Indian Hills Elementary Bulldog Bulletin

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Dear Indian Hills Families,

Students have been working hard and growing as learners and leaders throughout the first two months of school. Students, teachers, and parents check in on student progress on a regular basis throughout the year through a variety of avenues including assessment and assignment feedback, individual conferring sessions between students and their teachers, student to student accountability partner checks, and regular communication between parents and teachers. Checking on progress works best when the student is an active participant, developing an understanding of where he or she is at with particular skills and making plans for next steps to grow those skills. Parents and teachers serve as facilitators in this development, supporting students and guiding them in the right direction to grow.

November is the time for two additional important checkpoints in our students' progress - report cards and conferences. All students will bring their report cards home on Wednesday, November 20. Students are encouraged to review these report cards to develop an understanding of their current performance and consider where they could focus their efforts to grow. Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on the evenings of November 20 and November 21. Next week, you'll receive a link to schedule a time for your child's conference. Make sure that this is a time where you and your child can come together to meet with the teacher. Your child will lead the conference, as the student is the key player in the learning. This will be a great opportunity for the student, parent, and teacher to build a common understanding and plan for next steps together in the student's learning.

With Indian Hills Pride, Lisa Wujczyk

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 5:
ELECTION DAY!
Parent Club Meeting, 9:30am and 6:30pm

Thursday, November 7:
Skating Party at *The Rink,* 6:00-8:00 pm

Friday, November 8:
Spirit Day: Red, White, and Blue in honor of our Veterans

Friday, November 15:
½ Day - Records Day, Dismissal at 12:13pm
Spirit Day: Cheer on your team (MSU vs. UM day)

November 19-21:
Scholastic Bookfair

Wednesday, November 20:
½ Day, Dismissal at 12:13pm
Conferences

Thursday, November 21:
Conferences

Friday, November 22:
Bagel Day

November 27-29:
Thanksgiving Break

Bulldog Pride School-Wide!

Monthly Theme Connections

Each month, Our Bulldog Round-Up and Dog Den focus on a specific theme. For October, we emphasized that **Everyone is a Leader**.

Key Concepts

These are the key concepts we focused on in our Bulldog Round-Up and Dog Dens for the month:

- Leaders are **role models**, not critics.
- Leaders set goals for themselves and make a plan to achieve their goals.
- We can all be leaders in our learning.

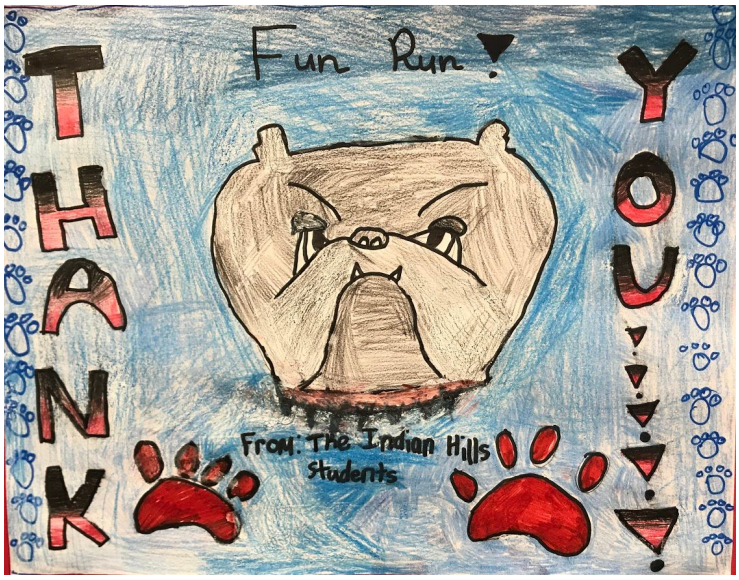
At-Home Connections

Here are some questions/activities you can do to continue connecting with the key concepts at home:

- Students set WIGs (wildly important goals) at school, and make a plan to achieve those goals. What actions can your child take at home to help them reach their WIGs at school? What personal WIGs might they have for their activities outside of school?
- For an issue going on at home (ie - having trouble getting ready for school on time, not getting along with a sibling, etc), ask your child to think about how a leader might approach the problem. Put the ball in your child's court and guide them to come up with a way to approach the issue.
- Talk about the roles and responsibilities each family member has to keep the household running smoothly. *Do we have or need a chore chart? How can we all take care of different responsibilities in order to help our household?*

Parent Club News

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Fun Run! Thanks to your generous donations, we earned $21,934 to support important initiatives, such as Leader in Me, in our school!



