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Iola-Scandinavia School District

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Back to School

Principal's Report

BY STACEY WESTER

I-S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Hello Thunderbird families!

We are off to a great start at I-S Elementary School. Our students and staff were happy and eager to begin their 2017-2018 school year. This year will be full of things



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to celebrate as we work collaboratively to ensure your student's future success as a reader and on essential grade level learning.

This new school year begins full of promise that we will inspire a passion for learning through helping each and every child achieve personal success and become a responsible productive member of the Thunderbird family.

In order to make this happen, we as educators, teachers and staff will need your help and partnership as parents.

Children benefit greatly when parents/guardians take an active role in their child's education.

It has been proven that when students have parental support at home, they enjoy their learning and school life even more.

Students' attitudes and perceptions of school improves as they develop more self-confidence in their journey to becoming life-long learners and productive contributors to our community and society.

Parents who help their children succeed academically gain a sense of pride in their children as well as in themselves. Being an involved parent demonstrates to your child that you sincerely value their education.

We strongly believe that all parents want the best for their children and want

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Things to Know at the Start of the School Year

BY CAITLIN YOUNG

I-S MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

It is that time of year again when we need to make the transition from a summer schedule to school mode.

I'm excited to be starting my third year in the Iola-Scandinavia district and want to take a moment to remind students and parents/guardians about the services offered through the middle/high school counseling office.

I work with students regarding academic concerns, post-secondary planning, and personal/social issues or concerns.

We also have a job board in our office, issue work permits, and have many resources on our school counseling website, which is a great resource for scholarship information, testing resources, as well as college and military visit dates.

With the new school year about to begin there are a few things students and their families should keep on their radar:

- Students have until Sept. 8 to request changes to their schedule, but no changes will be enacted during the first two days of school.
- Any student in need of school supplies can pick up materials in the high school/middle school office.
- Any senior who plans to retake the ACT should make arrangements to do so by going to <http://www.actstudent.org>. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the counseling office.
- Any senior needing to take the Accuplacer should contact the technical college they are applying to in order to make arrangements.
- Colleges and universities are currently accepting applications. We recommend applying early. There will be an application TREK early in the semester for seniors who are interested.
- Every year, the counseling office hosts a presentation about financial aid and paying for college. Additional information about this November event will be sent out early in the school year. FAFSA applications can be submitted starting Oct. 1.
- All juniors and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to schedule an Academic & Career Planning (ACP) conference first semester. This is a great opportunity for us to communicate and work as a team to help your student achieve success with attaining educational and career goals after high school. A letter with more information will be sent home with students during the first quarter.

Please feel free to contact me by email at youngc@iola.k12.wi.us or by phone at 715-445-2411 ext. 1303 with any questions or to schedule an appointment. I look forward to a fun and successful school year!

Thank you to the Iola-Scandinavia community for all the wonderful Stuff the Bus donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the students, family and staff.

Share-A-Tea Set for Nov. 4



Student servers at the November 2016 Share-A-Tea. Front row, from left, Taylor Kielblock, Hannah Melum, Bryanna Kistling, Erika Kistling, Megan Jones, Jessa Boris, Courtney Mallo and Zach Mallo. Back row, from left, Grace Harbridge, Magan Ellioff, Emily Wolfgram, Sophia Gullixon, Lincoln Podgorny, Lauren Hayes and Abigail Briquetel.

The eighth annual Share-A-Tea will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in the Iola-Scandinavia High School Commons.

This year's theme is "A Sugar Plum Fairy Christmas Tea."

The high school commons will be converted into an elegant tea room, with decorations focusing on the Nutcracker Suite, and the sugar plum fairy's visit to the Land of Sweets.

Three courses will be served for the High Tea, tea sandwiches, scones with creams and jams, and finally, sweets. Each course will include a selected tea.

Following this year's theme, nutcracker treats will be emphasized.

Admission will be by ticket only, with the final day of

sale being Nov. 1.

The invitation (which is your ticket) can be purchased at the Iola-Scandinavia High School and Elementary School Offices.

Reservations can also be made by calling Toya Lund, 715-445-3556 or Ila Sanders, 715-445-3478.

Admittance is \$25 per person, \$15 for students.

The committee wishes to thank all those who have contributed in past teas to this cause.

We are accepting baked goods, artistic work and raffle baskets items, as well as monetary donations.

All the proceeds of this event will be used for students with needs in the Iola-Scandinavia School District.

Fight Cancer Fundraiser is Back

The "Fight Cancer" Campaign is in full swing.

The "Dig Pink" volleyball match is the event of the evening but the highlight will be our school and community honoring all those battling and survivors of cancer.

All proceeds made at our event will be distributed to local community members living with this horrible disease.

With the support of great community members, students and staff at Iola-Scandinavia we have donated more than \$7,000, and it all stays right here in our community.

Again this year we are offering the opportunity to sponsor a "Cancer Comfort Bag." The comfort bag will be filled with items to help the patients treatment journey go smoothly.

The comfort bags will be assembled and then distributed to members in our community.

Any bags that left over will then be donated to a cancer treatment facility in Stevens Point.

In 2015, the bags were greatly received, we gave away more than 20 bags.

The patients and staff at the cancer center were very appreciative of our thoughts. If you are interested in sponsoring a bag, please contact a committee member.

We would like to invite ALL people battling cancer and cancer survivors to attend the match and participate in a small ceremony between games two and three.

We also invite students grades K - 6 to participate in some game time activities, such as a serving contest, lining the edge of the court to slap players' hands and just be there to catch the free t-shirts that will be thrown during the game.

