



Iroquois Community School

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ICS News

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What's Happening . . .

May 15 @ 5:30p
Book Bingo / Movie Night

May 16 @ 9:00a
Cystic Fibrosis Walk

May 19
Garden Club Meeting

May 25
NO SCHOOL

May 28 @ 2:45a
President's Challenge

May 28 @ 6:00p
ICS Talent Show

Jun 02 @ 3:00p
Val Murdy Memorial

Jun 02 @ 3:30p
PTC Meeting

Jun 05—NEW DATE
Field Day

Principal's Place

Dear ICS Families:

The National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held last night. Twenty-eight 8th grade students were inducted. Congratulations to all the students. You make us all proud!



Year-end activities are exciting and one that students enjoy is Field Day. Please note that due to the many calendar changes, Field Day has been changed to Friday, June 5th. Field activities will be held from 8:30a until 11:00a. The pool will be open for the afternoon. Each grade level will have 40 minutes of swim time. More information will be sent home soon.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Michael Amadei

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Clean Hands Save Lives!

- ◆ It is best to wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.
- ◆ When water is not available, use alcohol-based products (sanitizers).
- ◆ Wash hands before preparing or eating food and after going to the bathroom.
- ◆ Keeping your hands clean helps you avoid getting sick.



When should you wash your hands?

- ◆ Before preparing or eating food
- ◆ After going to the bathroom
- ◆ After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has gone to the bathroom
- ◆ Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- ◆ After handling uncooked foods, particularly raw meat, poultry, or fish
- ◆ After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- ◆ After handling an animal or animal waste
- ◆ After handling garbage
- ◆ Before and after treating a cut or wound
- ◆ After handling items contaminated by flood water or sewage
- ◆ When your hands are visible dirty

Using alcohol-based sanitizers

- ◆ Apply product to the palm of one hand.
- ◆ Rub hands together.
- ◆ Rub product over all surfaces of hands and fingers until hands are dry.

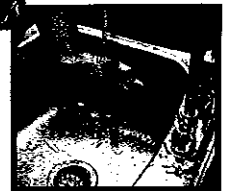
Note: the volume needed to reduce the number of germs varies by product.



Washing with soap and water

- ◆ Place your hands together under water (warm if possible).
- ◆ Rub your hands together for at least 20 seconds (with soap if possible).
- ◆ Wash your hands thoroughly, including wrists, palms, back of hands, and under the fingernails.
- ◆ Clean the dirt from under fingernails
- ◆ Rinse the soap from your hands.
- ◆ Dry your hands completely with a clean towel if possible (this helps remove the germs), However, if towels are not available it is okay to air dry your hands.
- ◆ Pat your skin rather than rubbing to avoid chapping and cracking.
- ◆ If you use a disposable towel, throw it in the trash.

Remember: *If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.*





Great Strides Walk 2009 May 16, 2009



The Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk begins at 9:00a on Saturday, May 16th at ICS.

If you have not collected pledges, please consider joining the team and making a one time donation. Registration will be available from 8:15a to 8:45a.



Valerie Murdy Memorial June 2, 2009

As many of you may know, last year Iroquois's community lost one of our beloved teachers and friends, Ms. Valerie Murdy. A memorial service for Ms. Murdy will take place on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 3:00p. The program will be held in the gym at Iroquois Community School, 1836 E. Touhy Avenue in Des Plaines. All are welcome to join us as we remember the life of a dedicated teacher.

A tree will be planted in her honor through the Des Plaines Park District Tree of Life Program and a reading bench will also be installed. Both dedications will be on Iroquois's property. In addition, we will be collecting new and used books to donate to Ms. Murdy's favorite Jamaican schools in her honor.

Donations are being accepted to help pay for these memorials and the cost of shipping books. Checks can be made out to Iroquois Community School, but please indicate that the money should be earmarked for the Ms. Murdy memorial fund. Books can be dropped off as part of the memorial ceremony or brought to the school office during the week of June 1st if you are unable to attend the memorial. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Tom Ray at Iroquois Community School, 847-824-1308.

The tree and bench will cost \$1,200.00. \$500.00 has been received in generous donations. Thank you.

AT IROQUOIS SCHOOL.....A NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM...

2009-2010

Tae Kwon Do



Presented by: Skokie Tae Kwon Do, Inc.

Master Terry

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 1ST - 8TH.

Try Out Classes: 1st week of each quarter from 3:00-3:45PM in the gym/cafeteria

- Anyone interested may come and observe or participate in class.
- Parents are also welcomed to stay and observe the class.
- Students need to wear clean, loose clothing for all classes.
- You can still enroll your child even if the quarter already started.

