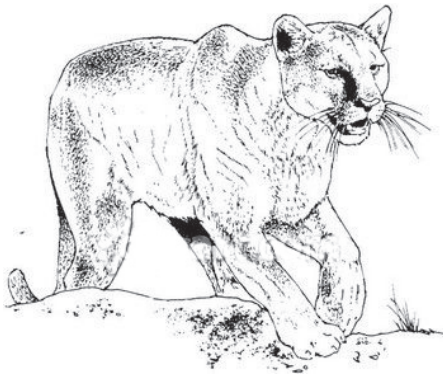


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OFFICE UPDATE

from Sharon Kennedy, Assistant Principal/Site Administrator



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new calendar year! Can you believe that this school year is nearly half over? Time certainly passes quickly when there are so many things to be done. At IMS, this time of year usually means that we are gearing up for school wide testing.

The testing season will begin soon with the Algebra I Credit By Exam (CBE) test during the third week of January. The test is given to eighth graders who are enrolled in this high school level class and a passing grade will give high school credit to those students.

Students who do not pass have an option to retake the test at a later date in Reno or not. In the past, IMS was able to tell students if they had received the CBE credit within one day of the test. This year that option is not available, so students and their families will have to wait one to two weeks for that information.

All eighth grade students will take the Writing Proficiency test during the week of February 8 this year. This is a state generated test and is graded by examiners from across Nevada. A writing prompt, provided by the state is given to the students on Day 1 and students are required to start their initial writing drafts on that day. On Day 2, students complete their writing and put their final draft on to the supplied paper. All essays must fit on the single page provided to the students. IMS usually receives the results of this test one month after the entries are submitted.

The entire student body of Incline Middle School will take the state CRT tests during the week of March 8, 2010. Sixth and seventh grade students will take appropriate grade level tests in Reading and Math. Eighth grade students will take Science in addition to the other tests. The entire school will test during the mornings of that week. Although there is no time limit for taking each test, each section of a test must be completed within the day of administration. Results and scores usually arrive in late May or early June.

Sincerely, Sharon M. Kennedy

YEARBOOK NEWS

GET YOUR PICTURES IN THE YEARBOOK! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login> - If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:400005654 and password: ims2010 - Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload. - Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information. - Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! **The last day to submit photos is 2/22/2010.**

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CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 13 Spelling Bee
 - 6th Grade 1st Mod
 - 7th Grade 2nd Mod
 - 8th Grade 3rd Mod
- 14 Volleyball vs. Whittell (Home) 3PM
- 15 Winter Dance @ Chateau 7-9pm
- 18 **NO SCHOOL -**
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
- 19 **Early Release 11:37AM** (Periods 1-6)
Volleyball @ Sage Ridge 3PM
- 20 Jr. Booster Meeting 9:15AM
- 21 District Mandated 1st Semester Math Finals Alg. 1
Girls' Volleyball vs. St. Theresa 3PM (Home)
Volleyball Picture Day
- 22 End of Grading Period
- 26 Volleyball @ Lake Tahoe School 3PM
- 28 Volleyball @ North Tahoe 3PM
- 29 IAO Student Talent Show @ Cal Neva

FEBRUARY

*February is: African American History Month
2/8-2/12 National School Counseling Week
2/17 PTA Founders Day*

- 2 Girls' Volleyball @ Whittell 3PM
- 3 Girls' Volleyball vs. North Tahoe 3PM (Home)
- 4 Girls' Volleyball @ St. Theresa 3PM
- 9-10 Analytic Writing Test
- 10-11 Analytic Writing Test Make Up
- 10 Jr. Booster Meeting 9:15 AM Library
Girls' Volleyball vs. Sage Ridge 3PM (Home)
- 11 Volleyball / Tah Neva Championship
- 15-19 **NO SCHOOL / WINTER BREAK**
- 23 **Early Release 11:37AM** (Periods 1-6)
- 25 Potluck Mixer???
- 27 Wrestling @ Truckee

Jr. Booster Executive Committee:

- PRESIDENT Dianne Severance
- VICE PRESIDENT Amy Smith
- SECRETARY Debbie Larson
- TREASURER JoAnne Devine
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE Stacey Hanna

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

from Diane Severance, Jr. Boosters President

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES:

