Ilchester Elementary PTA E-Newsletter

October 16, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October	**15** – Fall 2015 Box Tops Contest Deadline **19** – Coat Drive Deadline; PTA Meeting 7:00p.m.
November	**18-19** – Talent Show

REMINDERS:

Coat Drive

Clean, ready-to-wear coats, hats and gloves are being accepted in a large box in the school lobby. All sizes are needed: infant through adult. *Deadline is October 19*. Thank you for your generosity.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION:

PTA Memberships and Donations

Thank you to all the parents and staff who joined the PTA and made donations! We now have 259 PTA members. Direct donations were $5,195. Grade-Level Enhancement donations were as follows: Kindergarten $867.50, 1st $715.00, 2nd $857.50, 3rd $995, 4th $1102.50 and 5th $897.50. Thank you for your support of Ilchester!

KidStuff Coupon Books

Thank you to all the families that participated in the KidStuff Coupon Book fundraiser! We had a very successful fundraiser, earning almost $2500 for the Ilchester PTA. We are very appreciative of all the families that participated. For all families who purchased out-of-state books, those books will be sent home with your child next week. Thank you and happy savings!!!

UPCOMING PTA MEETINGS:

PTA Meeting Dates

Please come out and support the PTA! Below are the PTA meeting dates for this school year.

Monday, October 19
Monday, November 16
Monday, December 14
Wednesday, January 20
Wednesday, February 17
Monday, March 14
Monday, April 18
Monday, May 16

All meetings start at 7:00p.m. and are held in the Media Center.

PTA ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

Candy for our Troops
Halloween will be here before we know it and that means LOTS of candy around the house! Probably more than any parent ever wants to see. We are here to help! The Ilchester PTA will be collecting "Candy for Our Troops" this year. *A collection box will be placed in the front lobby of school from November 2 to 10.* Send your "leftover" candy in with your student and have them deposit it into the collection box (or sneak it in yourself!). It would be very helpful if you would put the candy in Ziploc bags. On November 11 (Veteran's Day), we will deliver the candy to the USO office at BWI airport, and they will deliver it to the Troops. This is a great way for extra candy to leave our homes and get to those who will really appreciate it! Just a small gesture, but something we can do to show our appreciation for all who serve our country!! Questions? Contact Beth Benoit at bethbenoit428@aol.com.

School Directory
We are expecting the final School Directory file from HCPSS early in November. The directory will be published and distributed as soon as possible in November. The school system changed the directory process this year, and we know everyone is waiting - we appreciate your patience.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Talent Show Committee Members
The IES Talent Show will be held November 18-19. The Ilchester Talent Show Committee is looking for Parent volunteers to help us through the Audition process as well as the final performances in November. Tasks would include checking in participants, labeling participants' seats, making sure all participants remain seated during the event, answering any questions parents might have, and assisting the Committee wherever needed. If you are interested, please contact Momina Malik at ilchestertalentshow@gmail.com.

Staff Appreciation Week Co-Chairperson/s:
The PTA is seeking a Co-Chairperson for Staff Appreciation Week (May 9-13, 2016). The current Chairperson will handle the organization of food donations, volunteers, prizes, etc., but we need someone to supervise and manage the food activities each day that week (can be shared by two volunteers). For more information or questions, please contact Tonya Sigalas at tonsig3@gmail.com.

Family Cultural Night
The Ilchester PTA, in collaboration with IES Administration and Staff, will be hosting a Family Cultural Night this spring to showcase cultures and traditions of our diverse community. The success of this event cannot be possible without the help and participation of parent volunteers. Parents will be working with staff members and PTA reps to make it a memorable night for all. If you think you can help in any capacity, or need more information, please contact Momina Malik at iesculturalnight@gmail.com.

PTA FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

Square 1 Art
Details coming soon!

Spirit Wear
Details coming soon!

Fall 2015 Box Tops for Education Contest – Deadline October 15

The Fall Box Tops deadline is fast approaching! The submission deadline is THIS Thursday, October 15. Please remember to send in all non-expired box tops. The class with the most Box Tops and Bonus Points will win "Fun in the Gym with Mr. Adelman!" Expired Box Tops are no longer usable and should be discarded. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to the school. For each complete form with 25 glued or taped Box Tops we will receive 5 bonus points per sheet. Additional forms can be found on the Ilchester PTA website at http://iespta.weebly.com/uploads/9/0/9/7/9097199/2015_fall_box_tops_collection_sheet.pdf. Go online to www.btfe.com/products for a complete list of participating box tops products. Please contact Christine Case at ilchesterboxtops@gmail.com if you have any questions.

My Coke Rewards

Do you want to help Ilchester Elementary School earn rewards from Coca-Cola? By drinking Coca-Cola products, you can help IES earn items that can be used in the classrooms and around the school. Each Coca-Cola item has a code that is worth 3, 10, 20, or 25 points. Codes are found under the cap on 2L and 20oz bottles or on the packaging for 12oz can packs. You can go to www.mycokerewards.com, enter the codes (you will need to create an account), and then donate the points to Ilchester Elementary. (Note: We do not need you to send the codes into school once they have been entered on the website. You can recycle them!). Or, you can send the codes to school with your child and someone on the PTA will enter them into the website for you.

Note: There is a limit of 75 points per week per email address. This means that we need parent volunteers to enter codes and donate the points. If you would like to help out with this, please send an email to ilchesterelementarycokerewards@gmail.com with your name, your child's name, and your child's teacher's name. If you have questions, please contact Christina Rosendorf at ilchesterelementarycokerewards@gmail.com.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!