



IES PTA June 2019 Newsletter



Hello June!



June is the gateway to summer and the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere! June is named after the Roman goddess Juno. The early Roman calendar June had 29 days; Julius Caesar added the additional day giving June 30 days.

Not only does June mark the end of the school year, it is also the month when Flag Day, Father's Day, and Juneteenth are celebrated.

In this final newsletter for the 2018-19 school year, we reflect on our achievements and express our sincerest gratitude for all those who have made this an amazing year for our IES community.



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June Family Reading Suggestions

Each month, we suggest books, activities, and resources to engage your children! These suggestions correlate with special celebrations for the month. We will also donate some of these selections to the IES Media Center. Here are some highlights for this month!

❖ [LGBT History Month](#)

- [LGBTQ Reading Recommendations](#), a list from the National Education Association that reflects on LGBTQ experiences along with titles about pride, tolerance, and diversity.
- [Julián is a Mermaid](#) written and illustrated by Jessica Love (age level: 4-8, Beginning to Independent Reader). When Julián gets home from the pool with his Abuela, he daydreams of the magic he's seen on the subway. He saw three women spectacularly dressed up as mermaids. All he can think about is dressing up in his own fabulous mermaid costume. What will Abuela think? A Stonewall Children's & Young Adult Honor Book.
- [Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World](#) by Ashley Herring Blake (age level: 9-12, Independent Reader). When a tornado rips through town, twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house is destroyed and her family of five is displaced. Ivy feels invisible and ignored in the aftermath of the storm - and what's worse, her notebook filled with secret drawings of girls holding hands has gone missing. A Stonewall Children's & Young Adult Honor Book.

❖ June 14: [Flag Day](#)

- [Stories of America-Our Flag](#), a list from the National Education Association that celebrates the flag, our symbol of democracy and independence. The American flag is an important and lasting symbol in our everyday lives. Encourage young readers to wrap themselves in the history of the Stars and Stripes and explore the ideas and ideals our flag represents.

❖ June 16: [Father's Day](#)

- [Make Dad's Day with a Book](#), a list from the National Education Association to help you celebrate Dad by reading together.

❖ June 19: [Juneteenth](#)

- [Celebrate Juneteenth-Stories of Emancipation](#), a list from the National Education Association to help kids learn about Juneteenth - commemorating the 1865 announcement in Texas of the abolition of slavery - two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

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Junior Cheetah Day & Kindergarten Info Night

On May 1, our annual Junior Cheetah Day welcomed 48 incoming Kindergarteners. They heard from their new principal, enjoyed a story with Mr. Langevin, and toured the building to learn more about what they can expect next year. Such an exciting time for these little ones as they prepare for the transition to IES!



Staff Appreciation Week

With the help of our amazing IES community, we treated our wonderful IES staff to a week of delicious food and yummy treats. Thank you for all of your generous donations!



Spring Festival

What a wonderful Saturday at our Spring Festival! Facepaint, cotton candy and other yummy food, sponged teachers, spectacular performances, wonderful raffle and auction prizes, fun games, cakes taken home to enjoy, photobooth hijinks and so much more! Thanks for coming out to make this event an amazing success for our IES community!



Reflections and Thanks

We began the school year with the vision to build a welcoming, inclusive community committed to enriching every child's potential. This vision stems from our strong belief that children learn and thrive more when parents, school staff, and the community work together to support them. We wanted to bring these groups together to strengthen these relationships, and to create and implement programs and activities that benefit our children and our broader community.

Through continuing activities and some new events such as monthly Start with Hello lunchtime discussions, Speaker & Movie Night, and Raise Craze, we worked to actively build community and strengthen relationships. Utilizing improved communication of all types of volunteer possibilities, we sought to provide inclusive opportunities for all members of the community to participate. Fundraising efforts such as Restaurant Nights and the Spring Festival enabled us to donate funds for educational materials, gym equipment, field trips, and other school activities to support the social, emotional and intellectual development of all of our students.

We are committed to continue building an inclusive environment, and we are deeply thankful for our amazing school community that continues to grow each year. We have benefited from new perspectives, fresh ideas, and people who want to get involved, make a difference, and have a concrete impact on critical initiatives for our children.

Have a terrific summer and we look forward to connecting with you in September!



Volunteers Needed

We have several positions open that could use your talent and enthusiasm! Please fill our Volunteer Interest Form [HERE](#) to get started.

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