

Mt. Horeb I.C. Newsletter



Open the windows and open the door
And let the fresh breezes blow in, blow in.
Jack Frost has gone to his home in the north
And all of a sudden it's Spring!

~ Author Unknown ~

From the Principal

March 9 - Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

Our students have been working each day to expand their skills while they are here at school. We hope you can attend conferences and help us celebrate their accomplishments as well as develop goals for the remaining weeks of school. Our students will enjoy the recognition. Please remember there is no school for students that day.

March 27-March 31

Spring Break- no school.

As weather gets warmer, students will start to wait outside before school. We will start this March 1st, weather permitting. And as always, students should not arrive to school before 7:40am when supervision is provided.

The IC times: The first ever Intermediate Center newspaper is out! What a fantastic way to showcase our school and the wonderful and talented staff and students. Please take a minute to read the publication which is attached to our webpage or copy and paste the link below.

<http://www.mhasd.k12.wi.us/cms/lib04/WI01001388/Centricity/Domain/237/IC%20Times%20February%202017.pdf>

PBIS: We had a wonderful semester PBIS celebration on February 14th, the “PBIS Summer Olympics.” Each class represented a country that they made up and competed as a class in Olympics events, such as basketball, relays, rowing and even synchronized swimming. We had a wonderful day and I want to compliment the students on how well they behaved and their enthusiastic participation. March’s PBIS theme is - [Respectfulness](#) & [Tolerance](#) . We have the monthly themes reminders up in our cafeteria.

Happy Spring!

Sincerely,
Stephen Guziewski, IC Principal



CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2017-2018

As you know, preliminary class placements for fall will happen this spring. The staff considers many factors as classroom groups are created. Areas taken into consideration are: range of academic abilities; leadership skills—academic and social; individual learning styles; behavior; special education needs; English language needs; social emotional needs; student personality and interaction; and class size. The goal of the process is to produce the most balanced combination of student groups. This important task contributes significantly to the creation of a positive class environment that enables students to reach their potential. If a parent has a concern regarding a relationship their child has with another student that may create conflict next year, the parent should share that concern with their child’s teacher. We recommend sending an email or note prior to parent-teacher conferences.

Please know that our teachers spend many hours and place much professional thought and effort into placing their present students into next year's classes. We are beginning to plan for the 2017-18 school year and would like to know about your child from your point of view. This information will be one factor used to help determine class placement for next year. Remember to please fill out the parent class placement information sheet that was sent home and return to the main office by **Friday, March 10th, 2017.**

The IC staff takes classroom placement of all children very seriously and wants only the best for each child. Our goal is to provide fair and equitable treatment for all children as a means to encourage and support their learning. Please rely on our professional judgment, and trust that we will group children to provide the best possible learning environment. It has been my experience that nearly all children are able to adjust rapidly to the different teachers they have over the years. This, too, is an important skill to learn--learning to get along with and work with a variety of people.

While we understand that parents are anxious to learn whom their children will have for a teacher, it is Mt. Horeb district practice to give out class placements on August 1st. We wait due to fluctuations in enrollment over the summer that often result in our having to make adjustments in class assignments. When placements are provided, your cooperation and support of this process provides the best possible outcome for students and staff. Thank you so much.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

SPRING PORTRAITS AND CLASSROOM GROUP PICTURES

MARCH 15, 2017

Individual and Classroom Group Portraits will be taken by Lifetouch on Wednesday, March 15.



INDIVIDUAL PORTRAITS: Lifetouch will again be taking spring portraits at the IC. Students will have the choice of several different backgrounds. A form showing the different options will be sent home so parents can indicate which they prefer for each child. Please return the completed form on picture day so the photographer can use this form to order the background that you would like. A package will be printed for each child and you will be able to see the portraits before purchasing them. Families who choose not to purchase pictures will simply return them to their child's teacher.

