

Ilchester Elementary PTA E-Newsletter



October 9, 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

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.

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.

Family File – IMPORTANT!

Please complete, create or update your Family File immediately. Family File has replaced the Emergency Procedure Card and can be found by logging in to HCPSS Connect at www.hcpss.org/connect. In the Family File section, parents will find all of the information historically located on the Emergency Procedure Cards such as contact information, medical considerations, and preferences. It is imperative that your information is created or updated for the safety of your child. If you have questions, please call the school and they will be more than happy to assist you. Your child's safety is Ilchester's #1 priority!

One other note on the Family File – this information is also how our School Directory will be created. Please complete this information so that our directory is up-to-date. Some people reported problems with their information being saved incorrectly in the Family File. Even if you have already completed it, please double-check to make sure your information is correct. The directory will be distributed early in November.

PTA Meeting Minutes

Just a reminder that meeting minutes can be found at iespta.weebly.com/meeting-minutes.html. Howard County PTA Council meeting notes are included.

Ilchester PTA Membership

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of the Ilchester Families who returned their All-in-One Sheets by the September 30 deadline. Through the All-in-One Sheets, you contributed over \$10,600 to the Grade Level Enhancement Funds and the PTA General Fund! Our PTA currently has 257 members, and membership cards will be sent home with students by the end of October. If you did not submit the All-in-One Sheet but still want to join the PTA or make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Tina Hill at christinambrose@hotmail.com.

KidStuff Coupon Books

The KidStuff Coupon Book fundraiser has ended. Many thanks to everyone who purchased books! Please return all unpurchased books immediately.

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.

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:

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. 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 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. Our first brainstorming meeting will be held on November 20.

PTA FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

Square 1 Art

Details coming soon!

Spirit Wear

Details coming soon!

Fall 2015 Box Tops for Education Contest

The Fall Box Tops deadline is fast approaching! The submission deadline is next 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.btfе.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 ilchisterelementarycokerewards@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 ilchisterelementarycokerewards@gmail.com.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!