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District Events:**Nov 13**

1:00 Early Dismissal

Nov 18

School Board Meeting -
Brandon 6:00 p.m.

Nov 25 & 26

1:00 Early Dismissal

Nov 27-29

No School;
Thanksgiving Break

Dec 11

1:00 Early Dismissal

Dec 16

School Board Meeting -
Independence 5:00 p.m.

Dec 20

1:00 Early Dismissal

Dec 23 - Jan 3

No School;
Winter Break

Jan 6

School Resumes

Jan 15

1:00 Early Dismissal

Jan 20

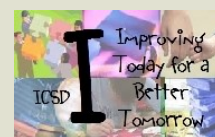
School Board Meeting -
Independence 6:00 p.m.

Jan 29

1:00 Early Dismissal

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***From the Desk of Jean Peterson, Superintendent***

Even though we had to endure a couple of weeks of very hot weather, the 2013-2014 school year did begin successfully. Our staff and students were able to transition nicely into their school routines and the business of learning once again. I have great admiration for all of our staff members. I want to thank them all for the work they do with our students on a daily basis.

It is hard to believe that we are heading to the end of the first term for the secondary students and the first trimester for the elementary students. The end of the first term for our 7-12 grade students is October 22nd. The end of the first trimester for our K-6 students is November 12th.

Certified Enrollment

We certified our enrollment with the State Department of Education on October 15th. Certified enrollment determines how much the school district receives per student from the state of Iowa in the next fiscal year. So, our count this fall helps determine our budget for the 2014-2015 school year.

Our actual enrollment this year is 1391. Last year it was 1381. This is an increase of 10 students. We had 1274 resident students last year. This year we have 1269. So, we have decreased slightly in resident students. Our increase comes from our open enrolled in students and our tuition in students. Our open enrolled in students totaled 53 last year. This year we have 63 open enrolled in students. Last year we had 101 students open enrolled out to other districts. This year we have 108 open enrolled out students.

We are pleased that we have more students attending our school district this year for whatever reason. We will continue to market our school district and let people know we have one of the best 3A schools in the State of Iowa!

Needs Assessment

We will be facilitating a Comprehensive School Improvement Needs Assessment Survey this fall to seek input from our community about our school district. You could consider this Needs Assessment as a high achievement Wellness Check-Up for our school district.

The purpose of this Needs Assessment is to survey staff, students, and community members to determine our strengths and areas in need of improvement in the following areas:

- ❖ Goals
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Standards and Assessments
- ❖ Instruction
- ❖ Professional Development
- ❖ Family Connections



**Jean Peterson,
Superintendent**

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We will have this survey available on our website starting November 13th. We will keep it open until November 29th. We will also have computers available for parents/community members to use to take this survey on the evenings of November 25th and 26th in each building during parent teacher conferences.

School Improvement Advisory Committee

Our School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) will have its first meeting on October 29, 2013. This committee is made up of community members, parents, teachers, associates, administrators, and students and will meet six times this school year. The goals of our SIAC are to help our school determine our student achievement goals, our bullying/harassment prevention goals, review curriculum, consider new course proposals, and to help us brainstorm areas/ideas that can help us be the best school we can be.

The following is a list of our School Improvement Advisory Committee Members for the 2013-2014 school year. Please feel free to contact any one of these members if you have questions or ideas for helping to make our school district better.

SIAC Membership for 2013-2014

PK-2

Kris Reidy – 1st Grade Teacher
Joe Dalton – Vocal Music Teacher

AEA

Melissa Hesner

3-6

Kay Reidy – 4th Grade Teacher
Keith Donnelly – Physical Education Teacher

Students

Alex Coffman
Peter Thedens
Molly Gustafson

7-8

Tracy Curtis – 8th Grade Math

9-12

Tracy Steger – Language Arts Teacher
Stephanie Yonkovic – Special Education
Jason Lang – Science
Shalon Frye – Guidance Counselor

Community

Susie Toale – Community
Jennifer Eddy – Parent
Margaret Wood – Parent
Mike McGill – Community
Susan Johnson – Parent
Tony Davy – Parent
Juan Rodriguez – Parent

