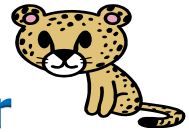


Ilchester Elementary PTA E-Newsletter



September 18, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September**
- 18** – Deadline for Registering for PTA-Sponsored After School Classes
 - 18** – Kidstuff Coupon Book Orders Due
 - 25** – Back to School BINGO and General PTA Budget-Vote Meeting at 6:45p.m. in the Cafeteria
 - 25** – Innisbrook Orders Due
 - 28** – Restaurant Night at Buffalo Wild Wings
 - 30** – Deadline for Submission of the PTA All-in-One Form
- October**
- 1** – Vocabulary Workbook Orders Due
 - 15** – Fall 2015 Box Tops Contest Deadline
 - 19** – Coat Drive Deadline

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

REMINDERS:

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.

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. Thank you for your generosity.

Ilchester PTA All-in-One Sign-Up Sheet

The Ilchester PTA All-in-One Sheet provides a convenient way for you to support your PTA by becoming a member and/or making a tax-deductible donation. The green All-in-One Sheet was sent home in the first Friday Folder and is also available on the IES PTA website, <http://iespta.weebly.com>. More than 175 families have already returned their Sheets - thank you! The deadline for submitting the All-in-One Sheet is **September 30**. PTA Membership cards will be distributed in October. Please direct questions to Tina Hill at christinambrose@hotmail.com.

Vocabulary Workbooks

Order forms and payment for Vocabulary Workbooks are due by **October 1**. Contact Karen Frankovic with questions at kfrankovic@comcast.net.

PTA ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

Fall 2015 PTA-Sponsored After-School Classes

The deadline for registering for PTA-Sponsored After School Classes is **THIS Friday, September 18**. Don't let your kids miss out on some amazing classes - Outdoor Parkour, Sewing, Science Clubs, Arts & Crafts, Drama and MORE! Classes will run from 4-5 p.m. beginning the week of September 28 for 8 weeks. All of the information was included in last week's Friday folders. If you have any questions, please email ilchesterafterschoolprograms@gmail.com.

Back-to-School BINGO

Back-to-School BINGO is **Friday, September 25**. Doors open at 6:45p.m. and BINGO starts after a short PTA meeting to vote on the PTA budget for this school year. We still need volunteers to:

- Record BINGO numbers as called (1 volunteer needed)
- Call off numbers of winning BINGO cards (2-3 volunteers needed)
- Help to put away chairs after event (2-3 volunteers needed)

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shannon Kraft at kraftymomma@verizon.net.

Restaurant Night

The first PTA-sponsored Restaurant Night will be at Buffalo Wild Wings located at 6191 Columbia Crossing Circle, Columbia, MD 21045 on **Monday, September 28** from 6-9p.m. See you there!

PTA FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

KidStuff Coupon Books

The deadline for the KidStuff coupon books is **THIS Friday, September 18**. If you have not already done so, please immediately send in payment of \$25 for your coupon book OR return the KidStuff coupon book to your teacher. Our school earns 50% or more profit for this fundraiser! Use just a few coupons a save more than the \$25 cost of the book. Please direct any questions to ginny.d.zimmerman@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation!

Innisbrook

Check out your Innisbrook catalog for lovely gift wrap, housewares, food/snacks, magazines and more! We receive up to 50% profit on all items sold! And there are prizes for top sellers and the homeroom with the most participation. Send your order in to school or shop at www.innisbrook.com/user/119308. Orders are due by **September 25**. Contact Molly Kuehl with questions at kuehlfamily5@verizon.net or at 410-719-6574.

Giant A+ School Rewards

Ilchester automatically benefits whenever you shop at Giant! Thank you to everyone who has already returned the blue Giant A+ School Rewards form. The program lets you earn money for our school just by doing your grocery shopping! Last school year, we earned over \$5,900 for Ilchester! If you have registered your Giant rewards card in the past, you do not need to sign up again. If you have not yet registered and would like to, beginning on September 14, you can 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 still have the blue form, you are welcome to fill it out and return it to school. Questions? Feel free to contact Heather Tom at heathertom@gmail.com.

Fall 2015 Box Tops for Education Contest Kickoff

Have you been saving Box Tops all Summer? Our Fall Contest is starting and it's time to get them off the refrigerator! A flyer has been sent home with your child with information and a collection sheet. To submit, tape or glue your non-expired Box Tops to the collection sheet. Be sure to write your teacher's name on the sheet and send it in with your child before the contest deadline of **October 15**. The class with the most Box Tops collected will win "Fun in the Gym with Mr. Adelman!" If you need more sheets, they can be copied or downloaded at www.BTFE.com. Don't stop saving your Box Tops when the contest ends - a second contest will occur in the Spring.

As we kick-off the Box Tops Contest, here are the answers to some FAQ's:

- *Why are you asking for Box Tops to be submitted on a collection sheet?*
Our last contest involved the counting and verification of over 18,000 Box Tops. That's a tedious process. Submitting Box Tops on a sheet versus in a baggie saves the volunteer coordinator many hours. We want your Box Tops, and we'll take them however we can get them, but your use of the sheet is very much appreciated.
- *Do Bonus Box Tops go on the sheet?*
No, Bonus Box Tops should be submitted separately. You can paperclip them to the sheet or send them in a baggie, but please do not tape/glue them to the sheet or count them in the sheet total.
- *Does the sheet have to be complete to be submitted?*
Not at all. Complete sheets are great but it's not necessary. Some people submit sheets as they are completed and some submit all sheets at the contest deadline. Sheets can be sent in at any time regardless of the number of Box Tops attached.
- *Why can't I staple onto the sheet?*
We don't know - it's a rule from the Box Top folks. If you send in a sheet with staples it, unfortunately, has to be thrown away instead of counted. So if you don't have tape or glue then go ahead and use a baggie but please do not staple.
- *Do expiration dates really matter?*
Yes! The expiration date is double-checked on each Box Top you submit and expired Box Tops are removed (and do not count toward the class total). If the school submits expired Box Tops we risk them nullifying our whole submission! So please, please check expiration dates.

Please contact Christine Case at ilchesterboxtops@gmail.com if you have any questions.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!