

VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

INDIAN LAKE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

May 2017

TRACK & FIELD



DAYS

BK-2nd grade Field Day:

Thursday, June 1st in the afternoon

3rd-5th grade Field Day:

Friday, June 2nd – all day



Teachers will begin working on 2017-18 class lists soon (see more information from Mrs. Hook on page 2) Learning Style Placement Forms are Available from your child's teacher or in the office. Deadline to return the form is May 5th.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE MAY 2ND FOR THE
KALAMAZOO COUNTY ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE
RENEWAL.

For more info, check out the information page about the millage at http://www.vicksburg-community-schools.org/pdfs/choosing_vicksburg/2193.pdf

Student Council Event



Coming Soon:

Indian Lake's Student Council will sponsor a Spring "Straw Draw" Fundraiser May 22-24. Students will be able to purchase 1 straw for 50 cents. Each straw will be worth different prizes and every straw wins!

A few lucky student will pull the RED STRAWS that enter them into a drawing for the Grand Prize. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward purchasing a new drinking fountain for the lobby with a bottle filling station!

Bulldog Beginnings Preschool Program



This is an entirely FREE preschool experience for those who qualify. Applications for Bulldog Beginnings Program are available now. Students must be four years old by September 1, 2017.

For more information, please call Alyssa Thompson at 321-1020, or Kylee Schlabach at 321-1415.

Kids Klub 2017-18:

The cost of the program is \$4.50 per session (\$55.00 per week for both morning and afternoon daily). The morning program runs from 6:30 - 9:00 a.m. and the after school program runs from 3:40-6:00 p.m. For more information, call Courtney DeYoung @ 269-321-1422. Enrollment forms are available at the Kids Klub office or at the main office.

We are proud to announce that Kids Klub summer care is available. New family registration starts now for this summer. Space is limited, so don't wait. Packets may be picked up from your school's main office or the Kids Klub Coordinator. Children in grades BK- 5th of 2016-2017 school year are eligible. Our flexible scheduling includes full and half day options. This summer care program will be held at Sunset Lake Elementary.

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. HOOK:



Dear Indian Lake Elementary Families,

Spring is in the air, and end of year events are in full swing across the building! Maintaining student engagement and learning is very important this time of year, though somewhat of a challenge with all the additional activities in and out of school.

Kudos to our 5th Grade students, who have now completed their M-Step testing! As always, we are mindful that this assessment is not a sole factor in determining who are students are as learners; However, we do want to encourage them to do their very best. Our 4th and 3rd Grade students will be starting their testing windows next week. Please check your child's Friday Folders for information regarding M-Step.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who are busy preparing for the upcoming PTSO Bulldog Bolt Walk-a-Thon! We are looking forward to the enthusiastic walkers on May 12-! Please join us on this day to cheer on your walkers during their selected time slot. Our next event is Special Person's Day for BK-2nd grades~ there is still time for signing up to volunteer. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Spring also brings us closer toward the process of making decisions for where students should be placed next year. The 'Learning Style Placement' forms are available in the office, or available from your child's teacher. This form provides you with an opportunity to share your child's interest, learning styles, strengths, and weaknesses. It also provides us with another set of information when deciding which classroom your child would best fit in for the 2017-2018 school year.

Respectfully Yours,

Ruth Hook, Principal

CLASS PLACEMENT

Dear Parents,

The Indian Lake staff will soon begin class placement of our students for the coming school year. Our placement process is a team effort involving the sending and receiving teachers, Instructional Consultant, Special teachers involved with the students, and the Principal. Much care is given to balancing classes according to boy/girl ratio, academic performance, social-emotional development, special learning needs, and work habits.

We have an outstanding staff of educators who are unique and talented in their own special way. They try very hard to have each child meet with success. An essential skill for young people to develop is the ability to deal with many personalities. Because of the numerous variables that must be considered, we are no longer taking requests for specific teachers.

