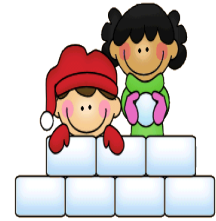


Ilchester Elementary PTA E-Newsletter



February 23, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March	4 – Dads on Campus 4 – Junior Achievement Day Volunteer Training Sessions 11 – Junior Achievement Day 14 – PTA Meeting in the Media Center at 7:00pm 22 – Junior Cheetah Day
April	27 – Family Cultural Fun Night

UPCOMING PTA MEETINGS:

PTA Meeting Dates

Please join us! Below are the PTA meeting dates for this school year:

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

Monday, March 14

Monday, April 18

Monday, May 16

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Junior Achievement Day at Ilchester

On Friday, **March 11**, Ilchester Elementary will be part of a unique hands-on education program called "JA in a Day". This program is operated by *Junior Achievement of Central Maryland*. This in-classroom event encompasses important elements of community and economy, work readiness, financial literacy and business management. The program is designed appropriately for each grade level and aligns with the Social Studies curriculum.

To ensure a successful event, IES will need many adult volunteers (parents, business owners, relatives, etc.) to teach the JA in a Day lessons (a minimum of one volunteer for each classroom). The volunteer will lead each of the activities while the teacher works in a supporting role. Each session will have detailed instructions. A short required training session for volunteers will be held on March 4.

Volunteers are still needed for the following classrooms: Nupp, Robertson, Rohrbaugh, Brady, Sears, Hardy, Gillette, Konig, Perraud, Hoge, Dorsey, Toth and Jenkins.

Any questions can be sent to Mrs. Dasha Perraud (3rd Grade Team Leader) at dasha_perraud@hcpss.org.

Family Cultural Fun Night

The Ilchester PTA, in collaboration with Ilchester Administration and Staff, will be hosting a "Family Cultural Fun Night" on **April 27** to showcase cultures and traditions of our diverse community. The success of this event depends on the help and participation of our parent volunteers. If you think you can help in any capacity, please contact Momina Malik at iesculturalnight@gmail.com. More information coming soon – please save-the-date!

PTA-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES:

Dads Day on Campus – March 4

Dads Day on Campus is March 4. Please come to school and join your son or daughter for lunch and/or recess! (See last page for lunch and recess schedule.)

Junior Cheetah Day – March 22 – Volunteers Needed

On Junior Cheetah Day, Ilchester welcomes preschoolers who will be attending Kindergarten at IES in the Fall. This event lets the children and their parents/guardians meet administrators and staff, see the Kindergarten classrooms and tour the school. If you have a preschooler who will be starting Kindergarten, please look for the Junior Cheetah Day flier in your Kindergarten Registration packet. Registration begins March 1.

Junior Cheetah Day is offered through the partnership of IES and its PTA. *Volunteer positions are available on March 22 during the timeframe of 9:15-11:30am.* Please contact Heather Tom, Chairperson, at heathertom@gmail.com. Your help is appreciated.

PTA FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

Box Tops for Education Announcement and Class Winner

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Winter Box Tops for Education contest. With your support we raised \$678.60 for our school! Big congratulations go to the winning class which collected an amazing 731 Box Tops: **Ms. Marino's 3rd Grade!!!** They will get to celebrate with "Fun in the Gym with Ms. Nickles!".

Office Depot/Office Max Rewards Program

Ilchester has a rewards program with Office Depot / Office Max! Any shopping you do at these stores, just give them this ID number: 70046550. We earn 5% on all purchases made when this rewards number is used on your purchases.

Giant A+ School Rewards

Ilchester automatically benefits whenever you shop at Giant! The program lets you earn money for our school just by doing your grocery shopping! If you have not yet registered and would like to, go to <http://giantfood.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/>, choose "for customers", follow the steps to enter your card number (you may need to sign into the website first if you have not done so previously), and select Ilchester as one of the schools that benefits. If you have questions, please contact Heather Tom at heathertom@gmail.com. Our year-to-date reward total is \$4383.75!! Keep shopping – this school year's rewards program ends March 17.

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 ilchester elementarycokerewards@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 ilchester elementarycokerewards@gmail.com.

Shutterfly/Tinyprints

Remember that our Shutterfly/Tinyprints storefront is available year-round! Use it for cards, calendars, party invitations, etc. and IES earns rewards! Just go to <http://IlchesterES.shutterflystorefront.com>.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Kindergarten / New Student Registration

Kindergarten and new student registration starts February 29. Please register early and tell any friends or neighbors about this date.

Citizens Guide to 2016-17 School Year Budget

You can find the Citizens Guide to the Superintendent's proposed FY17 Operating Budget at <http://www.hcpss.org/about-us/budgets>.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Dads Day on Campus – Lunch & Recess Schedule:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Recess</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Kindergarten	10:45-11:15	11:15-11:45
First Grade	11:45-12:15	12:15-12:45
Second Grade	11:15-11:45	11:45-12:15
Third Grade	12:45 – 1:15	1:15-1:45
Fourth Grade	1:15-1:45	12:45-1:15
Fifth Grade	2:15-2:45	1:45-2:15