

Cheetah Chatter

10-6-17

Calendar

10/9 – PTA Read-a-thon begins

10/11 – SCHOOL PICTURES

10/13 – Crazy Hair Day!

10/20 – No School for Students – Professional Work Day for teachers

10/24 – Pink Out Day! For Breast Cancer Awareness

10/25 – 1st grade Field Trip

10/26 – 2nd grade Field Trip

10/26 – Talent Show Auditions (Gr. K,1,2)

10/27 – Purple Friday

10/27 – Talent Show Auditions (Gr. 3,4,5)

10/31 – Halloween Parade 2:00 PM

11/2 – RECC Field Trip

11/2 – 3rd Grade Field Trip

11/3 – Wacky Tacky Day!



Halloween at IES

Ilchester will hold its annual Halloween celebration on Tuesday, October 31st. Please read the following information carefully so that you are fully informed about the day. This year the parade will be in the afternoon. Students may come to school dressed in their costume (over their clothes). The parade will take place at 2:00 p.m. followed by a small classroom party.

Our families are invited to join us outside for the parade that begins at 2:00 p.m., weather permitting. The parent viewing areas will be in the front of the school and all the way around to our blacktop area. Students will walk around the parade route once and then go back to their classrooms for the post Halloween activity. Students will re-enter the school through the gym doors. We will have cones and signs to identify these areas. All parents including room parents will not be permitted back into the building until all students are safely back in their classrooms following the parade. This will allow our students time to travel back to their classrooms. Parents who are entering the building to attend the post parade celebration must sign in and wear a visitor's badge. If you are sending in a donation for the classroom parties, please be sure that these items are dropped off before the celebration.

COSTUMES: Because of the ongoing clown hoax, clown costumes will not be permitted for students or adults. We ask that parents help children to choose appropriate costumes. No weapons of any kind can be brought into school. No scary, inappropriate costumes and no masks or face coverings that inhibit the vision of a student will be permitted. Make up and hair dye cannot be applied at school. Parent or other adults joining the festivities as a volunteer or spectator must follow these same guidelines if they elect to dress in costume.

ALTERNATE ACTIVITY: We realize that some families do not celebrate Halloween. Please let your child's teacher know if you prefer for your child not to participate in the Halloween activities. An alternative activity will be provided during the parade.

PARKING: As you know, parking is extremely limited at IES. Spaces may be available in the lot behind Bonnie Branch Middle School. We also are fortunate to have parking available at Camp Ilchester. It is crucial that we do not use the nine spaces in front of the camp store, as those are reserved for customers. We also ask that all parents and guests take notice of the "No Parking" signs posted on either side of our driveway. The bus loop will be "No Parking" zone beginning at 12:00 p.m. to allow for a smooth dismissal for students at Bonnie Branch Middle. Also, please be courteous to our neighbors and do not park on private lawns.

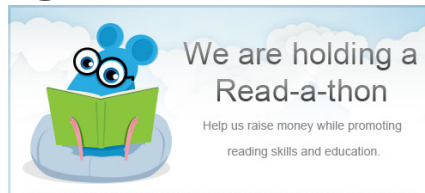
INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the case of inclement weather on October 31st, the parade will be cancelled and seasonal activities will continue as planned in the classroom. Students will still be able to wear their costumes to school. Should the parade be canceled, we will make every effort to notify you by 8:00 a.m. that day through the e-news alert system.

We look forward to our wonderful parade and celebrating Halloween this year!

Joy B. Smith, Principal

Mariah Carr, Assistant Principal

PTA Read-a-thon is coming....



Here's a way you can encourage your child's love of reading, support the IES PTA and our school, and help your child win prizes just for reading! In the Friday folder on September 29, your child received a Reader Take-home sheet with information about the quick and easy ways you can help your child join the Reading Adventure with Read-a-thon. When you help your child activate his/her own Read-a-thon page online, you can collect one-time donations from friends and family. Every child will earn a free prize just for setting up their page, and they can earn more prizes as they read. They can "shop" online to choose their prizes, and they will receive their prizes after the conclusion of our Read-a-thon. Your child's teacher will share more information about reading sessions soon. IES will begin our Reading Adventure on October 9, and finish on October 31 with some special Halloween surprises!

Lost & Found

Is your child missing his/her sweatshirt? Lunchbox? Shoes? Jacket? Sunglasses? Pants? Etc.?

We have quite a variety of "Lost" items in our Lost & Found. Please feel free to drop by and see our collection on the first level below the Media Center. Just sign in at the Front Office first!

Help Wanted

We will have many volunteer opportunities for parents to help in our cafeteria through the year! Please contact Dr. Carr if you would like to help our school in this capacity.



Band News

We are off to a great start. I am very excited about the large number of students who have signed up for band and strings this year!

Home practice is necessary for students to make suitable progress on their instruments. I understand that the children have many activities and other homework to complete, but beginners should be practicing at least 10-15 minutes every day and advanced students should be practicing at least 15-20 minutes every day. Practice sessions can be broken up into 5-minute increments if that works better for your schedule or child's attention span. With the late morning start at Ilchester, I highly recommend having a practice time before school. I attempt to email all practice assignments home so parents are aware of what their child should be practicing. If you are not receiving these emails, please let me know so I can make sure I have your correct email address. Beginning students will be getting their practice logs in the middle of the month.

All Beginning Band (Wind and Brass) students need Accent on Achievement Book 1. All Advanced Band (Wind and Brass) students will need Accent on Achievement Book 2. Advanced students will also use Book 1 All Beginning String students need Essential Elements 2000, Book 1. Advanced String Students need Essential Elements Book 2. Advanced students will also use Book 1

All Percussion students should have a binder, Metronome, a stick bag, and sticks/mallets as well.

Dates to remember:

CONCERT DATES:

November 8, 2017, Advanced Band will be participating in Pyramid concert at Howard High School. Details forthcoming.

December 11, 2017, Advanced Band and Strings concert
Snow Date: December 18, 2017

January 25, 2018, Beginning Band and Strings concert
Snow Date, February 1, 2018

April 25, 2018, Advanced Band and Strings concert

June 7, 2018, Beginning Band and Strings concert