The planning committee is currently collecting donations for our raffle baskets.

If you are willing to donate items please contact Kori Printz printzk@iola.k12.wi.us or Stacy Bestul, bestuls@iola.k12.wi.us

"Fight Cancer" activities include:

- Dig Pink High School Volleyball Match between I-S Thunderbirds and Rosholt Hornets at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12

You can support our cause by attending the volleyball game and purchasing raffle tickets for the great raffles that our community has generously donated.

Some of the prizes include a kayak, a small portable gas grill, a television, an Amazon Dot, and much more.

A small amount of baked goods will also be available for purchase.

All proceeds will go to the funds distributed to our community members battling cancer.

- I-S Alumni Volleyball tournament on Sunday, Oct. 22, Iola-Scandinavia Community Fitness and Aquatic Center.

Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. with play beginning at 10 a.m.

While it is "titled" an alumni tournament we are opening up this fun morning to any interested community member.

The \$10 registration fee will be donated to the Fight Cancer campaign.

- Color dress up days at the elementary school and high school. More information to come.

We hope you can join us for a fun filled evening, we would like to pack the gym!

Again we will be selling T-shirts, order forms will be out soon. It will be a grey shirt with short and long sleeve available. Orders can be placed at ISCFAC front desk until Sept. 25.

District Offers Many Opportunities

BY RAYMOND PRZEKURAT
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Iola-Scandinavia School District is a great district with many excellent opportunities for our students. The staff takes great pride in the work they have completed to become one of the best school districts in Waupaca County.



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Our percentage of experienced teachers is the highest in the area, which shows the dedication to our students.

The student involvement in co-curricular activities is 28 percent higher than the statewide average, and the school-sponsored community activities by our students is 10 percent higher than the statewide average.

These percentages show the commitment our students have to the school and community. This involvement in these activities are also proven to increase student achievement in the classroom.

The community has shown its commitment to the school by their support in passing the referendum last fall. Without this referendum the district was looking at a reduction in staff and services that would have directly affected our classrooms.

This money also provided the opportunity to update building and property needs.

The support of the community really shows how the schools are a vital part of the future growth of our economy.

My plan in this coming year is to develop a clearer path for the future. The following are the focus areas in our strategic plan:

1. As a school, what type of strategies would we employ to ensure a vibrant, growing community?
2. How do we maximize every student's future career potential?
3. What types of tangible resources can the district provide towards the development of a healthy family oriented community?
4. What strategies can be deployed to continue to offer diverse classes for all students while maintaining academic excellence?
5. How can we attract, develop, and retain an excellent and engaged professional staff?

My plan is to create action steps to meet these focus areas that include details on timelines and who will be involved.

We will work on developing focus areas to reinforce our District values:

Learning-Community-Opportunity-Accountability.

I am extremely happy and blessed to be part of the Iola-Scandinavia School District.

The administrative staff will continue to go above and beyond to serve our students.

If you have any questions or comments please email me at przekuratr@iola.k12.wi.us or call me at (715)445-2411 ext. 1401.

What ACP Is and What It Means

There are many acronyms in education and it seems like every year, there are new ones to learn.

This year, a new law, PI-26, takes effect and with it comes a new batch of acronyms.

Although there may be new terms and acronyms with this new law, the good news is that our school district has, for a number of years, already been doing the things required by the law.

One acronym that comes out of the new law is ACP or Academic and Career Planning.

ACP is a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create and cultivate their own unique plan for success after high school.

This state mandated process actually begins in 6th grade during classroom guidance lessons with the school counselor, Megan Driebel. The process continues in our middle school when students explore different careers and improve their interpersonal skills in the wide-variety of courses students are required to take.

In high school, students can take advantage of offerings to explore opportunities through job shadowing, visiting tech schools, and touring college campuses.

More specific details about ACP and the many great opportunities offered to Iola-Scandinavia students will be post-

ed on the school website under the heading "ACP."

In order to make sure students are progressing toward their goals and following the plan they develop, all students will have access to a career exploration platform called Career Cruising.

This platform will be utilized by teachers in many different classes throughout a student's education to work on interest surveys, identify strengths and weaknesses, explore post-secondary institutions and work opportunities, and develop a formal plan to stay on track toward achieving their goals.

Additionally, in 8th grade and during their junior year, students meet with the school counselor, Caitlin Young, for an ACP meeting. This meeting includes parents/guardians to ensure effective communication of student goals and progress toward those goals.

Information about these meetings will be sent home in the fall semester for juniors and in the spring semester for 8th graders.

Although PI-26 and ACP may be new to some schools, it is not new to our district.

The Iola-Scandinavia school district has, for many years, been engaged in many of these now required processes and activities because our goal has been and continues to be to prepare our kids for success after they have left our buildings.

I-SRA Boys and Girls 3rd Through 8th Grade Basketball Registration Night

The I-SRA boys and girls basketball registration for the upcoming season will be held at the Iola-Scandinavia Fitness and Aquatic Center.

Meet at the Mishler room between 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11 to register your child.

Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer opportunities as well as fill out all necessary forms.

The registration fee is \$35 per player with a \$65 maximum per family.

If you cannot register on Oct. 11, you must register on or before Friday, Oct. 20 at the front desk of the Iola-Scandinavia Fitness and Aquatic Center.

Information concerning practice times and games will be shared by coaches of individual teams after registration is complete.

If you have questions, contact Mr. Tim Welch at welcht@iola.k12.wi.us or 715-445-2411 (ext. 1501) or Mr. Mark Wester at westerterm@iola.k12.wi.us or 715-445-2411 (ext. 1237).