CLASSROOM GROUP PICTURES: Classroom group pictures will NOT be included in the package. They are now available on a prepay basis. If you would like to purchase a class picture, please complete the order form being sent home, include the payment of \$9 per class picture, and return on picture day, March 15. If you decide at a later date that you would like to purchase a class picture, you can contact Lifetouch (866-620-8073) and they will help process your order.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATES

Color Coins (Formally known as Penny Wars) – March 13 – March 17



Color coins week is a different way that we are going to do Penny Wars this year. Every day there is going to be a "fun day" to participate in during that week in March. If you would like to participate in the day, you will bring in \$.50 worth of that day's coin that is being collected. For example, for PJ Day you would bring in \$.50 worth of pennies. There will be small jars in each classroom that will be dumped into the bigger buckets in the office each day. At the end of that week, we will find out what we have raised. Proceeds from this fundraiser help to cover the costs of Field Day in June. Our goal is to raise \$600.

Paraprofessional Day– April 6, 2017



Student Council would like to recognize and thank the paraprofessionals who work at the IC to help teachers and students. Please help us recognize this unique group and make their special day a memorable one: Alice Allen, Marsha Angaran, Katelyn Bullis, Pam Haack, Joanne Haglund, Nancy Heindl, Tammy Jeglum, Sam Johnson, Michelle Nelson, Brenda Martin, Barbara Morkri, Tami Moyer, Linda O'Connell, Peter Schaal, Kallee Scheidegger, Kim Sonnenberg, Shirley Lawrence, Sue VanDomelen,

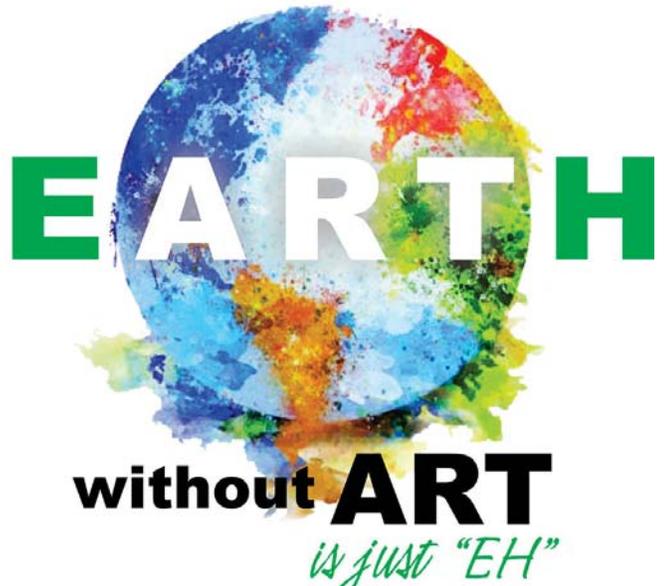
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RELATED ARTS

ART



"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes.
Art is knowing which ones to keep." ~ Scott Adams



March is YOUTH ART MONTH!

Please talk with your child about what they are doing in art class. Take some time and make art with them. Visit a local gallery or museum. Art touches our lives every moment we are awake! Be creative, have fun!

I look forward to seeing you and your child at the up-coming Parent-Teacher Conferences. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child in Art class. ☺

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LIBRARY NEWS



Once again, we are nearing our Spring Scholastic Book Fair! The date is Thursday, March 9, from 12:00-8:00pm. Families will get the opportunity to purchase some wonderful new books while benefiting the IC. Last fall our book fair profits helped us buy *The Tale of Despereaux* books for our One School, One Book program as well as new books for classrooms and the library. We hope to see you there! If you can't make it to our book fair, but still want to buy books, you can shop at our online fair. The link will be on our IC Library webpage.

Third graders have been working very hard at learning how to find nonfiction books in the library and are getting pretty good at it. They have also enjoyed listening to and voting for the Golden Archer nominee books for this year. The Golden Archer is an award given to a book that students in Wisconsin have voted for. Our third graders are anxiously awaiting to see which book won.

Our fourth and fifth graders have been working hard on keyboarding practice. If they want to practice at home, they can find the Typing Club link on the IC Student Life page.

Have a happy start to Spring!