Classified Staff

Terri Janaszak – Paraprofessional

Board of Education

Rusty Donnelly

Administration

Jean Peterson – Superintendent
Deb Donlea – Director of Curriculum/Student Services
Jennifer Sornson – High School Principal
Rob Arnold – Junior High Principal
Sandy Merritt – West Elementary Principal
Mary Jean Blaisdell – East Elementary Principal
Steve Noyes – Director of Technology

by Deb Donlea, Director of Curriculum/Student Services

A portrait of a woman with short, blonde hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark purple top and a necklace with a circular pendant. The background is a wood-grain pattern.

Math											
		2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	National NSS Avg.	% Prof.	NSS	% Prof.	NSS	% Prof.	NSS	% Prof.	NSS	% Prof.	NSS
03	180	74.74	190	82.98	190	83.96	193	90.70	189	82.47	186
04	196	82.22	207	88.89	211	92.47	217	86.41	204	85.39	203
05	210	76.40	223	83.70	224	80.21	227	84.38	219	92.73	222
06	223	69.57	232	74.16	234	77.78	238	81.73	230	88.76	233
07	235	78.26	251	68.97	244	81.11	250	71.57	237	82.41	244
08	246	64.76	249	69.79	261	65.85	254	72.22	250	74.29	252
09	257	85.32	280	77.27	270	77.27	271	77.42	275	81.90	273
10	266	74.58	275	82.24	284	76.92	273	81.42	285	81.44	284
11	273	75.59	291	87.50	295	87.13	299	78.57	284	78.26	290

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<u>Independence CSD</u>											
<u>Science</u>											
	NationalNSS Avg.	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
		% Prof	NSS	% Prof	NSS	% Prof	NSS	% Prof	NSS	% Prof	NSS
03	180	82.11	191	75.53	191	84.91	194	93.02	191	79.38	184
04	196	85.56	210	83.84	209	84.95	212	87.38	205	86.52	206
05	210	80.00	225	72.83	224	81.25	224	62.50	206	84.55	213
06	223	61.96	229	86.52	245	70.71	237	74.04	225	77.53	228
07	235	79.12	256	80.46	250	85.56	256	58.82	233	67.29	235
08	246	85.44	268	79.17	269	85.37	267	74.44	252	66.67	247
09	257	85.19	285	80.00	276	82.73	281	84.95	282	84.76	281
10	266	81.42	287	85.98	291	82.69	281	84.96	292	74.23	284
11	273	80.80	304	83.65	301	82.18	304	83.67	293	90.35	301

Student Services

Last fall I introduced you to the many hats I wear as the Student Services Director. The biggest part of my job is to be a resource for you and your children. In my first year at Independence Schools, the Student Assistance Team and I made it a point to learn about the many resources available to our district families. Information about these resources and how to contact them is found in the “Red Resource Binder”. The Red Resource Binder can be found in each building housed in the Guidance office or at the link below.

<http://www.bdfempowerment.org/red-resource-binder>

I would encourage you to take a look at the Red Resource Binder if you are in need of individual or family services. These services include but are not limited to:

- Abuse/Domestic Violence
- Child & Youth Services
- Clothing/Household Items
- Community Resources
- Counseling
- Disability Services
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Education
- Employment/Financial Assistance

Principal's Corner

by Mary Jean Blaisdell

It's November already and we are looking forward to sharing student successes at school with parents at conference time this month.

Inservice time in October was spent learning more about assessment in our math series, Everyday Math. We also learned about a video streaming service, Safari Montage and are studying differentiated instruction in reading. Inservice is an important time for faculty and we thank you for your continued support in our efforts to improve the educational experience of your children.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday-Tuesday, November 25 & 26, 1:30-8:00 p.m. Conference time is crucial to the educational development of your child. It is a chance to learn more about your child's academic progress and to share information with the teacher who can help him/her to best meet your child's needs.