I-SCFAC Fall Swimming Lessons

The 2017 fall swimming lessons session will be held Oct. 23 through Nov. 2.

The member registration begins on Oct. 9 and the non-member registration begins Oct. 10.

Costs of the swimming lessons are \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

All lessons are held after 4 p.m. at the Iola-Scandinavia Community Fitness and Aquatic Center.

If you have questions call the front desk at 715-445-2411 ext. 3 and we will help you.

You also can find registration forms at the Fitness and Aquatic Center website.

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their children to be successful in school.

I-S Elementary School is committed to working with parents to achieve this goal through setting high expectations and providing a safe positive learning environment for our students.

We also seek to build and to maintain a working partnership with you as we strive for daily improvement and keep the doors of our school open for parent conferences and school visits.

As always, keeping our parents and students informed is one of our top priorities.

Classroom newsletters

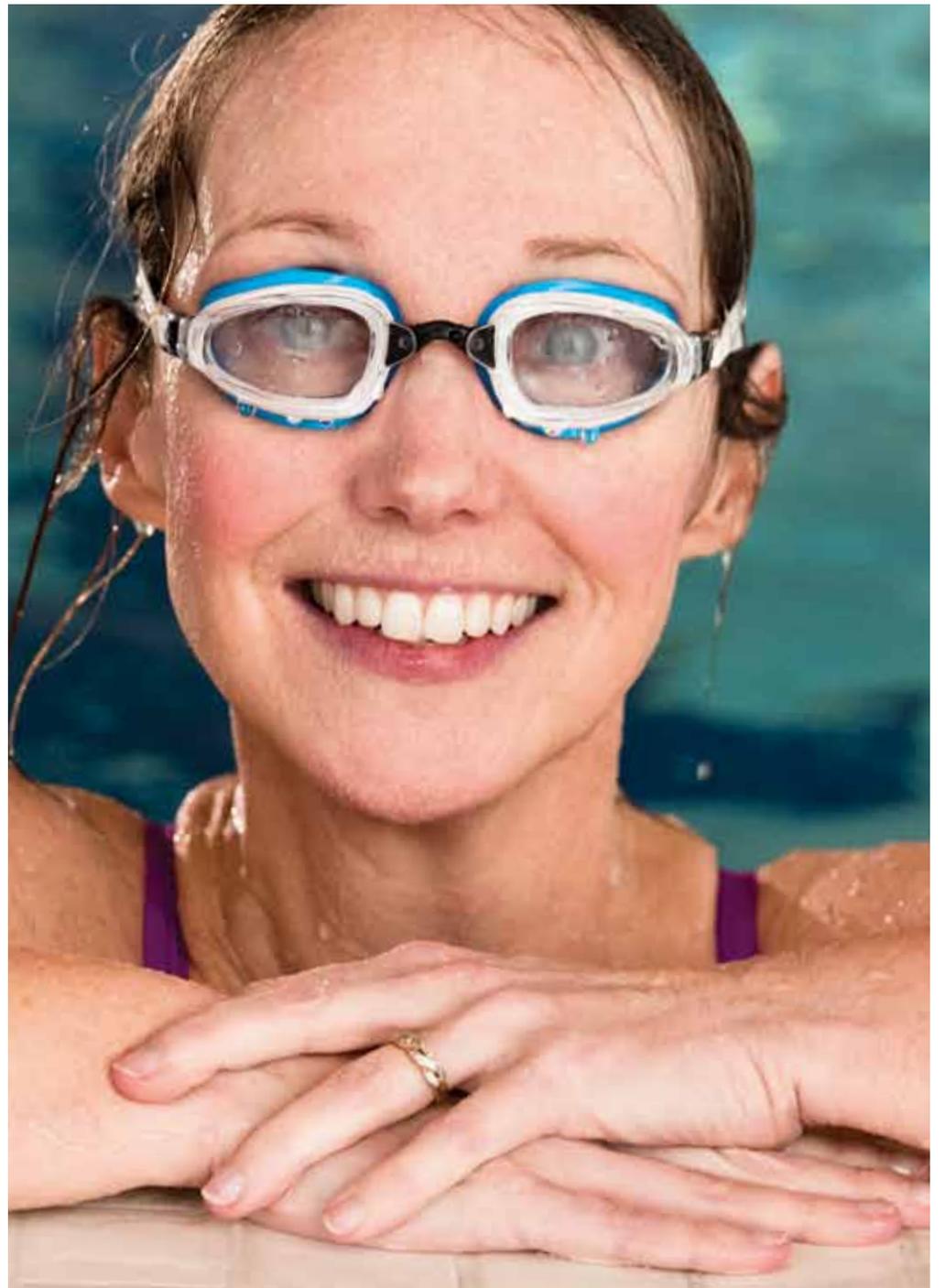
and the school website will always contain dates/ times of important events that will be occurring for you and your child.

As in the past, we will keep you informed through Facebook and our district webpage. If you have not "liked" our page yet, please do so!

We want to express our sincere appreciation to all of you for sharing your children with us for the next nine months. They will be loved and well cared for as we nurture their academic, social, and emotional growth.

No one knows your children like you, so join us as our partner in this journey of education for all of our young Thunderbirds!

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Principal's Report

BY SARA ANDERSON
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The Middle/High School Staff would like to welcome Ms. Megan Lassa. She will be teaching Middle and High School science courses including 8th Grade Science, Biology, Earth Science, and Botany.

