

Indian Mound Middle School

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Newsletter

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



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Greetings from Dave Witte.....

“A New Year and a New Perspective”

Dear Students and Families of Indian Mound Middle School,

Happy New Year! I hope you each had a wonderful winter break and enjoyed the time you spent with your family and friends. It is truly amazing the impact vacation can have on an individual's life, especially if you were able to take the time to truly take care of yourself. It isn't easy to slow down, or even stop, from being pushed and pulled in so many different directions with everything that goes on in our lives. However, providing yourself time to just rest – whether it is by sleeping, reading, listening to music, watching your favorite television show, or playing a board game, among many others, can provide your body, soul, and mind a retreat from the hectic reality we live each day.

As we celebrate New Years and the beginning of 2010, it is not only a time to make “New Year's Resolutions” to improve our own lives, but we also have the opportunity to renew and refresh our “perspectives” or “view points” on important people within our lives. Maybe it starts with not becoming upset when the same co-worker has the last cup of coffee and never starts a new, fresh pot. Or maybe it is the neighbor who always “runs out of eggs” when he or she decides to make an omelet and depends on you to provide them with just a couple of eggs every other week. In relation to school, maybe the New Year will provide you with an opportunity to reconnect with a classmate who used to be a close friend but something happened and now you do not talk anymore . . . but you really don't know why. Or maybe the New Year allows you to enter the classroom of a teacher that you never seemed to hit it off with and start fresh, with a clean slate, and believe once again that your teacher truly wants the best for you, even if your personalities haven't meshed in the past. Or maybe it is as simple as taking a look in the mirror and realizing that you are a special and unique (6th, 7th, or 8th) grade student and it is time to start believing in yourself, both academically and socially.

Just as every day allows each of us a new beginning to make a positive difference in our own lives and the lives of others, so does the beginning of a new year. I hope we can all take time to look around, identify who we can look at with “new lenses” and with a new perspective, and make 2010 a better year for everyone throughout the IMMS community.

Happy New Year!!!

Sincerely,

Dave Witte
Principal



Middle School Music Notes

Solo/Ensemble – The format of the Festival is that students prepare a solo or small ensemble piece to perform for a clinician. The clinician listens to the performance and provides both written and verbal comments to the student(s). The comments are intended to help the student understand what steps may need to be taken to improve future performance opportunities.

The Festival itself will take place on March 13, 2010 at Evansville High School. We will have some flexibility to arrange the schedule to best meet the needs of not only the students in the McFarland music program, but also all of the students participating from the Rock Valley Conference. So, if your son or daughter has a specific time request, we need to know before February 5th in order to properly plan the schedule to meet everyone's needs.

Solo/Ensemble for Band Students

Every 7th and 8th grade band student is expected to perform at the Festival. If your son or daughter is unable to perform, please send a written note to school as soon as possible. All 7th and 8th Grade band students will select a piece for Solo/Ensemble Festival during the beginning of January. We will provide some individual and small group help during our regular classes, but it is very important for the students to spend time practicing these pieces at home. We recommend 20-30 minutes of practice per day.

The band program devotes a significant portion of the 7th and 8th grade band curriculum to solo/ensemble. We feel it is a time of significant growth as a performing musician, and vital for every student. We devote nearly 9 weeks of class time to this one event. We ask that parents make every effort to help the students clear at least 2 hours on the day of solo/ensemble festival (March 13, 2010) to make sure everyone can have a chance to participate.

Solo/Ensemble for Choir Students

Preparing a piece for the festival is *optional* for choir students but is highly recommended. Mrs. Lemens will be available after school on January 6th, 12th, and 13th to help students select solos, duets, double-duets, or trios and to give you the registration forms and information you will need for the festival. Students who study privately will also need to come and fill out the paper work. However, you may select your piece with your private teacher. Mrs. Lemens will provide students with practice CD's and will also be available for some individual and small group help after school. Sign-up will be on a first come first serve basis. Regular individual practice at home is very important. All pieces must be memorized.

Piano accompanists – Each student performing a *solo* and all vocal pieces will be assigned a piano accompanist. The accompaniment is a vital part of the performance, and is an important experience in musical growth. The accompanists will meet with students during, and occasionally after school. It is customary to present the accompanist with a token of appreciation prior to performance (i.e. – “Thank You” card).

Solo/Ensemble costs – The entrance fee for students will be covered by the Music Department budget, the average fee is \$5.00 per solo. The McFarland Music Boosters will also help pay for piano accompanists for the soloists. The accompanist fee is \$25.00 per event, and the Music Boosters will reduce that cost by paying \$7.50 per event. The total cost of an accompanied piece at Solo/Ensemble will be approximately \$30; students will be responsible for \$17.50 of that total. Please contact one of the music teachers if scholarships are necessary.