Mary Jean Blaisdell,
Principal

Preschool Press

On Tuesday, October 15, in a collaborative effort with the Independence Public Library, we hosted Jim Gill for Preschool Family Night Out. Jim Gill is a musician and author with unique style of entertaining through play and singing. Jim performed a family concert and encouraged families to sing and dance together. He also performed his "Soup Opera" which is a book set to opera style music. It was great to see so many happy faces, young and old, interacting together and being silly!



Kindergartners Give Thanks

November will include a study of Thanksgiving and things we are thankful for as kindergartners. A highlight of our unit will be a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Feast. We will also be holding Parent/Teacher conferences November 25 & 26. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you! Kindergartners continue to develop their alphabet and number skills, as well as the practice of line basics and body basics.

We look forward to seeing the play, "Stone Soup", at the Williams Center in Oelwein, December 3rd. What a great opportunity to see a Gallagher-Bludorn play in our area!



Mrs. Meyer's class is thankful for
Fall and Fontana.

First Grade Focus

Our first grade classes have just finished up with our study on insects. We will begin studying spiders and comparing the characteristics of these two groups. The Mustang Roots and Shoots School Butterfly Garden will soon have some strange looking lumps. First Graders will be making seed balls to throw on unplanted sections. We will also be frost-seeding closer to the end of November. Please check out our First Grade blog on teacher websites.



Along with our other fall activities, we learned about echolocation and other traits of bats from a very informative presentation, given by the Buchanan County Naturalist. In math we have been working on addition and patterning.

November brings the Symbols of Our Nation unit as we prepare for Veteran's Day. We learn about the first Thanksgiving and think about things that we are thankful for. We also focus on Fontana Park as we began our annual "Adopt-An-Animal" project. East Elementary families have always been very generous and we look forward to meeting (and exceeding) our goal again this year!

Second Grade Scene

In September, second graders did a short study on frogs and toads and enjoyed a presentation from our Fontana Naturalist on Frogs and Toads in October. In September and in October second graders have also enjoyed working in the garden. They picked cherry tomatoes, green and red peppers, onions, and potatoes.

In addition to harvesting vegetables, we have been emphasizing to our students about how we as teachers and students can create a caring school community which led to the appreciation dinner of "Stone Soup" for our staff and school volunteers. The students will be using some of the vegetables that they harvested in September and October for the soup. They have also enjoyed many versions of the Folk Tale, Stone Soup. Please be looking for more information about this event in your child's binder as we will be asking for other donations from our second grade families to make this luncheon possible.



Onions!



2nd graders harvest tomatoes in the garden



Scholastic Book Fair

Both East and West Elementary Schools will host a Scholastic Book Fair at the end of November. We invite you to visit either Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Library
News



This year's Scholastic Book Fair theme -- Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books -- is part of an exciting reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Locations:	East and West Elementary Media Centers
Book Fair Dates:	November 25 & 26, 2013
Shopping Hours:	1:30pm – 8:00pm during Parent-Teacher Conferences
Special Events:	Family Night Drawings-enter for a chance to win free books for the family.

Virginia Lake, K-12 Teacher/Librarian

WANTED!

Mileage Club Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to devote 15-30 minutes each week outside at recess to help students reach their goals in the Mileage Club, please call the PE teacher, Brian Loughren at East Elementary to volunteer your time!

Mentors Needed!

If you are interested in being a mentor and volunteering your time to work with a child for approximately 30 minutes each week on a regular basis, please call and let us know!

Wanted:

Substitutes

If you are available to substitute occasionally as a classroom, office or media paraprofessional, (duties vary), please call 334-7425.

We need YOU!



Box tops for Education/ Pop Can Tabs/Milk Moola for Schoola

We continue to collect General Mills Box Tops, Pop Can Tabs & bottle caps and bag tops from Kwik Star products.

This is a good way to help us earn extra money for things we need. Thanks!

If you are interested in spending time at school or at home sorting/cutting and redeeming these items for our school, please call 334-7425.

Nurse News

by Teri Schloss, RN and Rhonda Jasper, RN



As colder weather approaches, remember to dress your child in weather appropriate clothing. Hats, gloves or mittens, winter coats, snow pants and snow boots are a necessity for a child to be able to feel comfortable while outside for recess in the winter months. All students will go outside for recess unless the temperature is below zero.