Ms. Lassa is a native of Stevens Point and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a degree in Natural Science-Life Sciences.

The High School Student Council has already begun planning



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for Homecoming 2017.

This year's theme is MARVELI-S, combining Marvel comics and Iola-Scandinavia.

A week of activities and events is planned for Oct. 2-7 with a dance for high school students scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7 from 7-11 p.m. Be sure to ask you high school students for more information about this.

Decades of research has revealed that children with involved parents have fewer behavior issues and better social skills, children whose parents have high aspirations and expectations achieve at a higher rate, and school-to-home communication is associated with significant improvements in dropout rates and assessment scores.

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Important Things to Know Moving Forward

School is well under way, and hopefully it has been a successful start to the year for all!

There are a few things students should have on their radars:

Courses

While the courses are set for this semester, students can make requests for changes second semester.

Students should look at their second semester schedule and contact the counseling office for an appointment if they are interested in requesting a change to their second semester schedule.

Additionally, juniors and seniors who are in good academic standing (3.2 or higher for UW Colleges Online) may want to consider applying for Youth Options courses.

This is a way for students to take approved college courses while in high school.

The YO application for second semester is available now, and is due in the Counseling office by Sept. 29.

More YO information (including the application) can be found at www.iola.k12.wi.us/schools/hs/courseguide.cfm, and through searching "Youth Options" on a specific institution's site (FVTC, UWSP, etc.).

If this is something that interests you/your student, please let us know if you have questions and make sure to fill out an application. Applications must be to the I-S Counseling Office by Sept. 29.

Optional Tests

There are two optional tests coming up at the school in October: the PSAT, and the ASVAB.

PSAT (only for Juniors) – 8 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11.

This is the Preliminary SAT test, and allows students to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship, as well as other scholarships available through certain employers (Sentry Insurance, State Farm, Utility Worker Union of America-AFL-CIO, just to list a few – Students should see the PSAT packet for more information).

The PSAT score is used as a tiebreaker if needed for students who qualify for the Academic Excellence Scholarship. There are a limited number of tests available, but if interested, students must sign up in the Counseling office by noon on Monday, Oct. 9 in order to take the test.

ASVAB (available to Juniors and Seniors) –

at 8:05 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 12.

This is the required test in order to enlist in the military – but any student can take this exam.

This exam not only tests subject areas, such as English, math and science, but also explores career interests.

Students must sign up in the Counseling office by noon on Wednesday Oct. 11 in order to take the test.

Test scores from both of these exams can be used to predict potential ACT scores (which all Juniors will take at school this February/March), and therefore may be helpful with identifying areas of strength and weakness that students may wish to improve upon.

ACT

All juniors will be taking the ACT on the state testing day in February.

Seniors wishing to retake the ACT should sign up ASAP. Any student wishing to take the test on a national test day should make arrangements by going to <http://www.actstudent.org>. Our school's code is 500-940.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the counseling office.

Post-secondary opportunities

Many seniors are already working on their post-secondary applications.

We encourage all applications to be submitted by winter break.

This gives students a better chance of being admitted and often allows for more scholarship opportunities from the institution to which you applied.

Also, we have a few great opportunities through our local institutions:

UWSP is waiving their application fee for all seniors who attend a high school within 40 miles of their campus.

This means that if a I-S senior uses the UW System application (<http://apply.wisconsin.edu>) (offer not valid if using the Common Application) to apply to UWSP they will be able to submit their UWSP application without paying the \$50 application fee.

FVTC is offering the "FVTC Promise" to qualifying students.

The "FVTC Promise" provides scholarships to students who might not be able to afford school by paying for tuition, fees, textbook costs, as well as for required materials and supplies, after financial aid has been applied.

All you have to do is fill out your application and complete the FAFSA by March 1.

In addition to this great opportunity, FVTC has an open house on Oct. 3 where students can meet with staff from various programs and submit their application for free (normally \$30).

Financial Aid

At 6 p.m., on Oct. 4, College Goal Wisconsin will have free workshops in Appleton (at FVTC) and Stevens Point (at UWSP) to help students and their families complete their FAFSA application.

See www.collegegoalwi.org for more information. Students who attend will be entered to win a scholarship.

We will be hosting a financial aid meeting at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 9 in the Mischler Room of the Fitness and Aquatic Center. Representatives from the UWSP Financial Aid Office will be there to give a presentation and answer questions.

This is for all students regardless of what institution they seek to attend. Please contact the counseling office at 715-445-2411 ext. 1304 if you are interested in attending.

An abundance of financial aid information and resources can also be found on the Counseling Office website (<http://www.iola.k12.wi.us/schools/hs/financialaid.cfm>).

ACP conferences

All juniors and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to schedule an Academic & Career Planning (ACP) conference first semester. This is a great opportunity for us to communicate and work as a team to help your student achieve success with attaining educational and career goals after high school. Please contact Lauren in the Counseling Office, 715-445-2411 ext. 1304, to schedule an appointment.

Supplies

Students in need of school supplies should go to the main office. Through the support of our wonderful community we are able to help students in need. Thank you to everyone who helped make "Stuff the Bus" possible, especially the Iola Lions and Lioness.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance in any way. You can contact me at 715-445-2411 ext. 1303 or email me at youngc@iola.k12.wi.us.

Elementary collecting pop tops

This year the Iola-Scandinavia Elementary School will be collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Wisconsin. Revenue from recycling these little bits of aluminum helps provide a home away from home for families whose seriously ill children are undergoing treatment in area hospitals.