For those who are interested in the program after the free classes, these are the quarters the program will run:

First Quarter: July 14 - September 18

Second Quarter: October 13 - December 11

Third Quarter: January 4 - March 5

Fourth Quarter: March 29 - June 3

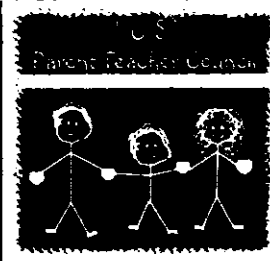
Classes will take place every Tuesday & Thursday of each quarter from 3:00-3:45PM in the gym/cafeteria.

**FEES: \$120 for 1 day a week (quarterly)
 \$220 for 2 days a week (quarterly)**

All payments are due at the beginning of each quarter and checks are made payable Directly to **Skokie Tae Kwon Do, Inc.**

For those who are interested in signing up:

- Fill out the application (applications available in the main office) and please sign in the parent signature area.
- Payments are due at the beginning of each quarter.
- For further information call Skokie Tae Kwon Do, Inc. ask for Master Terry at (847) 677- 8111



Weekly Update

Sharing in our Children's Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15th 5:30 p.m.
Book Bingo/Movie Night
May 28th 6:00 p.m.
ICS Talent Show

Elected Officials

President

Tina Garrett

Vice President

Ellen Brannan

Treasurer

Kathleen Moore

Secretary

Jennifer Neary

For questions, suggestions, or to receive information electronically please email icsptc@gmail.com or leave a message in the ICS/PTC mailbox located in the front office.

TONIGHT! MAY 15TH

BOOK BINGO &

MOVIE NIGHT

Trade in a Book receive a Bingo Card, two card limit per person!

5:30-6:00 Dinner Sold (Cafeteria)

6:00-7:00 Bingo Book Swap

7:00-8:30 **The Tale of Despereaux**

Children must be accompanied by an adult



Hot Dogs \$1.00 Popcorn \$.50 Chips \$.50

Water/Pop \$.50 Candy Bars \$1.00 Nacho's \$1.00

Fundraising Committee Meeting May 20th

We want to hear from you.

The ICS/PTC is exploring different fundraising options. The 2009-2010 budget will be reviewed on June 2nd. We would like to hear ICS family opinions as to what they would like to see in fundraising to meet our goals.

If you have suggestions or would like to attend a round table discussion, please join us on May 20th, 6:00 p.m. at Tina Garrett's house

There is no obligation to facilitate your suggestions, however, support in running any program is greatly appreciated!

Please contact Verna Krueger through the ICS/PTC email at icsptc@gmail.com if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. Can't make it! Email your suggestions over to the ICS/PTC mailbox or leave a note in the ICS/PTC mailbox in the main office.

Thank you for donating to our Teachers Lunches

Dunkin Donuts & Baskin Robbins 1552 Rand Road, Des Plaines

ICS TALENT SHOW IS COMING!



May 28th
6:00 p.m.
ICS Gymnasium



Raffle

\$1.00 per ticket

All proceeds to go to the **ICS Family Emergency Fund**

1st Prize 1/2 Principal for the Day May 29th

2nd Prize first pick paid afterschool class for the first
quarter of the 2009-2010 year.

3rd Prize \$10.00 Cold Stone gift card

Must be present to win



You've got to eat, so eat something good!

With this and an appetite,
you'll raise funds.

Give us this after you eat so your organization gets proper credit.

Group: Iroquois Community School

Date: 05/28/2009

Location: 10421 W. Touhy Avenue Des Plaines



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The day of May 28th Steak &
Shake will be hosting a
fundraiser for ICS.

Bring the this coupon in on May
28th and we will receive 10% of
your order before taxes.

Please pass on these coupons to
family, co-workers and
neighbors. All proceeds will go
to support ICS
Class fieldtrips.

New School Resource & Support Opportunity

Dear ICS Families,

The PTC produced student directory and calendar of events is going to be combined into one reference resource for the new school year.

Our new "go to" will be a great convenience for everyone to use and save on production costs. Plus, we have earmarked space for sale in the directory to show support for our kids and ICS parent businesses.

Personal Well Wishes & Greetings Send your children well wishes, encouragement, and other thoughts with a personalized message from you.

Business Listings Let's create our own "stimulus package" and help support ICS parent owned businesses and services.