During the cooler months we see an increase in the number of students who are ill. If your child is ill, please keep them home. We are again providing the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) with the number of students absent and what symptoms the students are experiencing. When you notify the school that your child is ill, please provide some basic symptoms that they are experiencing. No personal or identifying information is given to the IDPH.

Reasons to keep your child home from school include:

- **Fever greater than 100 degrees.** Students need to be fever free **without** the use of tylenol, motrin, advil, or other fever reducing medicines before returning to school.
- **Diarrhea or vomiting.** They may return to school 24 hours after the last episode if they have been able to keep a full meal down.
- **Rash of unknown origin.**
- **Severe sore throat.** A minor sore throat without fever can be managed at school. You may send your child with throat lozenges and a written permission slip. The health office does not carry throat lozenges. Students with known strep may return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic therapy.

Not all illnesses will fit nicely into these categories. If your child appears ill to you, keep them home for their comfort and to avoid the spread of disease. As always, consult your health care provider with any questions or concerns you may have about your child's health.

Good hand washing and getting a flu vaccine are some of the best ways to avoid getting sick. It isn't too late for you or your child to receive an influenza vaccine.

You're Invited

Join us on
Friday, Nov. 1st 2013
For the

**Student Mentor Reunion-
20 Year Celebration**

This event is open to the public and we encourage anyone who has ever been a mentor, had a mentor, or want to know more, please be sure to attend!
Refreshments and building tours available



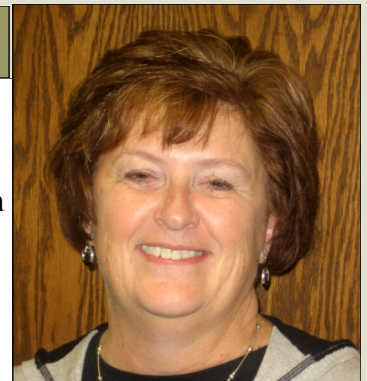
**Contact Val Maxiovich
with any questions.
vmaximovich@independence.k12.ia.us
Tel: (319) 334-7400 ext. 626**

Open House 5-7 pm – Brief Program at 6pm – Independence Jr./Sr. High School

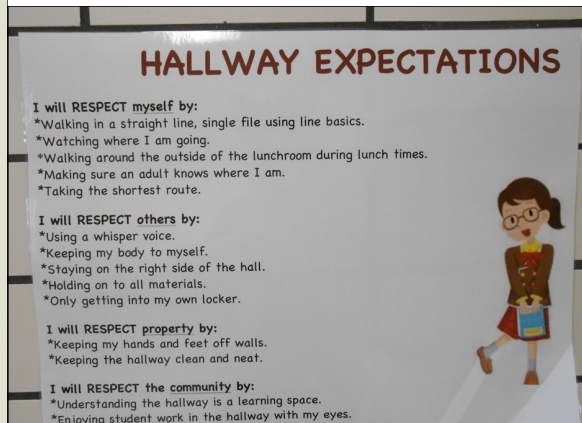
Happenings at West Elementary by Sandy Merritt, Principal

Off and Running with Respect as the Focus

Our students have had a busy start to the year! An important part of every new school year is getting used to new teachers, classmates, and routines. Included in the routines implemented this year are our building expectations for the hallway, bathroom, lunchroom, playground, and classroom. RESPECT is the consistent theme in these expectations and our focus this year. Students are reminded to be respectful of themselves, their peers, adults, and the building. Expectations are posted around the building as a reminder to students.



Sandy Merritt, Principal



Students have been setting classroom and individual goals. They will be monitoring their individual progress throughout the year. Obviously, the more students practice reading, writing, spelling, and math facts, the quicker they will reach their goals. Thank you students for all the effort you've put into being the best student you can! Thank you parents for supporting your child/children with their homework and reminding them to practice their skills. If your child sees you making school a priority, they will too!

