

Indiantown Middle School



Home of the Thunderbirds

Principal's Bulletin

February 16, 2022

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:

Thunderbird Pride - Mid-year Assessment Results

During the February SAC Meeting, I shared various mid-year data points, based upon a variety of District and State assessment measures. I am so proud to share that our young Thunderbirds are not only just growing, yet in multiple areas, they outperformed our fellow middle schools in Martin County. In recognizing that championships are not awarded at halftime (a sports analogy) we know that we must finish strong, thus we still have a great deal of work ahead of us. Nevertheless, our teachers and students are demonstrating that there is nothing we can't do, when we commit to giving our very best! #AllRise

24/7 On-Line Tutorials - PAPER - Have you tried it yet?

On a recent weekend, my oldest son asked me if I could assist him with his AP Chemistry homework (insert audible gasp here)! Perhaps those reading this bulletin have experienced a similar request, in terms of not having the expertise to assist with assigned homework or trying to teach concepts that were taught earlier in the day/week? Rest assured that you are not alone! During such instances when a student needs assistance and it's after school hours, please try out the new on-line tutoring company "PAPER", offering 24/7 online support to students in grades 6-12 (available in all subject areas and in multiple languages). Circling back to my personal request to assist my son with AP Chemistry, he decided to give PAPER a shot and I can share that he had all of his questions answered in a very efficient manner and more importantly, he was able to learn a concept which he was initially unclear about. Best of all, the help was provided outside of school hours, when he was feeling stuck!

Click here to learn more about the program and how students can access this amazing resource: <https://www.martinschools.org/article/637617>

“Love of Learning” Scholarship Fundraiser Event

On Friday, February 25th, the Indiantown Education Coalition will sponsor the annual “Love of Learning” fundraiser luncheon, from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, at the Indiantown Civic Center. For the second straight year, this will be a “lunch to go” option, with all of the proceeds supporting graduating High School Seniors (from Indiantown) with scholarships to post secondary schools. The price for this year’s luncheon is 20.00 per meal, which is a box-lunch from Subway of Indiantown. In supporting this event, our teachers and staff are donating some amazing gift baskets, which will be raffled off at the event. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the event on Feb. 25 and winners will not need to be present to claim a prize.

Coffee Chat: Virtual Teacher Recruitment Event

Save the date - Feb. 24th @ 5 PM on Zoom! I have been given an opportunity to be a part of a panel that will be meeting with prospective candidates who are interested in working in the MCSD next year. Of course, I will be hoping to speak with those interested in joining the NEST, as we anticipate multiple vacancies for school-year 2022-2023. Please see the ad below if you are interested in learning more about this event:

Are you a certified teacher or career changer who dreams of making an impact in the lives of children? Join us for our Coffee Chat virtual recruitment event! Learn about career opportunities and all of the benefits that make the Martin County School District THE place to be. Learn more and RSVP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/martin-county-schools-early-spring-teacher-recruitment-chat-tickets-260425408407>

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End of Year Field Trip Update

As I previewed in the previous bulletin, we have begun our End of Year Theme Park ticket sales, beginning with 8th Grade’s trip to Universal Orlando’s Gradventure. Ticket sales will continue through Feb. 25th for this trip. Once this trip is finalized, we will then advertise pricing and ticket sales information for the remaining three trips. I expect to share these details prior to Spring Break.

Questions about any of our upcoming trips shall be directed to Tiffany Fitzhugh, our Field Trip Coordinator. Tiffany can be reached at 772-597-2146 ext. 56242 or at fitzhut@martinschools.org.

2022 Field Trip Line-up:

Grade 5 - Legoland (May 24th)

Grade 6 - SeaWorld (May 25th)

Grade 7 - Busch Gardens (May 23rd)

Grade 8 - * Universal’s Gradventure (2 PM - 2:30 AM May 13th/14th)

Upcoming Dates!

Feb. 17 - Home Soccer Game vs MMS - 5:15 PM
Feb. 18 - Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No School for Students)
Feb. 21 - Presidents' Day (No School)
Feb. 22 - Q2 Honor Roll/Character Counts Recognition Ceremony - 9:30 AM (Cafeteria)
Feb. 24 - Away Soccer Game at AMS - 5:15 PM
Feb. 24 - MCSD Coffee Chat - Recruitment Event - 5PM - Zoom
Feb. 25 - IEC - Love of Learning Event - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM - Indiantown Civic Center
Mar. 1 - Home Soccer Game vs SMS - 5:15 PM
Mar. 3 - Away Soccer Game at HOMS - 5:15 PM
Mar. 8 - Away Soccer Game at MMS - 5:15 PM
Mar. 14 - 18 - Spring Break - No School

Help Wanted in the NEST!

We are seeking talented and highly motivated individuals to join our team! The following positions are currently available: School Counselor, ELL Paraprofessional, ESE Teacher,, and Health Assistant (pending vacancy). Please visit the MCSD website to apply:

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsfinmartincofl/rapplmnu03.w>

Note: The School Crossing Guard position is still vacant, yet that search is being conducted via the Sheriff's Department. The rate of pay for this position is \$15.32/hr. and each shift is assigned for a minimum of one (1) hour. The advtersided times for our school is expected to be from 8:20 am-9:15am (1 hr. of pay) and 3:45pm- 4:15pm (1 hr. of pay). The Martin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) requires School Crossing Guards to complete classroom training for 2-3 hours and then field training for 1-2 hours per day for five days. The hiring process requires an interview, background check and polygraph examination which are all paid for by MCSO. Visit the MCSO website below for more information!

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/martinsheriff>

The Village Voice - "The Thunderbird Experience" Survey! How are we doing?

I continue to share our plea to gather valued feedback from students, parents, staff, and community members. 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>

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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