

Cheetah Chatter

11-17-17

Calendar

Nov. 20 -21 – Schools close 3 hours early for students

Nov. 20-22 - Parent Teacher Conferences. Please check individual teacher schedules for times.

Nov. 22 – 24 - School Closed for students

Dec. 1 – Purple Friday

Dec. 8 – Crazy Sock Day

Dec. 8 – 4th grade Spelling Bee

Dec. 11 – Advanced Band & Strings Concert

Dec. 12 – Math Olympiad
4th – 9:40 AM
5th – 11: 30 AM

Dec. 12 – Chat & Chew with the IES Administration 6PM

Dec. 15 – Purple Friday

Dec. 21 – 5th grade Gingerbread House Making

Dec. 22 – PJ Day



Dear IES Families,

The first quarter of the school year has gone by quickly and it has been an exciting and productive time. Our students are into the second marking period. Parents are meeting with their children’s teachers during parent conferences next week. And, the Thanksgiving holiday is less than a week away!

As I reflect on the many things for which I am thankful, I want to take this opportunity to share just a few of them with you: I am thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. Our students energize, inspire and make me proud. They show their “PRRR” by routinely by being persistent, respectful, responsible, and ready.

I am thankful for the teachers and support staff who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. Our staff takes each child’s educational accomplishments personally. They spend countless hours before and after school doing the extra things that few people see but make all the difference for the children they teach.

I am thankful for the support of parents in creating an outstanding partnership for our students. You allow us to be part of your children’s lives, which is an amazing honor and a tremendous privilege. You support us in the work that we do. You do much to enrich the education of our students by volunteering, and enthusiastically contribute countless “extras” to their educational experience. I am extremely grateful for all that you do.

We have much to be thankful for at Ilchester Elementary School and much to look forward to in the days and years ahead.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Joy B. Smith
Principal

Halloween Costume Donation

Tracy Albright (former IES Teacher) is conducting a Halloween Costume Drive!!

Mrs. Albright , currently the Asst. Principal at Stevens Forest Elementary, would love to collect any costumes your children can no longer wear. She would like to be able to share these costumes with the students in her school that are less fortunate. Please drop off any costumes for donation in the box provided in the front lobby. Make a little ghost or goblin happy next Halloween!

GREEN School

Are you aware Ilchester is renewing their green school certification through MAEOE this school year? What does this mean for the staff, students and community? Well students throughout the school and in many specific classrooms are working to do their part. And we don't just mean putting paper in the recycling bin!

We have started a winter garden in the back outside garden area of the school. As part of a winter garden project, 2nd grade students in Mrs. Bearden and Ms. Sears class planted cold weather friendly seeds in our outdoor garden. Third grade students in Ms. Mansour's room researched and told the 2nd grade students which plants would be most tolerant to the cold. Mrs. Jenkin's 5th grade class designed and built a structure to winterize the garden. They hope to provide a shelter which would keep the deer and other wildlife out while allowing sunlight and possibly rain in. Mrs. Hoge's 4th graders are blogging about the process and progress of the winter garden. Please check out our progress as the year continues by [visiting the blog. https://sites.google.com/hcpss.org/wintergarden/home](https://sites.google.com/hcpss.org/wintergarden/home)

If you are interested in assisting IES in getting our recertification or have an idea of how you can help, please contact [Mrs. Kettering](mailto:kkettering@hcpss.org) at kkettering@hcpss.org.

