

# *Incline Elementary School*

## *Home of the Wolf Pups*

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### **Notes from the Principal**

Dear Parents,

It's official-it's now the most wonderful time of the year.

There's something about the holidays that makes all of us feel like a kid again. So you can imagine, we felt like kids when Rich Drewes lit up the multi-purpose room with fire, multiple times thankfully, at Science night! Large, impressive flames erupted from his hands and no one was burned from this demonstration. Jim Burau and Rich Drewes planned an entertaining and informative night to launch the Science Fair. Thank you both for inspiring students and parents alike. The Reflection Luncheon at the Hyatt for award winning students on December 6<sup>th</sup> was wonderfully organized by Laura Lane and her committee of helpers and judges. This PTA sponsored event recognized students efforts in literature, photography, music and painting on the topic of Diversity. Our children have an abundance of ideas and creativity and recognizing their talent and supporting their efforts is the goal of this contest. Thank you again Laura for organizing this event with the spot light on student performance. Currently Incline Elementary School is looking for candidates for two job openings. The Parent Involvement Facilitator (P.I.F.), 20 hours per week position is available and we also need a 3 hour per day cafeteria worker. The P.I.F. position needs someone bilingual, not the cafeteria worker. If you know anyone who might be interested in these positions have them call me at 832-4250.

My heart is full of best wishes for a joyous holiday and Happy New Year!

Kathleen Watty, Principal

### **Science and Engineering Fair**

Thank you very much to Jim Burau for taking over the Science and Engineering Fair this year. The Science fair is a very important program to IES students. We encourage all students from Kindergarten to grade 5 to enter the Science Fair. Students are never too young to enter the science fair. Students may create a project on their own, or with another student.

Registration forms and entry rules for Science Fair can be found at our web site [www.iespta.com](http://www.iespta.com)

Classroom teachers also have a copy of the entry form and rules and you can find a copy on the PTA bulletin board in the front hall of the school. If you use the copy on the bulletin board, please make a photocopy and return the original to the bulletin board for the next person to use.

Your completed entry form is due to your classroom teacher by January 13, 2012. Completed projects are due on the day of the Science Fair February 16, 2012

### **A Message From Our PTA President**

The Hyatt hosted a lunch for the winners of the PTA's annual Reflections Art Contest and their parents on Tuesday December 6, 2011. Reflections is a National PTA Art Program that offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. At the local level Incline Elementary School students enter works of art in the arts areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts, the local winners work goes on the be judged at the State level. Thank you very much to our chairpersons Laura Lane and Laura Nugent, and to all of the judges who gave of their time to judge the students art work.

This years winning student artists are:

Primary Literature: 1st Place - Andrew Donahue

Intermediate Literature: 1st Place Tanya Neely, 2nd Place Chandler Cohn, 3rd Place Campbell Cohn

Intermediate Film Production: 1st Place Kristopher Smith, 2nd Place Gavin Perrell

Intermediate Dance Choreography: 1st Place Catalina Quakenbush

Primary Musical Composition: 1st Place Kamryn Fisher, 2nd Place Lainey Lowden

Intermediate Musical Composition: 1st Place Morgan

Fisher, 2nd Place Paul Larson, 3rd Place Lauren Golden

Primary Visual Arts: 1st Place Elissa Sano, 2nd Place Mat

tison Lampe, 3rd Place Diego Tinajen

Intermediate Visual Arts: 1st Place Chandler Cohn, 2nd Place Charlie Lane, 3rd Place Brenna Soli

Primary Photography: 1st Place Emma Lane, 2nd Place Lena Soli

Intermediate Photography 1st Place Ian Smith, 2nd Place Jack Strotz, 3rd Place Lily Price

Congratulation to all our young artists!

Pauline Leoncio PTA President

### **Bids For Kids Auction**

The PTA's 2nd annual Bids for Kids Auction is on Saturday March 24, 2011. We would like to invite the IES community, your friends, and family to put this date on your calendar. Information on ticket sales will be provided when we return to school in the New Year. If you would like to donate an item for the silent or live auction please contact Julie at [crystalpeak-house@yahoo.com](mailto:crystalpeak-house@yahoo.com)

### Help Wanted

The next Family Fun night is scheduled for February 3, 2012 and is a family game night. We are in need of one or two people to plan and run this event. To volunteer please contact Pauline at [tahoetrini@hotmail.com](mailto:tahoetrini@hotmail.com)

We are looking for someone to run the Holiday store for the 2012 school year. In order to have items to sell we need to start preparing very early in 2012. To volunteer contact Jill at [jeminkle@yahoo.com](mailto:jeminkle@yahoo.com)

The Bids for Kids auction is on March 24, 2011. We need volunteers to work on this event, volunteer jobs include: Donations/Procurement, Packaging and Display, Marketing and Communication, Venue and Entertainment, Class/Grade level Projects, Auction Close Out, Decorations, Clean Up  
Please contact Robyn at [rkhsweetgoodness@yahoo.com](mailto:rkhsweetgoodness@yahoo.com)

### Holiday Reads For Your Little Ones

Gather up the family and enjoy some quality time reading, playing, baking and building memories that will last a life time! Grab a copy of "Kids in the Holiday Kitchen / Making Baking Giving" or enjoy some of these other great holiday titles:

- Santa Mouse
- Night Before Christmas
- Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey
- Llama Llama Holiday Drama
- My Two Holidays, A Hannukkah and Christmas Story
- Holidays Around the World: Celebrate Hannukkah with Lights, Latkes and Dreidels
- Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story

Happy Holidays and Happy Reading

### Student Council News

Your Student Council Reps have been very busy this December as they currently have two projects in the works

#### Project Mana Food Drive

Student Council is holding a food drive in conjunction with Project Mana, a local hunger relief agency. To help with your donations, Student Council distributed paper bags to all students to return with non-perishable food items. The IES students have almost filled two food barrels! Keep the contributions coming as the barrels will remain at school until the middle of next week. Thank you for your donations to help IES help others.

#### Waste Not (Recycling) Program

Ask your child what is recyclable from his or her lunch and we bet they can tell you! Thanks to the Student Council and Waste Not, IVGID's conservation program, IES has established a recycling program for the lunchroom. A big THANK YOU to Rebecca and Emily from Waste Not, who brought in recycling bins and spent last week training the students on what is recyclable. The kids were very excited about the new program and even wanted to pitch in to help train their classmates. In January, the Student Council and Waste Not plans to continue the recycling momentum with a "Trashion" Show put on by local high school students. Stay tuned for more information on the Student Council's efforts at making IES' lunchroom more green!

#### Fundraising

Remember all the fundraising the Student Council did over the last few months? Well, it has paid off for the school! To keep those Wolf Pups active, the Student Council has purchased new jump ropes for Mr. Smith's PE classes. Also, so that students can heat up their lunches without having to wait in long lines, Student Council has purchased new microwaves for the lunchroom. Great going Student Council! The Student Council pledges to continue to help make IES a great school for its students and the community.

Christina Quakenbush

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### DECEMBER / JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	Dec 20	1st & 2nd Grade Musical Program 6:00 PM MPR
Sunday	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Monday	Dec 26	Winter Break Begins
Sunday	Jan 1, 2012	New Year's Day
Monday	Jan 9, 2012	Return to School, Happy New Year!
Friday	Jan 13, 2012	Science Fair Registration Packages Due
Monday	Jan 16, 2012	Martin Luther King Jr. Day -No School-

