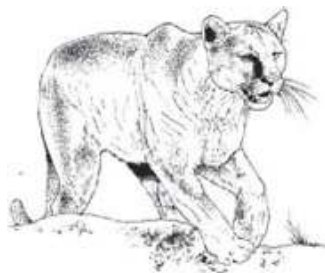


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### Help Wanted:

We are looking for someone to translate the newsletters into spanish. Please email [news@imsboosters.org](mailto:news@imsboosters.org) if you can help.

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## OFFICE UPDATE

*from Sharon Kennedy, Assistant Principal/Site Administrator*



IMS is Avid About AVID

According to the Webster's New World dictionary, avid is defined as "having an intense desire or craving" or "eager and enthusiastic". Students at Incline Middle School will soon come to also associate this word with the acronym AVID, Achievement Via Individual Determination, through the implementation of a system that promotes college readiness.

The Incline Great Schools Committee had suggested that this program, which has been in place at Incline High School for several years, be extended to our local middle school to address the needs of many average students, second language learners, and children whose parents had never attended college. While this had been determined at the time to be a long term goal for Incline Middle School, grants pursued and attained by Washoe County School District made it possible for IMS to begin the process this year.

During the summer, the school administrator, the school counselor, and three classroom teachers had the opportunity to attend a three day AVID summer institute in San Diego along with WCSD AVID Coordinator, Trish Shaffer and staff members of Sparks Middle School, Sparks High School, and Dilworth Middle School. It was here that the initial work of developing a class whose mission is "to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society" had its genesis.

The first class will begin in January with the start of the second semester under the tutelage of IMS AVID coordinator and teacher, James "Scott" Vaughan. Students selected for the program will receive access to the AVID curriculum four days a week for this first year with plans to increase the class to 5 days a week for the 2012-13 school year. Students will become familiar with using Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, and Reading (WICR) to deepen their understanding of materials in core classes and empower them with the skills necessary for post-secondary areas of study.

What is exciting for everyone at Incline Middle School is that the strategies taught and reinforced by AVID are suitable for all learners and can be used across the curriculum. Cornell note taking provides a format for information, student questions and class summaries. These two column notes can be used in many classes to organize important facts and as study aids. Socratic seminars provide a formal structure for student centered dialogue that contributes to deeper understanding of ideas and information. Students learn to read with a purpose, identify key vocabulary, and recognize important concepts through

## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

**12/1**

Boys' Basketball vs. Lake Tahoe  
3PM (Home)

**12/6**

Boys' Basketball vs. Sage Ridge  
3PM (Home)

**12/7**

Boys' Basketball vs. North Tahoe  
3PM (Home)

**12/10**

Tah Neva League Championship  
Boys' Basketball @ Carson Middle School

**12/12**

Volleyball Tryouts

**12/15**

Winter Concert 7PM GYM

**12/16**

Winter Concert for Students 8AM GYM

**12/21**

Booster Meeting 9:15AM Library

**12/23**

Sports Awards Assembly 1:10PM

**12/26-1/6**

WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

### JANUARY

**1/12**

Volleyball @ Whittell 4PM

**1/16**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - NO SCHOOL

**1/17**

Volleyball vs. Sage Ridge 3PM (Home)

**1/18**

Jr. Booster Meeting 9:15AM Library

**1/19**

Volleyball @ St. Theresa 3PM

marking of the text. Tutorials can teach students to become self-directed advocates for their own education by requiring students to formulate deeper level questions about the work in current core classes.

Through these, and many other approaches such as carousel brainstorming, numbered heads, philosophical chairs, binder checks, and service learning projects, teachers at IMS hope to begin to bridge the academic gap that has prevented many students from reaching for higher level educational opportunities. By beginning this program at the middle school level and collaborating with the ongoing program at Incline High School, we are one step closer to our goal of every child by name and face to graduation, college or career ready.

