Indiantown Middle School

Home of the Thunderbirds

Principal's Bulletin
October 5, 2021

Greetings Thunderbirds!

I hope that this message finds all of our students, staff, and families doing very well! I wanted to take a few moments to share some timely updates for your review:

The Village Voice - "The Thunderbird Experience" Survey! How are we doing?
In prior years, a Satisfaction and Engagement Survey has been sent out each March/April, attempting to elicit input from students, parents, and staff, always aimed at improving "The Thunderbird Experience" for all. Last year, only 13 parents and 17 teachers completed the survey, thus the need to try a new approach! In going forward, each time that I share a Principal's bulletin, I will include a link to a Google Form that will allow all recipients to let us know how we are doing. In recognizing that our mission statement begins with the desire to empower ALL Thunderbirds, comes this attempt to afford the opportunity for ALL voices to be heard (more frequently)!

Here is the link to "The Village Voice" - A survey designed to enhance "The Thunderbird Experience" for all in our NEST!

https://forms.gle/zziTregEFZz5YTe58

6th Grade Family Engagement Night - "It Takes A Village"
Students and families are encouraged to join the 6th Grade team of teachers on October 19th, from 6PM - 7PM (starts in the Cafeteria). Please click on the link below for the event description:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P1D0QZlnmTtb3BUwymIuxR3C-Yd776owsgXqM48T76Q/edit?usp=sharing

Iceland Anyone?
IMS Teacher, Ms. Dawnelle Bartges, will be hosting an informational meeting, regarding an upcoming trip to Iceland! In addition to serving as an employee here at IMS, Ms. Bartges also works with EF Tours, the organization that is sponsoring this trip. Please note that this trip is only being offered to our current 8th Grade students. To learn more about this opportunity, students and their families can attend a meeting on October 13th, at 6:30 pm, via Zoom. At least one parent must be in attendance at the meeting (along with their student/child). So that she can alert you of any changes to this meeting, you must register using this link:
https://bit.ly/3CXXBg4

Can't make the meeting but want more information? Register and select "No but send info." If you have any questions please contact Ms. Bartges at bartged@martinschools.org

Please note that this trip is not sponsored by the Martin County School District or Indiantiantown Middle School.

The 2nd Picture Day is Coming - October 13th 📸

Makeup/Retake Day is **ONLY** for students that were absent on 9/15/staff and/or anyone who has already ordered and received their original photos, yet are wanting to retake them. In that scenario, students will need to return their original photo package to the photographer on 10/13.

If students already had their photo taken on September 15th and still want to order a package, please return an order form on or before October 13th. **The original photo will be used.**

Note: According to TSS Photography IMS should be in receipt of pictures by 10/7.

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 6 - PTA Meeting – 6:30 PM – Indiantown Civic Center

Oct. 12 – School Advisory Committee – 5:30 PM in the Cafeteria

Oct. 13 – Volleyball Game vs AMS – 5:30 PM in the Gym at IMS (Photo Day Retakes)

Oct. 18 - Volleyball Game at SMS - 5:30 PM (at Stuart Middle School)

Oct. 19 – 6th Grade Family Engagement Night (It Takes a Village) – 6 PM – 7PM

Oct. 20 - Early Release Day - Dismissal begins at 1:50 PM

Oct. 25 - Quarter 1 Report Cards posted in FOCUS

COVID Information 😷💉
While there continues to be plenty of news on this topic, as of the moment that I type this bulletin, I do not have any new updates on COVID to share at this time impacting the Martin County School District. In the event that there are any new updates, I will most certainly share them ASAP.

Please see the link below for the most up-to-date information that we have available:
https://www.martinschools.org/page/information-for-quarantined-students

In addition, to access the "COVID Dashboard" (the stat tracker of cases by school), please see the link below:
https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiYWEyMmViYWYtODRmNi00MTE4LTg3NzUtZTg1NGZjZjVmYzEwIiwidCI6ImI2NDhhMWYwLTZiYWQtNDNmZi1iNzRiLWZlZTdmNGIxMWU5NSIsImMiOjF9&pageName=ReportSection

Connecting with IMS- Please remember that in addition to sending out text messages, we are on Facebook @IMSThunderbirds (Indiantown Middle School), have a school webpage at https://www.martinschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=11 and have a general email inbox of imshelp@martinschools.org . Of course, the traditional method of giving us a call is always an option as well (772-597-2146).

On behalf of all of our teammates in the NEST, it remains an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to empower, inspire and educate your children! Wishing all in our NEST, the best ALWAYS!

~ Mr. Raimann
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