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MUSIC



March is "Music In Our Schools Month" and we will celebrate it with a variety of activities at the Intermediate Center.

Ms. Brown has been talking to 3rd grade students about the opportunity to play in orchestra next year. There will be a parent information meeting on Thursday, March 9, from 6:30-7:30 in the Intermediate Center cafeteria for parents who are interested in having their child participate in orchestra in 4th grade. If your conference is scheduled earlier in the day, stop in the music room and get an information packet from Ms. Brown. If your conference is scheduled before or after the meeting, Ms. Brown will be in the cafeteria from 6:00-8:00 with information packets and will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Steve Mellin from Ward-Brodt Music store will be at the meeting to answer any questions about leasing an instrument and getting a lesson book.

We'll begin working on the 3rd grade program during the month of March. Please mark your calendar for Friday, April 28, at 2:00 in the High School Auditorium.

Fourth grade music students will present their annual concert on Friday, March 3, at 2:00 in the High School Auditorium. Orchestra students will play selections from their lesson book to show the progress that they've made this winter. All 4th grade students will present "Music and Me" with words and song.

In March, 5th grade students will continue studying guitar and music theater and are looking forward to playing the recorder in April and May.

All Intermediate Center students will get to watch the 4th grade program on March 3rd and a guest concert by the Wisconsin Youth Symphony on March 21.

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PE NEWS



every day!

March Madness is here! In Physical Education classes, we will be finishing our badminton unit, as well as working with stability balls and exercise bands. We will also have a unit we call backyard games. This is a unit where we incorporate things students have around their house in hopes they will rediscover them and play outside as the weather warms up. Parents, keep encouraging your child to play vigorously outside

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READING



This March we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and finish our our school-wide reading event: One Book, One School. Many parents have shared that they are enjoyed reading and discussing a book together as a family. Some parents have been asking how books are chosen for One Book, One School. There is a committee of literacy people that plan each year for this event. We look for books that have a reading level around third grade so most of the students at the I.C. are able to read it. We also look for books with rich storylines and good character development. This year's book for One Book, One School is a Newbery award winning book. Newbery award authors are recognized for their distinguished contribution to American literature for children. We hope you have found reading Tale of Despereaux an enjoyable and learning experience!

March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday. Dr. Seuss, or Theodor Geisel, found many children's books of his era to be written with lifeless sentences and characters. He thought children's stories should include fun rhymes, complex characters and spark the imagination so children would want to read them repeatedly; and in doing so would learn about language and improve their reading skills.

We celebrate Dr. Seuss' writing talents because he got it right – he made reading fun. So, it is important to ask: Is reading fun for your child? Do they have some books they like to read over and over? If not, try to figure out why. Does your child read books at his/her reading level? Has your child found an author or series of books that he/she enjoys? Have you been to the library on a regular basis to find new books to read? It is important to know that children need guidance to find books that they will read and enjoy. This might take some time and patience, but it is well worth your effort when you see your child reading books for fun!

If you are looking for additional ways to help promote your child's reading and writing, we have posted an online resource called the Reading Connection on our school's website. You can view the Reading Connection at www.mhasd.k12.wi.us/IC.

Happy reading-

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IC Reading Interventionists

Reminder: Should your child need medicine in school, please send it to the office. ALL medicines need to be in the original container with a parent's written permission on our medication form (available in the office or on our website at www.mhasd.k12.wi.us/IC). If a prescription medicine is to be given, we also need the provider's signature.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 3	4 th Grade Music Program, 2:00 p.m. - HS Auditorium
March 6-10	Student Council Penny Wars
March 9	NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:00-8:00 p.m.
March 10	Spirit Day - Wear Red
March 10	Trinity Irish Dancers
March 15	Spring Portraits
March 17	Wisconsin Youth Symphony program, 1:00 pm
March 17	Spirit Day-Wear Red
March 24	Spirit Day-Beach Day
March 27-31	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break



IC MISSION STATEMENT

Working together to promote lifelong learning skills in an encouraging environment where everyone feels successful.

