pop tabs! Way to go ICS – keep up the good work! Remember to pop those tabs off your soda, vegetable, and pet food cans!

And in case you didn't know...the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) is a home-away-from-home for families of children who are being treated in area hospitals, primarily Riley Hospital for Children. Families that stay at the RMH are asked to make a modest donation of \$10 per night to help cover the actual room cost of \$72 per night. No family is ever turned away from the RMH if they are unable to pay.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS TO BE OFFERED AT ICS NEXT WEEK: On Aug. 13th, 14th, and 15th, the Marion County Health Department will conduct vision and hearing screenings in our school.

Vision screenings will be completed for all students in 1st, 3rd, and 8th grades, and for those students with individual educational plans (IEPs). Hearing screenings will be conducted for all students in 1st, 4th, and 7th grades, along with students with IEPs. No kindergarten students will be screened.

If you suspect that your child has a vision or hearing problem, and he or she is not in one of the aforementioned grades, please call me at school by Monday morning, Aug. 11. I will put your child on the list for the appropriate screening. Additionally, if your child is new to our school and came from outside Marion County, please let me know, so that your student can be screened as well.

If anyone wishes to refuse the vision and hearing screenings, please submit your objections, **in writing**, signed by the parent or guardian, by Monday, Aug. 11th, 2008.

If you have any questions, please call me at 357-5359 x133. – *Brooke Robeson, RN, BSN, Learning Well Clinic at ICS*

 LIGHTHOUSE LEADERS 		
This recognition is tied to the daily character-education trait the school is currently teaching: "Respect"		
KG	Julia Robinson	Bethany Wolf
1	Lukas Kraning	Joseph Barnard
2	Delaney Leidy-Litmer	Elizabeth Kaufman
3	Xela Scott	Jerimiah Jackson
4	Miriam Hammond	Samantha Bailey
5	Chloe Power	Shelby Caulk
6	Lisa Herebia	Kaitlyn Evans
7	Jaymes Hughett	Carrie Hale
8	Michael Arnold	Tiffany Perdue
SPOTLIGHT AWARD		All students! – during power outage

Quote of the Week

I am driven by concerns for the legacy I am leaving my children.

-- *Gail Mayville, Ben and Jerry's*

Lunch	MON 8/11	TUES 8/12	WED8/13	THURS 8/14	FRI 8/15
	Turkey Corn Dog Glazed Carrots Mixed Fruit	BBQ Riblet Bun Corn Peaches	Chicken Patty Bun Fruit Juice Pineapple BBQ Sauce	Chili Cheese Nachos Tortilla Chips Mixed Vegetables Pears	Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad Peaches
Events	PTSA Meeting 6:30 p.m. ICS Gym			ICS Board Meeting 6 p.m. ICHS	