Message & Business Space Available (all placed business ads include free directory listing)

Directory Listing \$10	2x3 Business Card Ad \$25	4x5 Quarter Page \$50
5x8 Half Page \$75	8x10 Full Page \$100	Full Page Color \$200

Graphics jpeg, gif, pdf and word files by email transmission

Deadline Order w/ Payment **June 10th**! Make checks payable to: **ICSPTC Contact**

Joanne Rusch, 847-294-9677 Email: jjrusch@ameritech.net

Need help designing your ad? Contact Tina at icsptc@gmail.com

All funds raised will go to the new afterschool programming fund

Annie's Babysitting Service 7th Grade NJHS student ----- 847-***-****

Joe's Plumbing Service 777 Doe Street Des Plaines -----847-***-****

Whether you want to say Happy Birthday, Congratulations Graduated, or advertise your business, the ICS Directory is the place to do it, for birthday's please specify the month.



Congratulations on
graduating Tommy!

We are so proud of you.
Love Mom, Dad & Jimmy

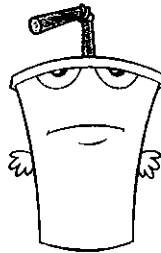


happy
11th
birthday
LUCIAL
Love
Grandma
& Grandpa!

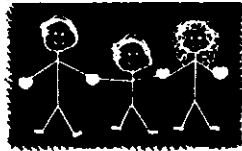
ICS'S Hot Dog Stand

We Cook Em' You Eat Em'

555 John Doe Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016



Bring this coupon in for 10% off
your order.



PTC May Meeting

5/12/2009
7:00 PM to 8:26 PM
Teacher's Lounge

President:
Tina Garrett

Secretary:
Jennifer Neary

----- Agenda Topics -----

Call to order/introductions	Tina Garrett	3
Discussion: Call to order at 7:11 pm. Anna Levonyak proposal of purchasing an arch with tulle for graduation and other events to take pictures.		
Principal's Report	Mr. Amadei	10
Discussion: Students should not be drinking soda or energy drinks on school property. Healthy snack break should be used for HEALTHY snacks.		
At the calendar meeting it will be discussed the timing of fruit break.		
Dr Ray is leading committee for Val Murdy memorial \$2500 (bench and tree dedication). Does the PTC want to contribute towards the purchase. The PTC may choose to start an intersession scholarship program.		
Building request forms – We need to fill out this form in order to rent the building for next year. The PTC cannot set schedule until the faculty sets their calendar. May 26 th Tina will go to Faculty meeting at 8:00am		
Mr Malek put together a budget request for next year – it will be discussed at budget meeting.		
President's Report	Tina Garrett	5
Discussion: Budget request form was distributed. (will send to Anne electronically)		
You must fill out forms for funding.		
Treasurer's Report	Kathy Moore	5
Discussion: Budget meeting is on June 2 nd . Recycling company is bouncing checks – we will be contacting them immediately. Movie company that we are currently using is going to charge us back years charges due to a misunderstanding on the start date. We will be using another licensing company.		
Book give away went over budget – next time approval needs to be made before hand.		
AEC	Sandie Sylvester	5
Discussion: Book fair this Friday. Last day of school will be a book give away. This program is extremely successful. Will share plans for next year with the board, after next meeting.		

Fundraising Committee	Verna Krueger	5
<p>Discussion: What would we like to see next year as far as fundraising? We would like to get as much free money as possible vs. having catalog ordering. We may add sign up to script programs and school reward programs to PIN night.</p> <p>Fundraising meeting will be next Friday May 22nd at Tina's house at 6 pm – this date may change but will be finalized by the newsletter release – please see newsletter.</p>		
Spirit Wear	Ellen Brannan	2
Budget Meeting	Tina Garrett	15
PIN Night	Chris Halblander	15
<p>Discussion: Info Fair handout was distributed. We want to make it an all informative night for new families, to explain volunteering, intersession, pick up/drop off procedures, clubs, committees, etc. It will be set up like a trade show.</p> <p>We will send out a reminder over the summer, when we communicate the teacher/student lists. We will try to put in place a mentoring program for new parents.</p> <p>Will send out alert message.</p> <p>Meet and Greet/Info Fair, Ice Cream Social and night is July 13th. Someone from each committee needs to contact Chris to let them know what needs to included in each booth. Needs contact info for each of the clubs, and club bio, and when the club meets (if known).</p>		
Announcements	Tina Garrett	5
<p>Discussion: Garden club request for \$100.00 to cover summer planting. If any club needs money for club supplies, please submit the request before June 2nd meeting.</p>		
Open Forum	PTC	15
<p>Discussion: We got a \$1500 grant from Eco Lab for PBIS. Risers will be used in future concerts.</p>		
Adjournment	Tina Garrett	1
<p>Discussion: 8:37</p>		