Saving pop tabs is easy! They're compact, with a high concentration of recyclable aluminum. This is a clean way to save aluminum, unlike empty cans, they don't need to be rinsed.

Each classroom at Iola-Scandinavia has a container such as an ice cream bucket to collect the pop tabs, so children and families can drop them off easily.

Tell your family and friends to start collecting pop tabs to help the Ronald McDonald House Charities and families in need.

District Collecting Box Tops

Welcome back to school, parents! My name is Mrs. Casey Danielson and I'm thrilled to be Iola-Scandinavia Elementary School Box Tops for Education Coordinator.

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for our school. Each one is worth 10 cents for our school.

Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products.

All you have to do is clip them and send them to school. This school year, our goal is to earn \$2,000.

For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products, go to BTFC.com.

Be sure to sign up as a member (it's free) so you can check out our school's earnings details and get access to coupons and bonus offers.

When cutting out Box Tops please make sure the expiration date is intact and legible. They don't have to be cut right on the dotted lines, but it helps.

Only glue or tape the Box Tops on the collection sheets, do not use staples.

The New Box Top App

The Box Top app is available on iTunes or the Google Play store.

With this app you can double Box Tops numbers. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp/how-it-works> for more information.

We will be submitting our first collection the beginning of November.

As you know our country has been hit with two hurricanes so far this year.

With this collection the I-S Elementary would like to contribute to the Texas and Florida Hurricane Relief.

We will be donating a portion our check to the public school districts.

Thank you for your help in making children smile!

If you have any questions or would like to help, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help make our school's Box Tops for Education program a huge success this year!

Playing with Numbers

BY DEREK HAROLDSON

I-S 4 YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Math is going shopping for a dozen eggs and three pounds of sweet potatoes, or sharing your candy bar among five friends.

Math is collecting “milk rings” or gathering three tons of old newspapers for the Scout paper drive.

Math is sorting clothes on washday, or dividing a soft drink for you and your sister so that it is fair.

Math is saving 50 cents a week out of your allowance to buy that great kite you saw at the store, or figuring out how much material you would need in order to make a shirt from the pattern you have.

In this way, children will grow to see math as natural and significant.

In simple card games, such as Go Fish, Concentration, or Crazy Eights, children learn many important concepts. They identify numbers, match numbers or ob-

jects, and practice memory skills.

They also develop fine motor skills by picking up and handling the cards.

By playing dominoes or games with dice, children learn to count the dots and relate those dots to the numbers they represent.

Moving game pieces the right number of spaces on a board adds the concept of one-to-one correspondence, and constantly comparing the rolled numbers helps develop number sense.

There are many other everyday mathematical experiences that can help your child in the early years: Setting the table, filling the glasses only half-way with milk, dividing a pizza equally for four people, making a gallon of lemonade, baking a cake, measuring ingredients, pressing the numbers on an ATM, making a telephone call, pouring laundry soap into the washing machine.

Remember to use these teachable moments whenever possible with your child.



I-S Works With Iola Legion to Host Veterans Day

This year, the Iola-Scandinavia Music Department will be collaborating with the Iola Legion to discuss the answer to the question “What Makes a Veteran a Hero?”

In our classes the following topics will be discussed: What makes someone a veteran, define the term Armed Forces, identify the roles of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, and discuss the importance of recognizing the veterans.

With this program, we hope to seek out some amazing men and women that are veterans and thank them for their courage and sacrifices.

On Friday, Nov. 10, the Iola-Scandinavia Music Department will be hosting a

Veterans Day program honoring veterans for their service. The program will start at 9 a.m. in the gym at Iola-Scandinavia High School, 540 S. Jackson St., Iola.

All veterans and community members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

“This program was very successful last year,” said Jacob Martin, “and it is just another way that our school is able to connect with the community. This has been a great learning experience for both my band students and myself.”

For more information, contact Martin through the school at 715-445-2411 or email Martinj@iola.k12.wi.us.

Supporting All Students, All the Time: RtI at I-S Schools

The Iola-Scandinavia School District is committed to providing the highest quality of education for every student.

In order to do this, instruction is delivered in a variety of ways throughout the day, whole class, small group, or one-on-one, by highly qualified teachers.

Teachers gather data from standardized assessments, and formal and informal classroom assessments and observations to determine students’ strengths and areas of need.

This data is then analyzed and used to plan and make instructional decisions.

To address students’ individual academic needs and support them in their learning, the district uses a multi-level approach to instruction, also known as Response to Intervention (RtI).

The three tiers of RtI encourage providing differentiated support to all students.

- Tier 1 Universal Instruction – All students receive high quality instruction within their classroom. Students may be learning as a whole class or in small groups, and the instruction is differentiated to meet the needs of the students.

- Tier 2 Selective Instruction – In addition to universal instruction, students who are struggling with specific skills and/or strategies and needing extra support, will receive research-based or evidence-based interventions that are aligned to grade level expectations. Student progress will be monitored to determine improvement.

- Tier 3 Intensive Instruction – Students who are struggling with the previous year’s skills and/or strategies and needing intensive support will receive research-based or evidence based interventions in addition to universal and selective instruction. Student progress is frequently monitored.

At the Elementary School

A block of time is set aside each day at Iola-Scandinavia Elementary School for Focus; this is our Tier 2, selective instruction. During Focus, all children are engaged in structured activities that support and further their learning.

Students needing additional help on a few grade-level skills and/or strategies receive support in a small group setting, while others are working on various literacy or math activities.

If a student is receiving support in a

small group on grade-level skills/strategies, a letter will be sent home highlighting what he/she will be focusing on at that time.