3rd Grade

Third graders have been working on writing narrative compositions and learning cursive letters. They participate in Daily 5 and work on reading strategies in small groups. Students have completed math units on number sense, addition, and subtraction, and are currently studying measurement and area. Science has emphasized the study of the three types of rocks, as well as weathering and the layers of the earth. We invited Sondra from Fontana to visit each classroom and conduct a hands-on rocks investigation. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Gallagher Bludorn Theatre to see *The Nutcracker* on November 21st.



4th Grade

It has been a busy time in fourth grade. Students have been working hard to build reading stamina. To help with this at home, make sure your child has a quiet place to read for at least 20 minutes each night. In math we are working on multiplication. Students need to practice nightly to increase their rate and accuracy. Some ways you can practice at home include having your child roll two dice to work on the factors to six, use dominoes and have them multiply the two ends or draw two cards from a deck and multiply. Students also have their own login information for the Everyday Math Online site. It has math games they can get use to practice facts. We look forward to seeing all our families at conferences in November.

5th Grade

The fifth graders are really starting to get into the swing of things. In Mrs. Holtzman's class, students are finishing up their study of Iowa History by creating an Iowa ABC book of topics they have learned about. They have also started their exploration of magnetism and electricity.

In Ms. Larson's class, students have been working hard learning about the editing process and perfecting their writing samples. Students have also been learning about estimation as well as adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals.

Mr. Abildtrup's class is wrapping up their study of Iowa by completing an ABC Book based on tourist attractions, Iowa heroes, and things that symbolize Iowa. Students have also finished up their unit on adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals and have begun to explore angle measures.

Students in Mrs. Kineth's class have been working on writing by studying the 6 traits of writing, in particular ideas and word choice. Students are writing cinquain poems using a Halloween theme. They have been reading non-fiction books and learning about text features like: title, subtitle, graphic organizers, bold-face words, italics, glossary, index and diagrams. Students who read and met their weekly at home reading goals for September were rewarded with a camping theme read-in. We pitched our tents and enjoyed stories with a sweet snack (s'mores).

Fifth graders participated in the traditional trip to Living History Farms in Urbandale, Iowa on September 26th. They enjoyed the beautiful weather while traveling through 300 years of Iowa living. They traveled along the trails to visit the Ioway Indian Village, the 1850 Pioneer Farm, 1900 Farm and through the village of Walnut Hill. Students visited the Print Shop, Blacksmith, Tangen Home, One-Room Schoolhouse, General Store, and the Flynn Mansion, to mention a few. This trip will be discussed all year long in our social studies units.

We would like to thank PTO for their generous funding for this field trip.



6th Graders Are Challenged At Camp EWALU!

On a bright and beautiful October day, the sounds of 6th graders cheering could be heard on the grounds at Camp EWALU as they worked through several activities that are part of the low and high ropes challenge course. Those activities included: Mountain, Toxic Waste, River Walk, Skis, Tarp, Helium, Spider Web, Dots, Marbles, Zipline, Trust Falls, and Group Wall. The emphasis of this annual adventure was to build multiple skills: team building, creative problem solving, interdependence, communication, trust and respect. Each activity encouraged listening and leadership skills as they drew on the strengths of each member of the group. Individual students developed into teams of caring students by the end of the day providing and receiving support and encouragement from each other.

This tremendous opportunity is part of our Character Counts program, in which our students learn and demonstrate the pillars of good character. Some student comments about the experience included: "I'm a lot better on a team than I am by myself.", "I was amazed at how our team worked together.", "I learned I can work well with other people.", and "I learned to never give up and don't give up on your team." Thanks to the PTO and Mrs. Merritt for their generous support.

It was a real memory maker!



Vocal Music

We have hit the ground running in music classes! The 4th graders are learning the music of the states. This not only gives them some great musical learning, but also a chance to review some social studies! 5th graders are learning about instruments of the symphony, getting us ready for our spring trip to hear an orchestra! 6th graders are learning about the music in the movies and the composers who write for them. All classes are working hard on rhythm as well. We are also beginning rehearsals for our 6th grade choir. Our first concert will be in December. We hope you can make it!