## ■ PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Parents:

Thanks to all the families that joined Jr. Boosters this year. If you haven't signed up, you still can -- just contact me!

Thank you to our enthusiastic parents this year for supporting middle school events, from our sporting events, to Dad's Day to our recent Halloween Dance. The school year has already passed very quickly and we are almost to our Winter break!

The IMS Halloween dance is the largest event that the Jr. Boosters club sponsors and it was a huge success again this year. A very special thanks to our chairs: Ken & Jeanette Martinez and Joy Strotz. When you see them, please thank them, they put a lot of work into this event to make it extra fun for our students! Also, thank you to Valerie Taylor and Suzy Homola, who provided hospitality for the dance - all the yummy goodies that were donated were much appreciated by the hungry dancers. We had over 150 students attend the dance and they were all on the dance floor for most of it! The dance takes many hours of our parents' time, so thank you to all those who helped make this event such a large success.

Thank you also to Shahin Lampe for organizing a great Take Dad (or Someone Special) to School Day. We had many important adults attend classes with students that day which was good to see. I hope that all of you that were able to attend have found it easier to have discussions about the school day with your students as a result. Thank you to everyone that donated delicious goodies to the spread in the library!

If you would like to be included on the email distribution list to receive weekly updates on what is happening at IMS and in the Incline community, please let me know. And don't forget [www.inclineschools.org](http://www.inclineschools.org). It is a good idea to get in the habit of checking the website a couple of times a week to see what is going on at all of our Incline public schools or to check the calendar to see what is coming up.

The meeting to inform the Incline community about proposed changes to the WCSD school calendar (starting with the 2013-14 school year) has been postponed to February 8th so that the district team working on the proposal has time to develop an Incline-specific calendar that will suit our community's needs. The meeting will be at 5:30pm in the IHS Theater - please plan to attend.

**Enjoy the holidays, the break, and the snow! Happy New Year!**

Kathie Goldberg

Jr. Boosters President

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## ■ ART IN ACTION

**Toilet Paper Food Sculpture** by Emily Donahue, Art 7

**1/24**

Volleyball vs. Lake Tahoe 3PM  
(Home)

**1/26**

Volleyball vs. North Tahoe 3PM  
(Home)

**1/31**

Volleyball vs. Whittell 3PM (Home)

## ■ IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVITIES

- E-Directory Publication Winter
- E-Newsletters Monthly
- Halloween Dance October 21st
- Brown Bag Lunch w/ Supt.
- Morrison November 2nd at noon
- Take Dad/Special Person to School November 3rd
- School Spelling Bee January
- IAO Talent Show February 4th
- Science Fair February
- Star Follies April 28/29
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 7 - 11th
- 8th Grade Celebration June 13th
- ISAEF Golf Fundraiser June

## ■ USEFUL LINKS

Incline Middle School Jr. Boosters Club  
[imsboosters.org](http://imsboosters.org)

Incline Schools Website  
[inclineschools.org](http://inclineschools.org)

Infinite Campus  
[washoe.k12.nv.us/parents/infinite-campus](http://washoe.k12.nv.us/parents/infinite-campus)

Incline High School  
[inclinehs.org](http://inclinehs.org)

Incline High School Boosters Club  
[inclinebooster.com](http://inclinebooster.com)

Incline After School Organization  
[inclineafterschool.org](http://inclineafterschool.org)

Incline Schools Academic Excellence Foundation (ISAEF)  
[inclinevillageschools.com](http://inclinevillageschools.com)

Washoe County School District  
[washoe.k12.nv.us](http://washoe.k12.nv.us)

Washoe County Library System  
[washoecountylibrary.us](http://washoecountylibrary.us)

North Lake Tahoe Bonanza  
[tahoebonanza.com](http://tahoebonanza.com)

The Village Guide  
[villageguide.org](http://villageguide.org)

Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID)



[ivgid.org](http://ivgid.org)

Incline Village Parks and Recreation  
[inclinerecreation.com](http://inclinerecreation.com)

Arts For the Schools  
[artsfortheschools.org](http://artsfortheschools.org)

I-CAN Run/Walk & Roll  
[i-canrun.org](http://i-canrun.org)

eLearning Cafe  
[elearningcafes.org](http://elearningcafes.org)

One of the most interesting projects we did this year is Toilet Paper Food. This is one of my favorite projects, because I got to make a sculpture.