- **IES Special Ed Assistant:** 12 hour per week Special Ed Assistant, pre-k students. 4 days a week M-Th. Possibility of increased hours. See the WCSD website for details. IES needs to fill this position ASAP. Cathleen Smith, the current Special Ed Assistant has been moved into the newly vacated office clerk position.
- **Village Toys now offers all local teachers & staff a discount card.**
- **IVGID "Totally Active" discount** use of rec center for students during certain hours of operation - check out IVGID's website.
- **MS Spelling Bee:** January 13th 8:15 - 11:15 AM Forum
- **IVGID Winter Wonderland Dance:** Friday, January 15th 7 - 9 PM @ Chateau. \$8 at the door. All middle school students. ID required.
- **ISAEF Strategic Planning Meeting:** January 19th 4 PM @ IVGID Board Room
- **IAO Talent Show:** Friday, January 29th 6:30 PM @ CalNeva

School Testing Dates:

- January: Algebra 1 CBE for 8th graders
- February 9 & 10th: Writing Tests for 8th graders
- March 9 -11th: CRT Testing for whole school
- May 11th: Foreign Language, written
- May 12 - 16th: Foreign Language, reading and listening

Dianne Severance, IMS Jr. Boosters President
sevgroup@nvcbell.net (email), imsboosters.com (website)



WYLDLIFE EVERY WED. AFTER SCHOOL

WyldLife, Young Life's popular program for middle school kids, is meeting weekly every Wednesday after school. WyldLife will be held from 2:30PM to 3:30PM in the school's forum at Incline Middle School. Kids will go directly to Wyldlife from their last period class. Parents should plan to pick up kids from IMS promptly at 3:30PM.

WyldLife offers middle school kids high energy fun, including outrageous games, stupid videos and inspiring messages about God. WyldLife is open to all students of IMS; there is no cost or registration. The after school gathering time makes it easier for kids to participate (and easier for parents, too). For more information, visit www.inclinewyldlife.younglife.org or contact Tony Conragan at 830-0566 or Trish Morris at 303-3806.

WOODLEAF CAMP IS FEB. 26-28

Young Life's Woodleaf Camp, located about an hour northwest of Grass Valley, is again the site for this year's weekend Wyldlife camp. The camp will be held Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, February 26-28. More than 300 middle school students from northern California and Nevada will take part in camp, including about 20 from IMS.

The camp offers good times, high energy music, great food, wacky entertainment, inspiring speakers and more. The cost of the camp is \$97. Scholarships are available for needy families. For more information or to register, visit www.inclinewyldlife.younglife.org or call Tony Conragan at 830-0566 or Trish Morris at 303-3806. Sign up today!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Early releases** – Tuesdays: 9/15, 10/20, 11/10, 12/8, 1/19, 2/23, 4/20 and 6/4
- **Superintendent's Brown Bag Lunch** – Tuesday, September 8th, Parasol Building
- **Picture Day** – September 9th
- **October break** – October 5-9th
- **Directory Publication** – Mid October
- **IMS Halloween Dance** – October 23rd
- **Dad's/Parent' Day** – November 5th
- **Holiday Break** – December 21st - January 4th
- **Winter Break** – February 15-19th
- **Spring Break** – April 12-16th
- **Memorial Day** – May 31st
- **Last Day of School** – June 16th

Incline Middle School Jr. Boosters Activity Chairs

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Debbie Larson

Membership
JoAnne Devine, Linda Tokunaga,

Monthly Newsletter
Heather Porter

Directory Production
Heather Porter, Eileen May,
JoAnne Devine & Linda Tokunaga

Halloween Dance
Kevin and Jeanette Martinez, Joy Strotz,
Stacy Hanna and Amy Smith

Take Dad to School Day
Shahin Lampe, (Need 1 more parent)

Hospitality
Donna Tonking

Staff Appreciation
Amy Smith (Need 2 more parents to Chair)

Spelling Bee
Eileen May, Dianne Severance,
Amy Smith & Debbie Larson

8th Grade Celebration
Eileen May & Donna Tonking

Representatives/Liaison
(Need parent)

Math Counts Liaison
(Need parent)

Science Fair Liaison
(Need parent)

GT Connection/Representative
(Need parent)

ISAEF Representative
Dianne Severance

Star Follies Representative
(Need parent)

HELP WANTED: We are looking for someone to translate the newsletters into spanish. Please contact heather@hezodesign.com if you can help.