4th Grade Music



Junior High News By Rob Arnold, Junior High School Principal

This fall has been a time of great excitement in the Independence Junior/Senior High. We have moved into our new building and this has created some amazing changes in the atmosphere and delivery of instruction. Our teachers have access to technology that has not been available in the past. The students have their designated areas and the facilities are second to none. We are very excited as we continue through the year to see the impact of the new environment on our students.



Rob Arnold, JH Principal

The new environment has already had an effect on our passing times. One of the major changes was the implementation of the locker pod area. Students all have their lockers grouped in the pod area. This allows for increased supervision of all lockers. This has also kept the students moving. They congregate quickly but then return back to the junior high hallway. The frequency of tardiness has decreased significantly from the old building. This allows for a smoother transition from class to class and increased instruction time.

With the increase in instruction time teachers have been utilizing the many technology enhancements that have been incorporated into the new building to keep junior high students engaged in the classroom. These improvements include a fully functioning overhead projector that can connect to the teachers' computer to display information, videos, and other engaging materials visually. Each classroom is also equipped with a full set of high quality speakers in the ceiling that are controlled by staff. This allows instruction to reach every corner of the room so that no matter where students are sitting they can hear the delivery of the technology. Finally with the speakers and projectors, each room also has a document camera that provides a live feed to the projectors. This allows staff to broadcast manipulative documents and other three dimensional objects to the board. This is especially useful when sharing objects and artifacts with the class.

With the enhancement of the learning environment this fall, the junior high staff has also been working to implement all of the changes we have asked of them this fall. We have drastically altered the junior high schedule to allow for a "intervention" time for all junior high students. This time is allocated to help our students who have specific deficiencies in reading or math. For those students who may not have deficiencies this time allows them to enhance their core knowledge through projects, reading time, or other activities that enrich their school experience. We have been very pleased with the implementation of this intervention time and look forward to seeing it show improvements on our assessments.

It has been a very neat fall here in the Independence Junior/Senior High. The students and staff have been very appreciative of all the changes and look forward to raising the quality experience for all students.

Rob Arnold, Junior High School Principal

IF you are interested in purchasing a photo of your student's class in front of the Old Jr/Sr High School May 2013, they are \$6.00 each. Contact Wilson Photography, downtown Independence, Phone [319-334-3748](tel:319-334-3748).

Momentum

Always work hard. Intensity clarifies. It creates not only momentum, but also the pressure you need to not feel friction.

Marcus Buckingham

Commitment is the igniter of momentum.

Peg Wood



Jennifer Sornson,
High School Principal

Momentum is a mystery. It can be hard to pinpoint or define. How do you get it going? How do you keep it going? Most people can recognize momentum when they see it. We can see when a group, team, or organization has it. It is very easy to see when individuals have it. Candidates, athletes, entertainers all gain and lose momentum. They might have a string of Top 10 hits or three blockbuster movies in a row. We have all witnessed political candidates when they are on the rise and momentum is on their side.

George Brett is a hall of fame baseball player who won a batting title in three different decades. When he was reflecting on approach to hitting he said, "My approach never changed, sometimes the baseball looks like a beach ball and sometimes it looks like a BB. Sometimes you get the lucky hop or the ball falls just in the right place." Hard work and commitment did not change for George Brett, but some years he had more momentum.

How does momentum apply to education and students? One of the nice parts of my job is that I get to witness when a group or a student has momentum in the right direction. For individual students, it usually starts to happen around the end of their sophomore year or the beginning of their junior year. I look at them one day in the hallway and I think back to what they were like as an 8th or 9th grader. Then I smile. They got it; they have momentum on their side. They committed, they worked hard, and they didn't let friction slow them down.

As educators it is our role to continue to try to demonstrate to students that momentum starts slow. Every day, working hard, one skill builds on top of another skill. Pretty soon things start to come easier. The baseball looks like a beach ball. All you have to do is keep the momentum going, going, going - - - until you knock it out of the park.

Jennifer Sornson, Principal
Independence High School

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Activities Newsletter by Activities Director Rob Arnold



Rob Arnold, Activities Director

This fall has been an unbelievable journey since August. It has been amazing to see how the move to the new facilities has generated such positive momentum and our activities have used that to achieve some unprecedented success in many areas.