Here are the steps on how to make it.

First, you will need to gather your materials: one roll of toilet paper, wax paper, and water. You place the wax paper down and determine how much toilet paper you are going to need. Then you add water and sculpt your food! I decided to make a pie so I first molded the crusts. Then I individually sculpted each cherry by taking toilet paper and rolling it into a ball in my hands.

The final step is to assemble your sculpture. You can assemble it with water or with a hot glue gun, and then you have finished your sculpture! The very last thing you do is paint your sculpture. When painting it you pat on the color, not make strokes. If you make strokes, you can tear your sculpture! This is how you make Toilet Paper Food Sculpture!

Saint

## ■ FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Incline Middle School's 8th grade Leadership Team sponsored their annual Food Drive for Project Mana of North Lake Tahoe. Project Mana is an organization for families who cannot afford food after paying bills, rent, and daily needs around the Tahoe area. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students brought in food such as canned beans, beef, soup, and Thanksgiving treats. This year, students collected about 890 items so local families might have a food filled Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Barth's 8th grade advisory class collected about 200 items, which was the most of all advisory classes.

## ■ GET YOUR HOLIDAY CANDYGRAMS!!

The 8th grade Leadership Team is in the process of organizing their Holiday Fundraiser for another local charity. CandyGrams are a favorite of Incline Middle School students this time of year! Beginning December 12, students can purchase a mini stuffed penguin or a candy cane, with a greeting card, to send to a friend at school.

Candy grams will be sold every day at lunch and recess from December 12th -21st, and will be distributed to students on December 22.

A candy cane gram is \$1.00 and a penguin gram is \$2.00. Parents are welcome to drop by the school and purchase CandyGrams for their student!

## ■ SO YOU WANT TO BE A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER IN INCLINE?

## ■ WCSD MEETING

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"Recognizing that Incline Village has needs that are unique to the rest of the District, WCSD staff members conducted a focus group with twenty Incline Village parents, community members, teachers and administrators. After a productive discussion, where several calendar scenarios capturing the unique needs of Incline Village were

The Incline public schools transportation department needs to hire some new bus drivers.

#### REQUIREMENTS

DRIVING RECORD: - Must be 21 years of age. - Must have a clean D.M.V. record. - No more than 2 moving violations in a two year period. - No D.U.I's. - No careless or reckless driving citations.

PERSONAL RECORD: - No felonies. - No convictions for the following reasons: child neglect, child abuse, child endangerment or spousal abuse. - No positive drug or alcohol tests.

YOU HAVE TO WANT TO WORK WITH LARGE GROUPS OF CHILDREN.

If interested go to: [www.washoe.k12.nv.us/employment/](http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/employment/). For additional information contact Incline Transportation at: (775) 832-4260, ext. 9.

### ■ TAHOE PLAYERS PRESENTS "ANNIE" DECEMBER 11TH

Tahoe Players presents the timeless Broadway musical favorite - "Annie"! The cast consists of over 100 local actors, singers, dancers musicians. Actors and musicians from the Incline Village and Northern Nevada Community will be performing in two shows on Sunday, December 11th, 2PM and 6PM. Would you like to see some of your Incline Village locals perform as Miss Hannigan, Molly, orphans or musicians? See them cast in these roles during the 2PM show.

This is the first year local student musicians have been given the opportunity to play some pieces with the professional orchestra! Come join us and support your local performing arts community!

