



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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**WEEK OF
March 28, 2022...**

ISASP Testing Next Week *Parents, Please Read*

Parents, the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing will take place throughout next week.

We ask the following so that students can perform their best during each assessment:

1. Get a good night's sleep
2. Eat a good breakfast. Remember, breakfast is served 7:30-8:00 in the cafeteria.
3. Avoid scheduling appointments if at all possible so that students may take tests at the planned time.
4. Avoid last-minute pick-ups if at all possible.
5. Many assessments will be taking place in the morning. Arrive to school on time!

Change of Address?

Parents, if you have a change of address, please click [here for details](#).

6th Grade Field Trip

Parents, our 6th grade students will be going on a field trip on Monday, April 4.

Please be sure permission slips are submitted.

****IF YOU ATTEND THE ZONE, PLEASE READ****

Due to staff shortages, there is no Zone for the remainder of the year.

Barnstormers Night

IMS Students, Family & Friends, enjoy a night at the Iowa Barnstormers (vs. Green Bay Blizzard) on Saturday, April 2. Anyone who purchases through the link below will receive discounted tickets in your group's section.

<https://barnstormers.isportstix.com/order/group/Indianola/>

More details can be found in the [Digital Backpack](#).

Iowa Cubs Night

IMS Students, Family & Friends enjoy a night at the Iowa Cubs. You can get \$1 hot dogs while making great memories!

Purchase your tickets thru this link: <https://fevo.me/indianola>.

More details can be found in the [Digital Backpack](#).

Washington D.C. Trip for 7th and 8th Grade

A few spots have opened up for the Washington D.C. trip, so registration is back open! If you want to go, registration details are [here](#). You can also talk with Mr. Dubczak. The hard deadline for the new registration is March 30th!

"Get on the Board Project" Handing Out 500 Free Skateboards and Helmets to Central Iowa Kids

Click <https://skatedsm.org/getonboard/> for details.

Volunteer Opportunity for Girls Cross Country Families & Friends

Volunteer to help man an aid station at the DSM Ironman Triathlon on June 12, 2022 from 10:30 am-5:30pm (or a chunk of time in between)

To sign up to volunteer, please visit:

<https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=58027>

At the very top there is a place to enter a password: IndyXC22

Scroll down to:

+ Run Aid Station #7 - Indianola Girls XC/Des Moines Derby Brats Booster Club

Click on the 10:30am - 5:30pm time slot and then scroll down and complete the information to sign up. If you are unable to attend the entire time, we can discuss splitting shifts as we get closer to the date, but please sign up now.

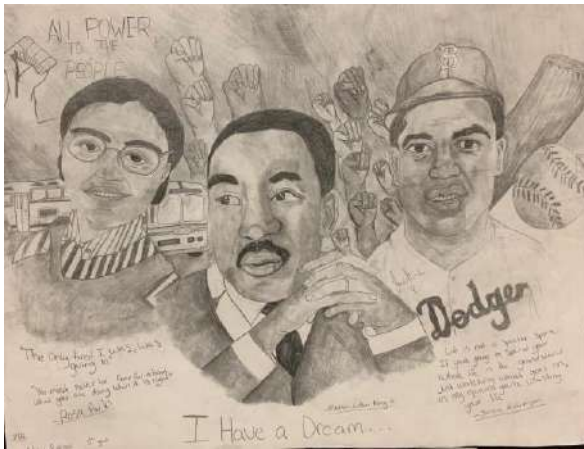
Youth Art Month Show

Congratulations to the students who represented IMS in the Youth Art Show this year. Gabi Halverson (7th), Leilahni Chiaramonte (6th), and Gianna Nelms (6th). The IMS artworks are displayed between 8:48-8:56 in the online virtual art show linked [here](#).

IMS Black History Poster Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the IMS Black History Poster Contest! These posters celebrate and honor black history, culture and achievement. IMS student council voted on the criteria of originality, communication of the theme and artistic merit.

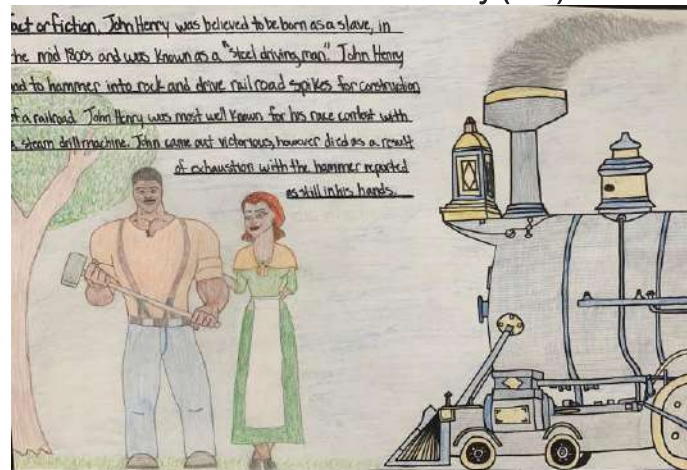
1st Place: Audelina Rodriguez (8th)



2nd Place: Andrea Reedy (8th) & Katelyn Reedy (6th)



3rd Place: Sofia McCarthy (7th)



Peace Poster Contest Winners

The theme for the Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest this year was "We are all Connected". Congratulations to these artists who expressed their visions of peace:

Katelyn Reedy—1st place at IMS, 3rd place at the district level

Elena Grissom—2nd place

Molly Gute—3rd place



SCHOOL NEWS...

