



September 13, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS - AT A GLANCE

September 20th	Hearing Testing Grades KG, 2, 4, 6
September 21st	International Day of Peace
September 22th	Back-to-School Night 7:00-8:30PM
September 23rd	Free Dress Friday
October 5th	Count Day Contest

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC QUALITY CONTROLLER (AQC) Mr. Doughty

Happy Friday Wildcats! It's hard to believe it has been two weeks already but our staff and students are cruising along making sure routines are in place and learning is #1. Just a heads up, for students in grades 1-7, please look in your child's Friday folder for an exam schedule. This exam schedule will tell you every exam they will take throughout term 1. The schedule will also tell you exactly which day that exam will take place. I would recommend posting this schedule somewhere at home and checking it weekly if not daily. AMS tests will begin on Tuesday for grades 3-7. Have a great weekend. GO WILDCATS!

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Pinwheels for Peace

Students at the International Academy of Saginaw have been creating pinwheels to celebrate peace. Imagine... millions of pinwheels spinning in the wind – pinwheels in the United States, Great Britain, South America, Australia, the Middle East, Canada, Africa, Europe and Asia; pinwheels all over the world! – big pinwheels, small pinwheels; pinwheels of all shapes and sizes – colorful pinwheels, decorated with drawings, paintings, collages, photographs – pinwheels with words of peace and harmony written on them – fields of pinwheels, pinwheels along roadsides, in schoolyards, in parks, pinwheels EVERYWHERE!

This is the Pinwheels for Peace project!



Back-to-School Night

Please remember to attend our Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 22 from 7:00-8:30PM.

SCHOOL HOURS

School hours are from 8:00AM – 3:20PM (KG –GR1 only)
8:00PM - 3:30PM (GR 2-7)

Students who have not been picked up by 3:45 will be placed in Extended Day and charged a \$5.00 fee.

Clubs begin on Monday, September 19th

Club pick up time is 4:30. Students remaining after 4:45 will be placed in Extended Day and charged a \$5.00 fee.

KGA – Ms. Pawlick/Ms. Denno KGB – Ms.Wendling/Ms. McFadden

We are doing a great job adjusting to our classroom rules and routines. We have been learning about letters “a” and “b” and the sounds they make. Please remember that once the 8:00 bell rings, class begins and parents are asked to no longer enter the classroom. Thanks!

1A – Ms. Stec/1B – Ms. Parker

List I spelling words were sent home on Wednesday and are also in your child’s Friday Folder. Please study these words with your child. The first spelling test will be on Wednesday, September 21. We will also be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills next week so please make sure your child is at school every day and has a healthy breakfast and snack so he/she can do this best on this important test.

2A – Ms. Joseph / 2B – Ms. Roberts

This week in math we are working on skip counting by 2’s,3’s,4’s,5’s, and 10’s. The students have also been busy determining if a number is even or odd. While practicing reading the SABIS® Class Reader and GINN reader every night, please be sure to include the 3 math skills for the week.

3A – Ms. Mills (Eng/Social Studies)/ 3B –Ms. Stajdl (Math/Science)

3rd graders took their first weekly spelling test on Wednesday. List 2 words have been sent home with your child for next week’s test. Please spend time each night practicing the words with your child. You can also visit SpellingCity.com and search for Amanda Mills to find our spelling words. This website offers different games and ways for your child to practice the words. Check your child’s Friday folder for a letter about more information on how to access SpellingCity.

4/5 – Ms. Atchison (Math/Science), 4B – Ms. Leddy (English/SS)

Please make sure your child is showing you their diaries every night. It needs to be signed by a parent or guardian. The grade 4-5 rooms can be chilly so a plain black, white or burgundy jacket or sweater is encouraged. We look forward to seeing you at Back-to-School Night! Also, AMS tests start next week. Please make sure they are ready for math tests on Tuesdays and English tests on Thursdays.

6/7 – Ms. Dawson (Math/Science)/6A – Ms. Howard (English/Social Studies)

Please join us for Back-to-School on September 22 from 7:00-8:30 to review what to expect as your child enters their grade 7 year. Will discuss important issues such as homework, tests and discipline procedures. We look forward to seeing you!

IAS BUZZ

“I value the educational values of this school. I also value the discipline procedures you use on all students.”

-IAS Parent

PARENT CONNECTION

Our first fundraiser will be the Frankenmuth Fundraiser. Look for the information in your child’s Friday Folder after this week. Proceeds from the fundraisers support student activities throughout the year including our International Day in June.

IAS collects box top labels for education. Please send in the box tops with your child to be placed in the container in the front lobby of the school.

Our first IAS Parent Connection Meeting will be held on October 11 at 4:30. Please plan to attend.

PE /Student Life Department Mr. Cottingham

From the SLO Office :

After school clubs begin on Monday, September 19th. A confirmation letter will be sent home on Friday, September 16th letting you know which clubs your child has been enrolled.

From the PE Department

IAS is participating in a fundraiser sponsored by Coke products to get new PE equipment. By collecting the codes on marked packages of Coca-Cola products we can get points to use for new equipment. You can visit www.mycokerewards.com/school to enter the codes and donate the points to our school or you can send the codes to Mr. Cottingham and they will be entered at school.