Tickets are available at the Grand Sierra Resort Box Office in person, via phone at (800) 648-3568 or online at [www.grandsierraresort.com/entertainment/calendar](http://www.grandsierraresort.com/entertainment/calendar). More details are available on the facebook page, "Tahoe Players".

*Tahoe Players is a Dance Studio and Theater Company dedicated to providing quality dance and theater education and performance to the Lake Tahoe area for over 20 years.*

### ■ STAR FOLLIES 2012

The Incline Star Follies shows are scheduled for **April 27th and 28th**. As in years past, IMS and LTS students in 8th grade are invited to apply to be in the show. We will be taking 6-8 male students and 8-10 female students (16 total).

Please go to [imsboosters.org](http://imsboosters.org) to download the application and rehearsal requirements.

**All applications received by the deadline (12/21/11)** will be considered as long as there are no behavior or academic issues that need to be taken into consideration. Cast members are chosen by a random draw.

Please contact Kathie at [kathie\\_goldberg@yahoo.com](mailto:kathie_goldberg@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

### ■ IVGID YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### IVGID Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

Grades: 6th - 12th

The Youth Advisory Council meets monthly at the Recreation Center & also attends different events throughout the year. The YAC aims to advocate for & provide youth with a sense of community through volunteerism and active involvement. They are responsible for programs, events and initiatives that promote positive youth development and involvement in local schools, communities and governments. We will also be attending a conference in Santa Clara in March. Any Incline Village student in 6th-12th grade is welcome! Bring friends! This is perfect for students who need volunteer hours.

We meet at the Recreation Center on Wednesdays throughout the year, and free pizza is provided at each meeting. Upcoming meeting dates are: **December 14 at 1:30pm, January 11 at 1:30pm, February 8 at 1:30pm**

#### Fuel for the Holidays with Project MANA -- Dec. 19- Jan. 2

Help us cook and provide lunch for students in the Federal school breakfast & lunch programs (& eat with them!). Please contact me at [tib@ivgid.org](mailto:tib@ivgid.org) or (775)832-1326 for more information or to sign up.

discussed, the committee members decided that additional time was needed to review changes to the current Incline School Calendar. As a result the December 8th community meeting to discuss the calendar changes has been rescheduled for February 8th at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Incline High School little theater and all parents are encouraged to attend."

### ■ IMS SCIENCE FAIR

The IMS Science Fair is schedule for February 15, 2012.

Entry forms must be submitted by February 1, 2012.

Go to [imsboosters.org](http://imsboosters.org) to download info, regulations and entry form.

For more info email Larry Swick at [lsdirect@charter.net](mailto:lsdirect@charter.net)

### ■ INCLINE AFTER-SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

#### TALENT SHOW

The 2012 Talent show is Saturday February 4th. Doors open at 6 pm at Incline High School Theatre.

Kathie Goldberg is directing. Set up private and personal auditions with Kathie Goldberg, John Mueller or Scott Vaughan. Audition as often as necessary.

Questions?  
call Chris at 775-745-6484

**National Winter Trails Day with the Tahoe Rim Trail -- January 7, 2012**

Help us lead the construction of a snow cave! Please contact me at [tib@ivgid.org](mailto:tib@ivgid.org) or (775)832-1326 for more information or to sign up.

**Thank you for your good behavior at the Fall Ball dance!**

We will be putting on three more dances throughout the school year, so stay tuned!

*These events are not only fun, but also positively impact our community and ensure a joy-filled holiday season for all.*

Incline Village Parks and Recreation - 980 Incline Way, Incline Village, NV 89451

[www.inclinerecreation.com](http://www.inclinerecreation.com)

Recreation Center/Host Desk (775) 832-1300, Parks & Rec Counter (775) 832-1310,

Sports Office (775) 832-1322, Youth, Teens & Family Special Events (775) 832-1301,

Incline Tennis Center (775) 832-1235, Recreation Center Pool (775) 832-1321