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■ IVGID PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Cuisine

Date/Time: Monday, January 11th, 2:15-4:00pm and

Monday, February 1st, 2:15-4:00pm

Place: IHS Room 213

Cost: \$1

On January 11th, join master bakers Katy and Julia for a culinary adventure as we experiment with baking substitutions. We will be creating our own cookie recipes and donating the fruits of our labor to the F.A.C.E. (home delivery) clients of Project Mana (we might eat some ourselves, too).

On February 1st, we will be making hot, delicious soups and learning how to create our own soup recipes!

For either day, please bring \$1 to cover materials.

MLK Jr. Community Art Expo

Date/Time: Friday, January 22nd, 4:00-6:00pm

Place: Incline Village Library

Cost: Free!

Local groups have been working hard to create mural masterpieces in celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. These murals will be on display at the Incline Village Library at the end of January and the beginning of February. There is a formal art reception on Friday, January 22nd from 4-6pm with free food. Be there!

Youth Advisory Council Meeting

Date/Time: Monday, January 11th, 7:00-8:30pm

Place: Incline Rec Center, Kids' Zone Room

Cost: Free!

It's not too late to sign up for the YAC! If you think you have good ideas for programs and want to make a difference in your community, the IVGID YAC is for you.

The YAC is a group of teens from Incline Village/Crystal Bay committed to community service and activism. You are welcome to attend the meeting as an observer and apply if you are interested in officially joining.

Totally Active

Days/Times: Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Monday - Thursday: 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Friday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Place: Incline Recreation Center

Cost: \$4/person

All students between the ages of 11 and 18 get in to the Recreation Center for just \$4, seven days a week! You can swim, shoot hoops and workout in the fitness room.

For more information on any of the above programs, or to give program suggestions, please contact:

Katy Washington

IVGID Parks & Recreation Youth and Family Programs Assistant

775-832-1301 email: kew@ivgid.org

Check out our website: www.inclinerecreation.com

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www.imsboosters.org

■ WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE

Don't miss the next IVGID Middle School Dance on

Friday, January 15th 7-9pm

at the Chateau (955 Fairway Blvd., Incline Village)

• \$8 at the door - Must show ID • Appropriate dress required

• Refreshments will be sold • Open to all Incline Middle School,

Lake Tahoe Middle School, Sage Ridge Middle School students.

Must show ID. For more information: call 775-832-1301

Check out our website www.inclinerecreation.com

■ INCLINE AFTER-SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Youth Talent Show

The Talent Show will be at the Cal Neva Theatre this year for one day only: Friday January 29th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Students interested in performing have until January 15th to audition with Mr. Mueller or Kathie Goldberg. Auditions are scheduled individually and can be repeated as needed until January 15th.

Snow Club

Snow Club will begin on Thursday January 28th. Snow Club provides free skiing and snowboarding lessons for those students who have not had the opportunity to enjoy these wonderful winter sports. Diamond Peak provides FREE lessons, rentals + lift tickets on Thursdays for the rest of the season. Students must be doing well in classes + citizenship to attend. Students who are interested should sign-up with Mrs. Blount.

Go to InclineAfterSchool.org or call Chris at 775-745-6484 for more information.

■ LINKS

"Know What To Do About The Flu"

flu.nv.gov

Incline Middle School Edline

edline.net/pages/Incline_MS

Incline Middle School Jr. Boosters Club

imsboosters.org

Incline Schools Website

inlineschools.org

Incline After School Organization

inclineafterschool.org

Incline Elementary School

washoe.k12.nv.us/inclinees

Incline High School

inclinehs.org

Incline Schools Academic Excellence Foundation (ISAEF)

inclinevillageschools.com

Washoe County School District

washoe.k12.nv.us

North Lake Tahoe Bonanza

tahoebonanza.com

Village Guide

villageguide.org

Lake Tahoe Review

laketahoereview.com

Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID)

ivgid.org

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SPORTS CENTER

Boys Basketball Wrap-up

6th-7th Grade Boys Basketball

from Indra Winqest, 6th-7th grade boys basketball coach

The 6-7th grade boys basketball team finished strong beating Alder Creek and then playing tough but coming up short against top seed Carson Middle School in the playoff tournament. The boys had an outstanding season going undefeated at 10-0 in league play dominating every game. It was a total team effort all season as all of the boys received significant playing time and all contributed to the overall success. Standout players throughout the season were MVP Alex Zissis, and MIP Koyla Kelley. Jack Clouthier, Tito Marquez, Tommy Thompson, and Dylan Smith led the team at the guard positions while Tommy Dolan and Matt Hanna led the team at the forward positions. Adam Swick, Dylan Comstock, Cole Steinberg, Grant Goldenberg and Ian Reeves all played outstanding coming off the bench. The boys had a lot of fun and are looking forward to next year!!

