

Indiantown Middle School



Home of the Thunderbirds

Principal's Bulletin September 10, 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:

September 11th - We Remember!

This morning, during our announcements, our NEST came together to pay tribute and remember the innocent lives lost on September 11, 2001. In depicting the events of this tragic date in history, I also highlighted the incredible acts of kindness and heroism that took place, which united our country. In recognizing that this event occurred before our students were born, I wouldn't be surprised if many may want to discuss this further tonight or tomorrow, on the 20th anniversary.

Making a connection to the present and within our NEST, I continue to challenge all Thunderbirds to give our very best, because we can. I refer to this as "The Thunderbird Way". I have been quite fortunate to lead in this role, as it continues to be an honor to serve all families, here in the Village. We will continue to learn from history, honor the past, and commit towards giving our very best in the present and the future. Indiantown deserves nothing less!

Parent Teacher Association - Almost Facebook Official!!! 🕶️

Last night, at the Indiantown Civics Center, the “PTA Interest Meeting” was held and the first steps were taken to submit paperwork to launch the first ever Indiantown Middle School PTA!!! Considering that IMS opened in 1970 and neither the Elementary or Middle schools have ever had a PTA, this is a really BIG DEAL!!! I am beyond proud of how this community never ceases to surprise us, while always amazing us!!! As soon as the PTA is officially launched, please be on the lookout for more information. In the event that you weren’t able to attend last night’s meeting, rest assured that membership opportunities will be on-going. Stay tuned for the next update....

Picture Day is Coming - September 15th 📷

Please note there has been a change in how pictures are accessed since our last communication. Students will be provided with a preorder form (being sent home on Monday) and if you are interested in purchasing pictures and/or packages, the Prepaid Order Form must be submitted on the day of pictures, which is September 15. Once you receive your pictures, if you are not satisfied, then there will be a refund provided by TSS Photography.

Please be mindful that students must have a signed parental consent “Form 356” on file with the school and be in dress code, in order to have their photos taken.

Retakes: The day for retaking a picture is now scheduled for Wednesday, October 13th.

Volleyball News - Opening Day - 9/13 in the NEST! 🏐

The 2021-22 Lady T-birds will serve-off the new season on Monday, September 13th, here at IMS. Please note that the start times of all volleyball games this year have been moved back to 5:30 PM. Coach Palmer met with parents/families last night and the team is eager to get the season started. Admission to the match is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. The baby birds are free! :) Tickets will go on sale starting at 5 PM! Please note that masks are optional and social distancing is limited due to the space allotted in our bleachers.

Here is a link for the schedule for this season:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kpV4w1ypicxyluiPjF1wxRr_jrc4bi55/edit#gid=2085347603

Interim Reports/FSA Results

On Monday, September 13th, students in grades 6-8 will have Interim Grades posted in FOCUS. 5th Grade students utilize a Standards Based Report Card system, thus they do not receive Interims. The Interim Report provides a snapshot of student academic performance measures, halfway through a quarter. These grades are not final. Should these grades cause any concern, please contact your child's teachers or the School Counselors.

Note: FSA Score Reports from last school year were sent home with students last week. If you didn't receive the report, please check with your child and/or contact the school.

After School Clubs - Almost there!

We just identified a new Team Leader to launch the After School Program. It is my intention to meet with her next week and get this ball rolling! Students should be on the lookout for announcements on TNN (morning news) regarding which clubs will be offered and how to sign-up. Parents must sign a permission slip in order for children to participate.

No School on Thursday - September 16th

Don't forget, school is closed on Thursday, September 16th, in observance of Yom Kippur.

COVID Information

While there is plenty of news on this topic at both the Federal and State levels, 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=eyJrIjojYWVYtODRmNi00MTE4LTg3NzUtZTg1NGZjZjVmYzEwIiwidCI6ImI2NDhhMWYwLTZiYWQtdNDNmZi1iNzRiLWZlZTdmNGlxMWU5NSIsImMiOiJF9&pageName=ReportSection>

Students IDs

The wait is over! All students should have received their new ID for the 2021-22 school year. In the event an ID is lost, the replacement fees are: \$3.00 for the ID badge, \$1.00 for the lanyard, and \$1.00 for the hard plastic case. We commend all of the students who are wearing their ID on a daily basis!

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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