Our Varsity Volleyball team has had unprecedented success this season as well. They were committed to hard work over the summer and by August practice had put their time in. This fall they have been ranked as high as 8th in the IGHS AU rankings.

They won the West Divisional WaMac Conference Championship. They have set the single season win mark at 31 and growing. As they begin regional play we are excited to see where they finish the season. We have the honor of having our first two regional games at home. We are excited to see what this team can accomplish this fall.

Our Varsity Football team has had some big wins this year as well. They have continued to show great improvement and are excited about the future of the program. They have played with great heart all year, facing adversity, and overcoming it in many cases. The season has been filled with great challenges but the athletes who have stuck with it deserve great praise for laying the foundation of what will follow.

The Cross Country team has also had a great fall. Their work also started early in the summer. The team has had some outstanding individual performances and competed well as a team. Both the boys and girls squads are young and are looking to do great things. We are very excited to see where they finish at our State Qualifying meet.

The Marching Band has continued to impress where ever they perform. They have had a great fall. The passion and dedication by our Directors and Band Members are unparalleled. Most of these band members began preparing for this fall early in the summer as well. The hard work has paid off with the numerous first place awards they have obtained this fall facing very stiff competition.

The Fall Vocal concert was also a huge success in our new Auditorium. We had a very nice crowd attend to show their support for our very talented singers. All of the participants did an outstanding job with respective performances. The new environment really highlights the quality and talent of our singers.

It doesn't take long to find positives throughout the programs. We are so excited to see our student participants accomplish so much and see the students who support them rally behind them and create a real home court or field advantage. Come out and be a part of something truly special. It truly has never been a better time to be a Mustang.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS VOLUNTEER MENTOR PROGRAM VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

Volunteers are an important resource to the educational process in the Independence Community Schools. Please complete the information below and on the back so that we may best utilize your time and talent. If you have questions, please call (319) 334-7400 Ext. 626 or email Val at vmaximovich@independence.k12.ia.us Thank you!

RETURN THIS FORM TO: **Independence Community School District**
 Attn: Volunteer Mentor Program
 1301 First Street West
 Independence, Iowa 50644

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Cell phone _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail _____

Employer _____ Business Phone _____

Current Occupation _____

Retired? _____ yes _____ no Names and grades of any children in school _____

Association with Community Groups/Organizations: _____

Do you have any health or physical limitations that might affect certain types of volunteer positions? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, please list: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____
Name Phone Relationship

Where and when are you available?

_____ District (anywhere needed) _____ ECC (PK) _____ East Elem (K-2) _____ West Elem (3-6) _____ Jr/Sr High School (7-12)

Time(s) available: _____ Daily _____ Weekly _____ Variable, Occasional _____ Other: _____

If you have specific hours on specific days, please list here: (Example, 8:00-9:30 on Tuesdays)

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

Do you have a specific class or teacher request? _____

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE BACKSIDE TO LET US KNOW YOUR
INTERESTS/TALENTS.**



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VOLUNTEER PREFERENCE CHECKLIST - Please check any and all areas you would help in.

Name _____ Today's date _____

Home Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Cell phone _____ - _____ - _____ Orientation date _____

Volunteer Preferences

Please select any and all areas you where you are interested in volunteering.

Teacher Support

☐ In class assistance & clerical support

☐ Grade Papers

☐ Field Trips

☐ Sewing Assistant

☐ Classroom Special Events

☐ Specific Grade Request

Grade: _____

Student Enrichment

☐ Mentoring (lunch time)

☐ Material Preparation

☐ Reading Club for 5th Grade

☐ Reading Club for 6th Grade

☐ Reading Club for 7th Grade

☐ 1 on 1 Reading

☐ 1 on 1 Math

☐ Morning Door Greeters (K-6)

☐ After School Homework Help

Outside Assistance

☐ Drama Help

☐ Music Program Help

☐ Athletic Program Help

☐ Sew Costumes

☐ School Garden

☐ Farm to School Projects

☐ Library Book Fair

☐ Volunteer & Mentor Committee

☐ Other: _____

Additional Skills/Talents/Interests Not Mentioned Elsewhere: _____