8th Grade Boys Basketball

from Mike Seaman, 8th grade boys basketball coach

The eighth grade boys basketball team finished the year 9-1. The Most improved player this year was Joey Thurman and the Most Valuable Player was Johnny Tarantino. These seven players accomplished a great deal over the season. They not only improved their basketball skills, but they also improved as individuals. As a coach (Mike Seaman), I could not have asked for a better group of guys to work with. I appreciate all of the hard work they had given me and I hope they continue to have a great high school careers in what ever they apply themselves to. Thanks to all of the parents and their support, have a great rest of the year.

Volleyball

6th-7th Grade Girls Volleyball

from Chris Swick, 6th-7th grade girls volleyball coach

The girls 6-7th grade volleyball team consists of 13 players who were among more than 40 very skilled and energetic girls trying out for the team on December 14, 15 and 16th. The level of enthusiasm and talent in this sport at IMS is so impressive. We are thankful to everyone for their interest in the volleyball team and encourage all of them to keep up with their volleyball playing throughout the year.

Six of our nine 7th graders are returning players from last year, and there are four 6th graders on the team. After one week of practice, the team is looking very impressive, running plays with solid passing, setting and hitting skills. Every single player is serving the ball over the net with great consistency and strength. The girls are working very well together. They all have amazingly positive attitudes. Last year's 6-7th grade team finished the league season undefeated and this year we will strive to do the same. Go Mountain Lions!!

8th Grade Girls Volleyball

from Tony Graeber, 8th grade girls volleyball coach

Chris and I are very excited about this season because of the vast amount of talent we have on both squads. We had a record number of girls try-out this year which always makes the girls give it their all. Thanks to all that tried out for the team!! We feel very blessed to have such a popular program and hope that it only grows in the years to come.

Both teams have extended their practice time to prepare for tough matches against our two main rivals. We also have two high school volleyball players helping the team during practice which should prove very valuable being that our season is very compact and our first match (home game) is this Thursday.

We have our sights on making it into the year end Truckee Tournament and want to place better than last year. Our positive mental attitude and high level of skill keep us very hopeful.

Thanks to all involved in making this year the best ever!

ROSTER

6-7TH GRADE

Alex Zissis
Jack Clouthier
Cole Steinberg
Matt Hanna
Grant Goldenberg
Tommy Dolan
Salvador Vargas
Dylan Smith
Kolya Kelly
Dylan Comstock
Ian Reeves
Tito Marquez
Adam Swick
Tommy Thompson

8TH GRADE

Christian Biscotti
James Larson
Jose Moreno
Orin Porter
Alec Ross
Johnny Tarantino
Joey Thurman

SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 14
Whittell @ IMS 3:00pm

Thursday, January 21
Sage Ridge @ IMS 3:00pm

Tuesday, January 26
IMS @ Lake Tahoe
School 3:00pm

Thursday, January 28
IMS @ North Tahoe 3:00pm

Tuesday, February 2
IMS @ Whittell 3:00pm

Wednesday, February 3
North Tahoe @ IMS 3:00pm

Thursday, February 4
IMS @ St. Theresa 3:00pm

Tuesday, February 9
Lake Tahoe School
@ IMS 3:00pm

Wednesday, February 10
Sage Ridge @ IMS 3:00pm

Thursday, February 11
Tah-Neva Championships

ROSTER

6-7TH GRADE

Anna Graffis
Catherine Mitchell
Cory Aksamit
Lexi Sundberg
Megan Golden
Michelle Tokunaga
Sarah Bartholomew
Savannah McCunn
Valeri Nix
Annika Hansen
Hadyne Schuff
Kira Porter
Vanessa Andrade

8TH GRADE

8 returning players:
Elise Nelson
Ronni Flores
Mia Harbaugh
Julianna Gordon
Devi Morris
Trisha Lincoln
Devanee Wolfson
Kate Ballan
5 new players:
Natasha Cook
Rachel Colarchick
Cara Dumonte
Sara Hasmer
Makayla Jones