

Indiantown Middle School



Home of the Thunderbirds

Principal's Bulletin October 21, 2022

Greetings Thunderbirds!

I hope that this message finds each of you doing very well! It's hard to believe that we are in the 2nd 9-weeks already, yet here we are! When time permits, please check out some of the latest happenings from the NEST:

Report Cards/Parent-Teacher Conference Night

This week marked the beginning of the 2nd 9-weeks! With that, please note that Report Cards will be posted in FOCUS on Monday, October 24th. Upon reviewing grades, should families want to consider meeting with a teacher, we will begin accepting appointment requests starting on Tuesday October 25th. This year, Middle School Parent-Teacher Conference Night will take place on Thursday, November 3rd, from 5 PM - 8 PM. Each teacher will have seventeen 10-minute appointment slots available for the evening, thus we request that conferences are limited to students that earned grades of a C or below. (Note: In Grade 5 - Level 2 and below as the grading scale is different). Please call us at 772-597-2146 to schedule an appointment.

Athletics News

The post season Volleyball tournament begins on Monday, October 24th at Hidden Oaks Middle School. The match will begin at 5:30 PM, with the winning teams advancing to the Championship round on Wednesday, October 26th (location TBA).

Please note that Basketball Tryouts (boys and girls) are scheduled to take place on November 1-2 (Note: 11/4 if Necessary), from 4:00 PM - 5:10 PM. Eligible students must have a current Sports Physical on file and have earned a GPA of 2.0 or higher during Q1.

Questions about athletics can be directed to Mrs. Norman - Assistant Principal of Student Services at norman@martinschools.org , Coach Farias at fariask@martinschools.org and/or Coach Medina at medinam@martinschools.org.

Red Ribbon Week - Oct. 24 - 28

Ms. Hyder, our DATA Counselor, is leading a Red Ribbon Week campaign next week and is encouraging all Thunderbirds to team up in standing up against the use of drugs!

Here's the line-up:

Monday- Band together against drugs. Wear **RED as much as you** can!

Tuesday- Too bright to use drugs.

Wear **BRIGHT** colors and CRAZY socks!

Wednesday- Living drug free is no sweat.

Wear SWEATPANTS and SWEATSHIRTS!

Thursday- Stand together with your peers against the use of drugs.

Twin Day!

Friday- Team up against drugs.

Wear SPORTS jerseys or shirts!

Free Tutoring with PAPER

If students and/or parents have yet to check out PAPER, please don't miss out on this valuable service, being paid for by the MCSD. Students in grades 6-8 can access PAPER 24/7 and virtually meet with a tutor that can help teach concepts from each of the core subject areas. PAPER can be accessed via Classlink.

Hurricane Ian Make-up Days Update

The MCSD School Board voted to waive any make-up days that could have occurred, due to the school closures on Sept. 28 & 29. As a result, our scheduled holiday breaks are currently all still intact! I imagine our young Thunderbirds will be quite happy to learn this update.

Upcoming Dates

As you will see below, there are many upcoming events taking place between now and our Thanksgiving Break. Please take a moment to preview what's in store for our Thunderbirds!

Oct. 24 - SAC Meeting - rescheduled from 10/13)

Oct. 24 - Volleyball Tournament at HOMS - 5:30 PM

Oct. 25 – **6th Grade Family Engagement Night** - 5:30 PM Cafeteria (Featuring Music Bingo)

Oct. 26 - Volleyball Championship - 5:30 PM (Teams and Location to be determined)

Oct. 26 - IMS Marching Band @ SFHS Homecoming Parade - 6 PM (Hobe Sound)

Oct. 27 – **7th Grade Family Engagement Night** - 5:30 PM Cafeteria (Fall Festival Theme)

Oct. 31 - Early Release Day - Dismissal begins at 1:50 PM. Costumes may only be worn if they adhere to the MSCD Dress Code. No hats, masks, etc.

Nov. 1 - 8th Grade Student Visit to SFHS - Explore My Future Showcase - 9:30 AM -1:30 PM (permission slip required)

Nov. 1-3 - Basketball Tryouts 4PM - 5:10 PM

Nov. 2 - **5th Grade Family Engagement Night** - 5:30 PM Cafeteria (Cultural Celebration Theme)

Nov. 3 - Parent Teacher Conference Night (Appointment Only) 5 PM - 8 PM

Nov. 11 - No School (Veteran's Day)

Nov. 23-25 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Staffing/Personnel Update

This is one update that I wish I had better news on yet, there are the latest updates regarding our personnel shortage:

7th/6th Grade Science Teacher - Currently being taught by Mrs. Parrilli (Media Specialist)

7th Grade ELA/Creative Writing Teacher - Currently being taught by Mr. Smith (Behavior Intervention Teacher)

5th Grade Science/Math Teacher - Currently being taught by Mrs. Pisano (retired IMS Teacher - Elementary Certified)

**School Counselor
ESE Support Teacher
Literacy Coach
ELL Paraprofessional
CTE Teacher (as of 11.1.22)**

Perspective candidates looking to join the team can apply at:
<https://www.martinschools.org/page/recruitment-and-retention>

Connecting with IMS- Please remember that in addition to sending out text messages, we are on **Facebook** and **Instagram** @IMSThunderbirds (Indiantown Middle School), and share content on our school's **webpage** at <https://www.martinschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=11> . Of course, the traditional method of giving us a call is always an option as well (772-597-2146) or simply stop in to see us.

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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