Thanks for your continued support!

Stay in touch with what is happening each day at Indian Mound Middle School by reading the daily announcements on the IMMS website at <http://www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us/imms/index.php>.

McFarland Youth Center Update

Is the cold weather keeping your child inside? Are you already thinking about the summer and warmer weather? If you are like me, as a parent of a middle school student, you are probably looking for activities and safe places for your child to attend close to home and within the McFarland community, especially after school.

The McFarland Youth Center, located at 5120 Farwell Street, is the place for your middle school student. The MYC is open from 3pm to 6pm daily and your child is welcome to become part of the "MYC family" where we treat each other with respect and build relationships between all Indian Mound Middle School students.

My name is Tana Laudolff, and I am the Managing Director of the McFarland Youth Center. I invite you to check out our January activities on our website www.mcfarlandyouthcenter.org or stop in and visit. We are located right across the street from the McFarland High School and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 838-3839.

I would also like to thank everyone who supported the MYC during our recent Cookie Dough sale. I hope you are enjoying fresh baked cookies and will order more again next year.

In Partnership,

Tana Laudolff
Managing Director MYC

All School Dance
Thursday, Feb. 4th
\$4.00 Entrance Fee
Snacks available
Soda .50/Pizza \$1.00 per slice
All Students Welcome!

Reminder

Does your child have an appointment during school hours?
On the day of the appointment, please send a note with your child so that they may stop at the office to get a pass.

Thank you!



IMMS Students Ring the Bells at East Towne Mall

Seventh grade students from IMMS were able to do some Christmas shopping and help needy families of Dane County at the same time. Students (l-r) Walker Knudson, Austin Wells, Jed Buckholz, Emily Inabnet, Kristin Semmann, and April Barr rang the bell for the annual Salvation Army Kettle Drive on Tuesday December 9th, after school. In spite of the impending snowstorm, the kids ventured out with teachers Katie Younger and Alan Kinnaman. Thanks to the parent volunteers who transported them home before the storm hit full force! All were rewarded the next day with a snow day! For more information about the Salvation Army tradition of ringing the bells go online to www.ringbells.org.



From the Guidance Department

Search Interest Survey

On January 27, 2010 each grade will be given a survey developed by the Search Institute survey entitled *Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors*. This survey is designed to identify developmental strengths and measure the number of developmental assets in middle school students.

Developmental assets are the “building blocks” of positive relationships, opportunities, skills, and values that young people need to grow into healthy, caring, and responsible adults. School district staff will use the results from this survey to guide school improvement goals and develop asset-building strategies for all students.

All responses are anonymous and kept confidential. A copy of the survey is available for review at the McFarland District Office on week days from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. A letter will also be mailed to families describing the survey in greater detail.

High School Registration Dates for 8th Graders

In early January, Eighth grade counselor, Ms Runde and guidance intern, Ms. Froehlich will be administering the Wisconsin Career Assessment (WSA).

On January 21st, 8th graders will travel to the high school to hear about elective choices and tour the building. This will be a great opportunity for students to get familiar with the high school environment and become more aware of the opportunities available for interests outside of the required core classes.

During the week of January 25th, Jackie Guenter and John Feldner (McFarland High School counselors) will be coming to IMMS in order to provide further information to students regarding high school and possible electives. These meetings will allow 8th graders to indicate their tentative elective choices.

On Monday, Feb. 1st, there will be the Parent Orientation Meeting at the high school. Registration forms will be handed out and the process will be explained. After this meeting, you and your child can talk through all decisions for next year and make final choices regarding course selections. **Finalized registration forms with parent signatures will be due at IMMS by Feb. 18th.**

Please check your student 's supplies to see if they are in need of anything.
Many students are coming to class without writing tools.

6th Grade Band Concert

January 14th, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Students need to be in the band room
no later than 6:40 pm.

Are you looking for ways to stop receiving so many mail items that you just throw away? Reduce catalog clutter by going to catalogchoice.com. To get off general mailing lists log in to dmachoice.org.

“Cash for Trash”

The next “Cash for Trash”
competition will be on Jan. 29th. Please keep
collecting over the holidays!

**The IMMS Drama Club is Proud to
Present:**

Disney's
Alice in
Wonderland
JR.



© Disney

February 4th 5th & 6th at 7:00 pm

February 6th at 1:00 pm

McFarland High School

Tickets will be available the end of January.

Adults \$8

Students \$5

For more information call 658-0462

Where can I go for immunizations today?