Other Information



Student Spotlight

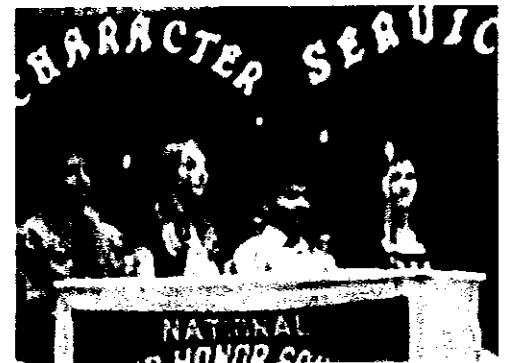
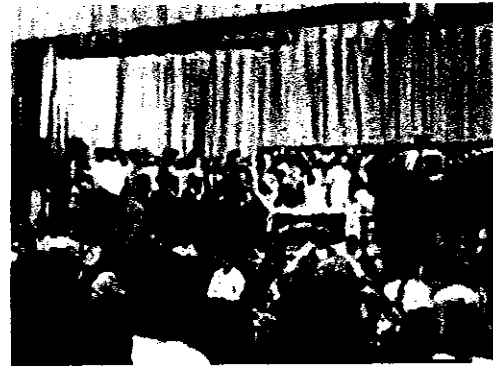
NJHS Ceremony-May 14, 2009



Michele Agudelo; Mario Berra; Matthew Beranek; Tami Boyce; Melissa Goetter; Brittany Gorski; Jocelyn Hernandez; Bridget Hilliard; Jenny Jacob; Mark Kalaher; Raaji Khan; Gina Larucci; Rachel Lunkes; Lubna Mirza; Mackenzie Moore; Jill Murray; Dennis O'Neill; Akash Patel; Harsh Patel; Karina Perez; Dylan Peyton; Rebecca Reich; Elizabeth Rodea; Nickolas Rodriguez-Cruz; Bryan Sanchez; Hanna Udischas; Holly Wengerski; Kevin Wiorek

Student Spotlight

NJHS Ceremony-May 14, 2009





Garden Club News

Planting time has finally arrived!! The gardeners will be planting at the last few meetings for the school year.

We only have a few meetings left >> next Tuesday, May 19th and Tuesday, June 2nd.

We will resume July 14th, the first day of school. We will meet every Tuesday through October.

The club is open to all ICS students. It is not required to attend every meeting. We encourage all kids to come and help and learn, even if they can only come once in a while. It is a fun way to beautify the school, connect with nature and most importantly.....get their hands dirty!!!!

We are also looking for some parental support to help with watering during the summer months.

Please call Patricia at 847-909-5566 or email at pfrontain@yahoo.com with questions.

Touhy Avenue Lane Closures for Resurfacing

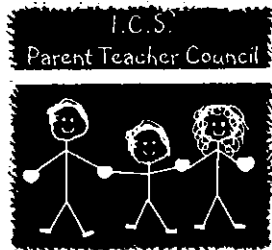
The Des Plaines Engineering Department has received notification from the Illinois Department of Transportation that Touhy Avenue, from Mannheim Road to the Des Plaines River, will have single lanes closures for resurfacing beginning, **Tuesday, May 12, 2009 until July 3, 2009** due to resurfacing. This project is part of the American Reinvestment Recovery Act.

Expect long delays during construction. Motorists are advised to follow signage, drive cautiously and to use alternate routes.





Iroquois Parent/Teacher Council



Next Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2009
3:30p-Teachers' Lounge

ICS Council Leaders . . .

Tina Garrett, President

Ellen Brannan, Vice President

Kathleen Moore, Treasurer

Jennifer Neary, Secretary

District 62 School Board



Next Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2009
7:00p @ Forest School

Members of the Board . . .

Brenda Murphy, President

Stephanie Duckmann, Vice President/ Personnel

Steve Adams—Building & Grounds

Ray Imig—Community Relations

Sharon Lynch—Finance

James Poskozim—Policy

Robert Suriano—Education

Arbor Food Menu May 18 to May 22

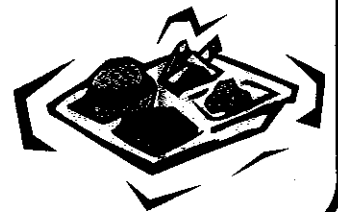
Monday
Cheeseburger

Tuesday
Ham & Cheese Melt

Wednesday
Chicken Nuggets

Thursday
Hot Dog

Friday
Cheese Pizza



Newsletter Deadline

Submit articles by
Wednesday at 2:30p in the
ICS Office

or emails by 7:00p to
ManMarB4@aol.com and
amadeim@d62.org.

Contact Marijo Bustos at
847-803-6475 with ques-
tions or phone submissions.
If sending emails, please put
"ICS News" in the email
subject line.