We, as professionals, keep the best interests of all children in mind as we make appropriate placements, but you as a parent may wish to share some information that will help in the decision. Therefore, we have adopted the following policy for student placement:

Parents wanting to have input into our decision must contact our office for a **Teaching/Learning Style Placement Form** and **return it by May 5, 2017**. No Placement Forms will be accepted after May 5th. You may be contacted for a conference with me to discuss your form. A written Placement Form does not guarantee placement with a specific teacher.

Classes will be formed by the first of June and placement changes will not normally be made after that time. No changes will occur after school begins. Consideration of all educational factors, academic and social, are the primary determinants in placement decisions. The final decision on all placements rests with the Principal after due consideration of staff recommendations and parent input. A Placement Form, or lack of a Placement Form, will have no effect on the care given to each child's placement.

The Indian Lake staff believes each child is unique, and so is each teacher. An experience that other parents may have had with their children may be totally different from what your children could have with the same teacher. All Indian Lake teachers have much to offer children.

Sincerely,

Ruth Hook, Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO NATALIE LAHRKE!!!

We are pleased to announce that the 5th grade essay contest winners have been chosen for the Kalamazoo County Celebrates Elderhood initiative. The essays were amazing and very enjoyable to read by a committee of 10 people. The insight these children have regarding older adults was incredible and it was very difficult to choose the winners.

Thanks to all of you who supported this activity and your students participation!

The winners, in no particular order, are:

Brianna Espinoza – King Westwood Elementary

Natalie Lahrke – Indian Lake Elementary

Anthony Paulik – King Westwood Elementary

Honorable Mention:

Yassin Dwidar – Paramount Charter Academy

Molly Kramer – Heritage Christian Academy

John Nowell – Kalamazoo Christian Middle School

Tyler Somers – Parchment Northwood Elementary

In addition to the winners and their families, we are extending an invitation to you, the teachers, principals and superintendents who supported the contest and by so doing, related the importance of elders in our community. The May 18th event is going to be very special and we hope there will be many people cheering on the 5th graders who are reading their essays, along with the World War II veterans, Senior Olympians, scholarship and service excellence winners. We have a special video planned at the end that you don't want to miss.

Attached is the invitation and RSVP form. Please feel free to forward to others who might be interested in attending.

With permission, the essays from the winners and honorable mention will be available to read on the Celebrate Elderhood website after May 18th, which can be accessed at:

www.kalcounty.com/aaa/celebrate_elderhood.htm.

Thank you again and be assured that you should be very proud of your students!

Patricia Sue Stratton, LMSW

Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging 3A

Choices For Independence Program

Master Trainer for Creating Confident Caregiver

GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K May 25

@ 6:30 p.m. Waldo Stadium, WMU

Come support our girls!!



3rd –5th grade program: Over a period of 10 weeks, girls in the 4rd through 5th grade participate in an after-school program like no other. Designed to allow every girl to recognize her inner strength, the Girls on the Run curriculum inspires girls to define their lives on their own terms. Throughout the season, the girls make new friends, build their confidence and celebrate all that makes them unique.

The Girls on the Run lessons encourage positive emotional, social, mental and physical development. Participants explore and discuss their own beliefs around experiences and challenges girls face at this age. They also develop important strategies and skills to help them navigate life experiences. The, we look at the importance of team work and healthy relationships. And, finally the girls explore how they can positively connect with and shape the world. Physical activity is woven into our program to inspire an appreciation of fitness and to build habits that lead to a lifetime of health. At the end of each three month session, the girls participate in a Girls on the Run 5k event. This celebratory, non-competitive event is the culminating experience of the curriculum. Completing the 5k gives the girls a tangible understanding of the confidence that comes through accomplishment as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. Crossing the finish line is a defining moment when the girls realize that even the seemingly impossible IS possible.

**A HUGE thank you to our building liaison, Jill Barton, and to our coaches:
Megan, Ellis, Jessica Eyster, Audrey Fleet, Jodi Havera, & Elizabeth Stewart.**

2016-2017 Yearbooks will be here soon!!



Reserve your copy today! Cost \$10.00 each.
Checks made payable to Indian Lake Elementary.

Student's Name

Teacher

Student's Name

Teacher

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Teacher

\$ _____ Amount enclosed.