Monday
Madison - East (1st and 3rd Mon)
Madison - South (Every Monday)

Tuesday
Madison - South (Every Tuesday see times)
Stoughton (1st Tues)
Sun Prairie (2nd & 4th Tues)

Thursday
Middleton (1st Thurs)
Verona (2nd Thurs)

Friday
Madison - South (Every Friday)

(See schedule inside for clinic times.)

- Vaccines are free of charge for children.
- Some vaccines are available to adults. Restrictions may apply.

Reliable Immunization Websites

- CDC Immunization Program www.cdc.gov/nip
- Immunization Action Coalition www.immunize.org
- Dane County Immunization Coalition www.immunizedanecounty.org
- Public Health Madison & Dane County www.publichealthmdc.com/disease/immunizations

Age	Vaccine
Birth	Hep B
2 months	DTaP, Hib, Polio, PCV7, Hep B, Rotavirus
4 months	DTaP, Hib, Polio, PCV7, Rotavirus
6 months	DTaP, Hib, Polio, PCV7, Hep B, Rotavirus
12-18 months	DTaP, Hib, PCV7, MMR, Varicella, Hep A*
6 months-18 years	Influenza (yearly)
4-6 years	DTaP, Polio*, MMR*, Varicella*
11-12 years	Tdap*, MCV4*, HPV*

* Can be given through 18 years of age

	Vaccines
DTaP	Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis
Hib	Haemophilus influenzae b
MMR	✓ Measles, Mumps, Rubella
Hep B	Hepatitis B
Hep A	Hepatitis A
PCV7	Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine
Td	Tetanus, diphtheria (adult type)
Varicella	✓ Chickenpox
Tdap	Tetanus, Diphtheria, acellular Pertussis
MCV4	Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine
Rotavirus	Rotavirus vaccine
HPV	Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Females only)

✓ May interfere with TB skin testing

- TB skin tests are by appointment only and a cost may apply
- Certain vaccines may interfere with TB skin testing
- Call 246-4516 for appointments and information

Free Immunization Clinic Schedule

January - December 2010



210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
Room 507
Madison, WI 53703-3346
Phone (608) 246-4516
TTY/TextNet (866) 704-2312
www.publichealthmdc.com

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SCHEDULE JANUARY-DECEMBER 2010

MIDDLETON
St. Bernard's Church
2015 Parmenter St.
(Use rear entrance)

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 1st Thursdays		
Jan 7	May 6	Sept 2
Feb 4	June 3	Oct 7
March 4	July 1	Nov 4
April 1	Aug 5	Dec 2

MADISON - EAST
Public Health
2nd Floor above the Library
2705 E. Washington Ave.
(Madison East Shopping Center)

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Mondays		
Jan 4	May 3	Sept 20
Feb 1	May 17	Oct 4
Feb 15	June 7	Oct 18
March 1	June 21	Nov 1
March 15	July 19	Nov 15
April 5	Aug 2	Dec 6
April 19	Aug 16	Dec 20

MADISON - SOUTH
South Madison Health & Family Center
Harambee
2202 S. Park St.
(Villager Mall)

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. All Mondays		
1:00-4:00 p.m. 1 st , 2 nd , 4 th , 5 th Tuesdays		
3:00 - 6:00 p.m. 3 rd Tuesdays		
Jan 19	May 18	Sept 21
Feb 16	June 15	Oct 19
March 16	July 20	Nov 16
April 20	Aug 17	Dec 21
9:00 - 11:30 a.m. All Fridays		

VERONA ★ new location
Salem United Church of Christ
502 Mark Dr.
Take W. Verona Ave (rear water tower) to Rita Ave, then left onto Mark Dr. Use "Office entrance" facing Mark Dr.

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 2nd Thursdays		
Jan 14	May 13	Sept 9
Feb 11	June 10	Oct 14
March 11	July 8	Nov 11
April 8	Aug 12	Dec 9

STOUGHTON ★ new location
Stoughton Hospital
900 Ridge St.
(Near hospital registration)

3:00-5:00 p.m. 1st Tuesdays		
Jan 5	May 4	Sept 7
Feb 2	June 1	Oct 5
March 2	July 6	Nov 2
April 6	Aug 3	Dec 7

SUN PRAIRIE ★ new location
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
3416 Swansee Ridge (Hwy 19 and County G)

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays		
Jan 12	May 11	Sept 14
Jan 26	May 25	Sept 28
Feb 9	June 8	Oct 12
Feb 23	June 22	Oct 26
March 9	July 13	Nov 9
March 23	July 27	Nov 23
April 13	Aug 10	Dec 14
April 27	Aug 24	Dec 28

- No appointment needed.
- A parent or legal guardian must accompany children under 18 years of age.
- Bring all Immunization records.
- Interpretation is provided.