The Fun Run would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our parent leaders. We sincerely thank **Holly Bouhanna** and **Kristina Barbaza** for handling our corporate sponsorships, **Agatha Show** for designing our print materials, **Amy Hill** for coordinating our t-shirts, **Carly Szpiech** for organizing the day of the event, **Kristy McCune** and **Svetlana Stojanovski** for organizing our incentives, and **Kristin D'Angelo** for making our school contact book. We appreciate our secretary, **Lori Lozowski** for diligently completing all of the accounting for this huge event. We know a great many other volunteers helped t-shirt distribution and volunteered to support during the day of the Fun Run. Thank you all for sharing your time and talents with us; your help did not go unnoticed!

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors!

In addition to all of our families who made the Fun Run such a success, we are also fortunate to have the support of many business sponsors. Sponsorships come in many levels, and the following sponsors will be featured on our Fun Run banner, which is currently being prepared by the printer.

We appreciate ALL of our business and family sponsors. Your donation, no matter the size, shows your support for our students and our school. THANK YOU!

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Scholastic Book Fair News

The Indian Hills Fall Scholastic Book Fair is quickly approaching! The Book Fair will once again coincide with our Fall parent/teacher conferences. Students will have the opportunity to shop the Book Fair with their classrooms **Tuesday November 19th through Thursday November 21st.** Parents are welcome to shop before or after conferences during our **Family Shopping nights on November 20th and 21st**. Parents are also welcome to join their child during classroom shopping - please contact us or your child's teacher for the schedule.

We are excited to announce that we will be offering the **E-Wallet** option to pay for your child's Book Fair purchases this year! Feedback from others who have used this option has been excellent. This eliminates the need to send cash or checks with your child to school if you so wish. We will still be able to process cash, check or credit cards.

Keep an eye out for the Book Fair Flyer which will be distributed by your child's teacher a week or two before the fair. This will contain their teacher's shopping schedule, E-Wallet sign-up instructions, volunteer opportunities, and other important information!

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Breanne Makar and Alison Smith at ihbookfair@gmail.com.

Thank you once again for supporting the Indian Hills Scholastic Book Fair!

What is the Parent Club?
The Parent Club is a group dedicated to supporting our school's efforts to provide students with a foundation for academic and social success.

We had very productive morning and evening Parent Club meetings this month, and we look forward to welcoming more parents to future meetings throughout the year.

Highlights from our October Meeting:

- Review of school M-STEP Data
- Fun Run Recap
- Preparing for Trick or Treat at Indian Hills, Bagel Day, Our Bowling Date Event, and Santa Shop

Want to get full Parent Club Meeting minutes? **Contact our office and ask to join our Parent Club email list.**

Please join us for our next **Parent Club meeting on Tuesday, November 5 at 9:30am or at 6:30pm in the IH Media Center.**
All IH parents are welcome! Feel free to bring younger siblings to the meeting, if needed.

Mary Sue Enciso, our District Math and Science Instructional Coach, will be with us during both the morning and evening sessions to do a math material make-and-take session. You will be able to learn about some helpful math tools and make a set to take home to use with your students when practicing math skills.

Do You Shop at Kroger?

If you shop at Kroger, you can help our school just by linking your Kroger Plus Card to Indian Hills through the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Even if you have linked your Plus Card to support Indian Hills in the past, Kroger requires that you re-enroll every year. Simply visit **https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow** to enroll or re-enroll!

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Trick or Treat Fun

This year our Parent Club hosted the second annual Trick or Treat at Indian Hills, which was held on the evening of October 18. More than 150 IH students and their siblings trick or treated with their friends and classmates here at our school. It was a wonderful evening, and we appreciate the leadership of **Renee Amormino, Kristy McCune, Michelle Roeschke, and Carly Szpiech** for organizing this fun event!

Let's Skate!

Indian Hills organizes regular skating parties to provide an exciting way for our students to connect outside of the school day. All skating parties are held at The Rink in Shelby Township from 6:00-8:00pm. The cost is $7 per person plus $2 for skate rental. **Our next skating party will be held on Thursday, November 7.**

Gobble Gobble!
Thanksgiving Break is from
Wednesday, November 27 -Friday, November 29.