Sometimes students continue to struggle with grade-level skills and/or strategies or have not yet mastered the previous year’s skills and/or strategies.

When this is the case, students participate in an additional one-on-one or one-on-two daily intensive (Tier 3) instruction session. This instruction is in addition to the regular classroom and small group (Focus) instruction and is intended to support and accelerate students’ learning in order to fill in the gaps.

As with Tier 2 instruction, parents will be notified if their student is receiving intensive one-on-one or one-on-two instruction.

At the Middle/High School

The Iola-Scandinavia High School and Middle School employs a 30-minute period called TREK (Towards Rigor/Relevance, Enrichment, and Knowledge).

During this period, which takes place at the end of our school day, students are provided support and enrichment in many different ways.

Based on analysis of class grades, teacher input, standardized test scores, and current classroom performance, students are flexibly placed in a variety of structures.

Some students are assigned to guided study session in which teachers provide scaffolds that support classroom instruction.

Others are assigned to a structured study hall where they can work on homework in a structured environment and have access to teachers for extra help.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors might qualify to work in a larger study hall, or choose to use merit privileges.

If you would like more information about RtI or your student’s learning, contact your student’s teacher, or one of the following:

At the Elementary School, contact Kristen Bertsch, or Stacey Wester.

At the Middle/High School, contact Tamela McCartney or Sara Anderson.

The Wisconsin RtI Center also has helpful information for parents/guardians. That can be found at www.wisconsinrti-center.org/parents-and-family.html

Student Information

The following information is provided to students in the Iola-Scandinavia School District.

Student Handbook

Students in all grades will receive a student agenda/handbook on their first day of school.

We would like to urge every parent/guardian to have their child bring this book home and review it together. If this is done, many questions will be answered and potential problems avoided.

Transportation

Regular bus routes will be similar to last year except for minor alterations caused by the graduation of some students and the additions of new students and kindergarten students.

Students are urged to be out early to meet their respective buses. After the first day or so of transporting students, the pickup schedules for each route should be fairly consistent and routine.

There are a number of rules and regulations that apply to students riding buses, which are necessary for both the safety and efficiency of transporting students.

The number one rule to remember is that the bus driver is in full charge of his/her vehicle and common sense must prevail.

Drivers should be especially alert for school buses picking up or discharging students.

State law requires all vehicles to stop for a school bus when the red lights are flashing and the stop arm is out.

State law requires bus drivers to report any violators of this law and the school district is required to file a complaint that can result in a rather hefty fine. So please exercise caution for the safety of the children, as well as avoiding an unnecessary fee.

Bus rider regulations and discipline policy will be given to students the first day of school. These must be signed and returned to the bus driver by Sept. 16.

Parking at High School

Please park in the designated parking stalls at the I-S High School.

It is illegal to back into diagonal parking stalls or to pull through into a stall facing the wrong direction.

Please observe the designated traffic flows, fire lanes, no parking signs and handicapped parking stalls.

No vehicles should be parked in the east of the designated parking stalls at any time.

All vehicles driven by staff members and students must be registered with the main office.

Students are not to park in the Fitness & Aquatic Center lot or in the lot at the back of the school. Parking is prohibited on the south side of the parking lot during school hours.

All vehicles arriving between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. must enter the high school parking lot via the new driveway off of Main Street and exit via Jackson Street.

Vehicles may exit the high school parking lot via the new driveway at dismissal time once all buses have reached the middle/high school loading zone.

Parking at Elementary School

The buses load and unload elementary students on the south side of Division Street.

Parking is prohibited on the south side of Division Street in front of the Elementary School during regular school hours 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please observe this restriction to avoid conflict and allow for safe loading and unloading of the buses.

Once again, Division Street is a one-way street going east from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on school days.

Do not park in the lot east of the Elementary School unless you are in designated parking stalls.

Do not park or drive on either playground!

In addition, please give buses the right-of-way when they are leaving the school.

Please observe the handicapped parking stalls.

Public Notice

The use of all tobacco products including vapor e-cigarettes are prohibited on school premises or facilities rented by or under the control of the I-S School District.

This policy is in accordance to Section 120.12(19) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, which prohibits the use of tobacco on school property.

New Students

New students should register at the Middle-High School Office or Guidance Office as soon as possible.

New elementary students may register at the Elementary School for class placement.

Emergency Notification

Please complete the emergency notification card which will be distributed to each student the first day of school. The card should be returned as soon as possible.

It is essential that we have this information immediately.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch will be served the first day of school. Cost for grades 4K-6 is \$2.60 per day, \$2.90 per day for grades 7-12, and \$3.60 for an adult.

Milk is available for \$.35 each or \$3.60 for a strip of 10 milk tickets at the Elementary School.

Breakfast will be served starting the first day of school at the Elementary School. The cost for grades 4K-6 is \$1.55, and \$2.10 for an adult.

All meal and milk purchases must be prepaid. No cash will be accepted in the cafeteria line.

Families need only make one payment for all of their children attending the I-S School District.

Payment is recorded to the family account and can be accessed by students in the Elementary, Middle and High School. Payments can be made in either school office.

All payments must be received before 10 a.m. to be credited for that day's lunch. Payments received after 10 a.m. will be credited to the following business day.

When a parent/guardian sends money to school with their 4K-6 child, please enclose it in a sealed envelope with the student's name and what the money is for clearly written on the front.

Fees

A materials fee for students in grades K-12 has been set at \$10 per student.

These fees should be paid on or before the first day of school.