Student Dress Code

As we head toward warmer weather, students and parents, please take a moment to read the Student Appearance section of the handbook to find out what clothing is appropriate. It can be found starting on page 19. Here is the [link](#).

District Website:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/>

Information Technology Department:

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/information-technology/>

Middle School Website Page

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/school/indianola-middle-school/>

Dates to Remember:

Monday, April 11: No School

Friday, May 27: Last Day of School (1:50 Dismissal for IMS)

Office Information

Phone Numbers: 515.961.9530 Main Office 515.961.9535 Fax

Attendance Line: 515.961.9530 x3162

Principal: Mrs. Kristy Ellis

Asst. Principal: Mr. Mike O'Meara

6th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Tiffany Cochran

7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Lacey Cherniss

8th Grade Counselor: Ms. Tina Chaplin

Office Hours: 7:00am – 4:00 (3:30 on Fridays)

Free Tutoring Available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Parents, if your middle school child is in need of some extra help, you can sign them up for tutoring. IMS teachers are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40-4:30 in the library.

Please email or call your child's teacher in the subject where assistance is needed. Let them know that you would like your child to attend tutoring. Include the day(s) that your child will attend, and the date that they'll be starting. Also, include a phone number where you can be reached.

Our teachers are ready to help!

From the ICSD Food Service Department:

As schools across the country work diligently to finish last minute preparations for the new school year, we are being faced with unprecedented supply chain challenges. These issues are forcing us to alter our posted menus, at times with little to no notice. While our intention is to serve the posted menu each day at every building throughout the district, supply concerns will not make this possible throughout the year. We will attempt to substitute the original menu item with an item that is similar in nature, and still meets State and Federal requirements. We appreciate your patience and understanding! Please continue to check our online menus often at: <https://indianola.nutrislice.com/menu/>

And, Reminder: Meals are free to all students again this year!

<https://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/departments/food-service/>



ACTIVITY INFO...

Warren County Freestyle Club for Wrestlers

Students in grades 6 thru 12 who want to learn or improve wrestling skills are invited to Freestyle Club. The first practice is March 21 at Indianola High School.

All the details can be found on the flyer that will be added to the district [backpack](#) later today.

Contact Coach Manny if you have questions: clint.manny@indianola.k12.ia.us.

IMS 6th Grade Book Worms Club

Sixth graders, a new club called Book Worms is starting! Please see these [slides](#) for more details.

Volleyball Advantage Indianola

The Indianola High School Volleyball coaching staff is inviting girls in 3rd thru 8th grade to come join the fun of the sport during open gyms in March and April. Check out the [Advantage flyer](#) on the district website for all the times and details.

IMS Gender and Sexuality Alliance

The IMS GSA - Gender and Sexuality Alliance is a social and support group for members or allies of the LGBTQ+ community. We will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month in room 411 to share experiences, support one another, and participate in various activities and volunteer opportunities within the community

If you are interested in attending a GSA meeting or have questions, please reach out to Ms. Cohen.

Veterinary Camp at Kindness Pet Clinic for 6th – 8th Graders

Kindness Pet Clinic is hosting 2-hour veterinary camps for students in grades 6-8. The first three camp dates are March 27, April 10, and May 22. The camp will allow students to interact with veterinarians and staff while getting to do hands-on activities. Each student may attend one camp session.

Attendees must fill out an application. These are available, along with a more in-depth description of the camp and requirements for participation, at the Kindness Pet Clinic (1007 E 2nd Avenue). A parent will be required to sign a waiver and attend with their student.

KPC is excited to meet the next generation of veterinarians and scientists of all disciplines!



GENERAL INFORMATION...

Live Online Homework Help

The community libraries in Iowa are providing access to a live online homework help site called Brainfuse HelpNow. Through the website, students can access live tutors for help, upload writing assignments to be analyzed and to obtain helpful comments, ask a quick question, and more. Live help is available from 2pm-11pm every day. Brainfuse also offers a "skills surfer" to reinforce concepts, as well as targeted lessons, quizzes, and online tutoring for ACT, SAT, and GED tests. Go to the public library website at

https://www.brainfuse.com/highered/helpNow.asp?a_id=DAE9AC12&ss=&r=. Click Brainfuse HelpNow, Login, then Sign up.

For more information, see <https://www.brainfuse.com/jsp/company/faq.jsp>, or ask your local or school librarian.