Families may use one envelope by listing all students and grades for which the fees are being paid. The family's oldest child can turn in the payment envelope to his/her teacher.

To help with first day confusion, we would like to invite families or students to come in to either of the school offices and pay these material fees and/or purchase hot lunch/milk tickets during the week before school starts.

Both offices are open this week from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Other fees such as for Tech Ed, Art, etc., will be collected after the first day of school.

The fee structure for 2017-18 includes:

- Tech Ed (9-12) – \$5.

- Art (9-12) – \$5.

- FACE (9-12) – \$5.

Annual Instrument Rental

Student who uses school instrument: \$50.00 (\$25 may be returned)

Student who uses school instrument that is on reduced lunch: \$25 (12.50 may be returned)

Students who uses school instrument that is on free lunch: \$0

Lockers and Desks

Lockers and desks are provided at no charge by the school.

In accordance with State Statute 118.325, the school reserves the right to inspect lockers and desks for missing books, illegal substances, etc.

Communication Devices

Students are prohibited from using or possessing an electronic paging or two-way communication device while on the premises owned, rented by, or under the control of the I-S School District. This is in accordance with State Statute 118.258.

The use or possession of such a device by a pupil is permitted if the I-S School Board or its designee determines that the device is used or possessed for a medical, school, educational, vocational or other legitimate use.

Medication

Medicine can be administered to a student at school only if there is a letter of authorization from the child's doctor and one from a parent.

All medicine will be dispensed in the office.

The office will not supply aspirin or Tylenol for students.

Insurance

Students in athletics are covered by insurance for athletic activities.

Other student insurance information and an envelope for subscribing to student coverage will be sent home with students. If you desire coverage, please

follow the directions given for subscribing to this service.

Also, if you desire additional envelopes, please have your child request them from a teacher or pick them up at the office.

After School Care

Students are not to remain at school unless they are supervised by a teacher or have a specific reason for being at school.

Please send a note or call the office before 3 p.m. if a change should occur in where your child should go after school.

This is especially important at the Elementary School. Young children do not always remember what their parent/guardian told them at 7 a.m. in the morning.

After school care is provided by a private day care at school for students age 5-12 from 3-6 p.m.

Registration information may be obtained by calling Kari Mack at 715-445-4444 or 445-4672.

Qualified Teachers

The Iola-Scandinavia School District considers all of its teachers to be highly qualified.

More than 50 percent of our teachers hold Master's degrees in the areas that they teach and have an average of 14 years of teaching experience.

Parents who wish to know more about the qualifications of their children's teachers (or paraprofessionals) may request the following information:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and has a license for the grade level(s) and subject(s) he or she teaches.

- Whether the teacher has an emergency or provisional license.

- What degrees the teacher holds and the field of discipline of his or her certification or degree.

Requests for such information should be addressed to: Iola-Scandinavia School District, 450 East Division Street, Iola, WI 54945.

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One means of school-to-home communication available to families is through Skyward.

Every parent/guardian has the opportunity to have access to an account. If you do not have an account set up please contact me. I will be happy to assist in getting your account active.

Skyward access will provide you with information about your child's/children's schedule, grades, food service balance and purchases, attendance, disciplinary issues and more.

You can also communicate with staff through the email links provided in Skyward.

Each student in the middle/high school also has access to a Skyward account. Please use the information provided in Skyward to speak first with your child/children about the academic progress or concerns.

Additionally, please keep in mind that staff may not be able to immediately update information in Skyward after completion of an assignment or assessment.

Please communicate with your child's/children's teachers about their plans for posting assignment information and grades.

Last month I provided some information about attendance procedures; when and how to contact the school if your child was not going

to be in attendance.

This month I would like to provide some researched based information about chronic absenteeism:

- Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year.

- Chronic absenteeism is a leading indicator of school drop-out.

- Missing 10 percent of school, or about 18 days, negatively affects students' academic performance. That is just 2 days a month!

- Missing three or more days of school per month can set a student back one to two full years in their learning.

- High absence rates have negative consequences not only for the student who is absent but also on classroom instruction and school climate.

Daily attendance is the key to every students' future success. Parents and families can help their children by getting them to school on time every day, scheduling appointments and vacations on days when school is not in session as often as possible, and informing school personnel of barriers that prevent your child/children from attending.

Please contact Ms. Caitlin Young, school counselor or me if you have questions or concerns about your child's attendance.

OCTOBER 2017 IOLA-SCANDINAVIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Do you ever wonder why carrots, sweet potatoes, squash, cantaloupes and pumpkins are orange in color? The reason is simply due to "beta carotene". It is the pigment that gives some vegetables and fruits their orange color. Beta carotene by itself is not a vitamin. Beta carotene changes into Vitamin A once inside our bodies... during the digestion process. Vitamin A is critical in keeping our bodies healthy. Why do we need Vitamin A? It helps keep skin and hair healthy, promotes proper bone growth, boosts our immune system, helps fight infections and works to fight cancer and heart disease. Vitamin A also helps to prevent macular degeneration and other forms of "blindness" such as night blindness (night blindness is one of the first symptoms of a lack of vitamin A).</p> <p>Students must take at least one serving of produce before they sit down with their tray.</p>	<p>Cereal Bar W/G Graham Snacks Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 2</p> <p>Chili* w/Crackers Chewy Cheese Breadstick Tossed Salad with Romaine Frozen Fruit Slushie Cup Butterscotch Oat Bar</p> <p>Monday, Oct. 2, FB-JV, 5pm @ Shiocton</p>	<p>W/G Baked French Toast Sticks Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 3</p> <p>Portesi's® W/G Cheesy Italian Flatbread w/Dipping Sauce Steamed Carrots Tossed Salad w/ Romaine Peaches W/G Garlic Toast (6-12)</p>	<p>W/G Breakfast Pizza Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 4</p> <p>Chicken Patty on a W/G Bun Potato Wedges Tossed Salad w/Romaine Tomato Slice, Pears Rice Krispie Treat® (9-12)</p>	<p>W/G Cinnamon Roll w/Icing Yogurt Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 5</p> <p>Taco Salad w/ W/G Tortilla Chips, Salsa & Black Beans, WK Corn Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Cinnamon Applesauce</p>	<p>Cinnamon Wheat Toast String Cheese Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 6</p> <p>Hamburger on a W/G Bun French Fries Pickles & Tomato Slice Tossed Salad with Romaine Apricot or Juice</p> <p>Friday Oct. 6, FB-V, 7pm vs. Amherst</p>	<p>Saturday, October 7, VB-V @ Varsity Conference Tournament</p>
	<p>W/G Pop Tart®, Yogurt Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 9</p> <p>Brunch for Lunch W/G French Toast Sticks Yogurt Cup or Sausage Tri-Taters Orange Wedges or Juice Tomato Juice Oat Breakfast Round (9-12)</p> <p>Monday, Oct. 9, FB-JV, 5pm @ Amherst Monday, Oct. 9, VB-JV, 6pm vs. New London Monday Oct. 9, VB-V, 7:30 vs New London</p>	<p>Toasted Wheat Bagel String Cheese Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 10</p> <p>Tomato Soup w/Crackers Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tossed Salad w/Romaine Baby Carrots, Chilled Pears Frozen Yogurt (9-12)</p>	<p>Cheesy Omelet Tri-Taters Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 11</p> <p>Chicken Fajita on W/G Tortilla Pepper Strips, Salsa & Grated Cheese Steamed Brown Rice (6-12) Tossed Salad with Romaine Peaches, W/G Muffin</p>	<p>Assorted W/G Cereal Assorted W/G Muffins Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 12</p> <p>Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Peas Tossed Salad with Romaine Applesauce Cookie (6-12)</p> <p>Thursday, Oct. 12, VB-JV, 6:00 vs. Rosholt Thursday Oct. 12, VB-V, 7:30 vs. Rosholt</p>	<p>W/G Mini Pancakes Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 13</p> <p>Brat or Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Sauerkraut (6-12) Tossed Salad w/Romaine Mandarin Oranges or Juice Apple Oat Cookie (9-12)</p> <p>Friday Oct. 13, FB-V, 7pm @ Weyauwega-Fremont</p>	
	<p>Wheat Toast W/G Graham Snacks Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 16</p> <p>W/G Stuffed Crust Pizza Green Beans Tossed Salad with Romaine Pineapple Chunks W/G Italian Breadstick (9-12) Ice Cream Cup (9-12)</p>	<p>Smucker's Peanut Butter & Jelly W/G Uncrustable Sandwich® Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 17</p> <p>Breaded or Spicy Chicken Patty on a W/G Bun Toasted Garbanzo Beans Sunchip Snack Mix (9-12) Roasted Potato Nuggets Tossed Salad with Romaine Applesauce</p>	<p>W/G Mini Waffles Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 18</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Baby Carrots w/Hummus Dip Chilled Pears Graham Cracker Snack</p>	<p>Assorted W/G Cereal String Cheese Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 19</p> <p>Cheeseburger on a W/G Bun French Fries Tossed Salad w/Romaine Tomato Slices, Banana or Juice</p>	<p>Egg Patty on a Wheat Bagel Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 20</p> <p>Potato Soup w/Ham (6-12) Deli Turkey Sandwich Tater Tots, Pickle Spear Tossed Salad w/Romaine Fruit Sorbet</p> <p>Friday, Oct. 20, FB-V, Play-offs TBD</p>	
	<p>Cereal Bar W/G Graham Snacks Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 23</p> <p>Mozzarella Cheese Dippers w/ Marinara Sauce Steamed Carrots Tossed Salad with Romaine Mandarin Oranges or Juice Chocolate Oatmeal Bar (9-12)</p>	<p>W/G Baked French Toast Sticks Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 24</p> <p>Taco's on a W/G Tortilla Refried Beans & Salsa Shredded Romaine Blend Diced Tomatoes Cinnamon Applesauce W/G Blueberry Muffin</p>	<p>W/G Breakfast Pizza Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 25</p> <p>Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun Sweet Potato Fries Baked Chips (6-12) Tossed Salad with Romaine Fresh Apple Slices or Juice Sugar Cookie</p>	<p>W/G Cinnamon Roll w/Icing Yogurt Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 26</p> <p>Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Steamed Garden Peas Cranberry Sauce Peaches, W/G Biscuit W/G Pop-tart (9-12)</p>	<p>Professional Development No School Friday Oct. 27, FB-V, Play-offs TBD</p>	
	<p>W/G Pop Tart® Yogurt Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 30</p> <p>Chicken & Vegetable Egg Roll Orange Chicken Stir Fry (7-12) Cheese Pizza (4K-6) Glazed Carrots Steamed Brown Rice (6-12) Tossed Salad w/Romaine Applesauce, Fortune Cookie</p>	<p>Toasted Wheat Bagel String Cheese Fruit & Fruit Juice Milk Choice 31</p> <p>Hot Dog on a Bun or BBQ Pork on a Bun Baked Beans Tossed Salad w/Romaine Pears, Chewy Granola Bar (6-12)</p>				
						

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