

The

Trailblazer

Indian Trail Intermediate School
307 Car-Mol Drive



PTA Newsletter

April 2017

Upcoming Events:

- 4/3-7: BackYard Book Fair
- 4/6: Family Night at the Book Fair
- 4/13: Theatre Club Spring Play
- 4/18-21: TCAP Writing Test
- 4/24-28: TCAP Testing
- 4/25: General PTA Meeting
- 5/1-5: TCAP Make-up Testing
- 5/2 & 4: LBMS Transition Meeting 6pm
- 5/9: Band Spring Concert
- 5/11: Orchestra Spring Concert
- 5/15-16: LBMS Tours (6th Grade)
- 5/16: Chorus Spring Concert
- 5/17: Field Day Variety Show
- 5/18: Field Day (5th Grade Activities)
- 5/19: Field Day (6th Grade Activities)
- 5/22: Honor's Night (6th Grade)

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WHEN: April 3-7

WHERE: Indian Trail Intermediate School Library

FAMILY NIGHT: Thursday, April 6th from 5:30-7:00

Come see the book character Wax Museum and a variety of Student performances.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ITIS PTA THIS YEAR!!!

YOUR 2016-2017 PTA BOARD

A Message from the Principal

Indian Trail Families,

Here we are, the last nine weeks of school! This a very exciting time of the year for us. Upcoming events include TCAPs, 5th grade team awards, 6th grade honors night, band-chorus-orchestra-theatre performances, the book fair, the talent show, and field day, all make for an exciting end of the school year.

Thank you for your participation in our school climate survey. We closed the survey with 80 parents, 40 teachers, and 910 students providing input by completing the on-line survey. From here, our leadership team will synthesize the results and prepare a detailed report for our faculty. We will look for areas of strength and areas to strengthen that will be used for goal setting. I believe in having a growth mind-set and that we need to take into consideration the input and perceptions of our teachers, students, and parents as we continue to improve as a school.

Finally, thank you so much for allowing me to serve your children this year. Indian Trail Intermediate is a great school and I'm proud to be the principal here. I look forward to seeing you at our one of end of the year activities. You are always welcome at our school.

Sincerely,

James Jacobs, Principal
 Indian Trail Intermediate School
 Jacobsj@jcschools.org

11 Test-taking Tips Provided by the Tennessee Department of Education.

- Get a good night's rest and eat a normal breakfast before testing.
- Arrive at school on time, stay relaxed and think positively.
- Read and pay careful attention to all directions.
- Read every possible answer - the best one could be last.
- Decide exactly what the question is asking; one response is clearly best.
- Read and respond to items one at a time rather than thinking about the whole test.
- Don't expect to find a pattern in the positions of the correct answers.
- Don't spend too much time on any one question.
- Don't make uneducated guesses. Try to get the correct answer by reasoning and eliminating wrong answers.

ITIS PTA PRESIDENT'S UPDATE...

Thank you teachers, staff, students, and parents for making it such a great year! Thank you to the 2016-2017 PTA Board for all of their hard work this year! We have a great support system among our parents. It's a wonderful community!

Looking back on this school year, I would like to share a few of the things the PTA was able to accomplish with your help:

- Held five different fundraising events including: BEST Cards, Spirit Sales, Walk A Thon, Freddy's Fundraiser and Coin Wars
 - Ran a successful membership drive!
 - Anna's closet was utilized weekly if not daily to help students with clothes, shoes, hygiene items, and school supplies.
 - Had a great Reflections, Safety Poster, and Citizenship Essay cultural arts programs.
 - Raised over \$400 through our Box Tops program.
 - Provided the school with volunteers for the copy center, music programs, open houses, TCAP proctors, library, book fair, picture day and field day, just to name a few.
 - Provided at least 6 teacher luncheons throughout the year, as well as a snack cart last month. {Huge Success!}
 - Purchased 18 swings for Indian Trail and appeared before the school board to ask them to pay for installation!
 - Purchased balls for team time and recess activities.
 - Completed a newsletter each quarter to help keep you informed!
-and we still have 8 weeks of school left!

If you'd like a chance to be more involved with the PTA, please consider taking a board position for the next school year. It's a great way to support your child and their school! If you think you are interested, and/or want more information, please send me an email, or contact any Board Member. Also, if you know of someone that you think might be a great asset to our board; we'd like to encourage you to pass their name along to our nominating committee. Our nominating committee is currently accepting suggestions for next year's PTA board.

Thank you again for a great year!
Mary Grable
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Thank you for supporting Indian Trail



\$3415.64 raised in 5 days!



Thank you to Freddy's Steakburgers of Johnson city for providing free ice cream cards for our coin wars winning halls!

SUPERHEROES VS. VILLIANS ITIS FIELD DAY

MAY 18TH (5TH GRADE) & 19TH (6TH GRADE)
VARIETY SHOW - MAY 17TH



VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR BOTH DAYS!
FIELD DAY TIMES ARE FROM 8:35AM TO 2:30PM
WILL NEED HELP THAT MORNING FOR SETUP!
EMAIL CBURL3@GMAIL.COM IF INTERESTED IN HELPING

ITEMS NEEDED FOR DONATION:

1. POP UP TENTS (JUST FOR USE THIS DAY)
2. CIRCLE TUG OF WAR ROPES
3. CASES OF WATER
4. MEGAPHONES
5. ICE POPS FOR SNACK
6. MONETARY DONATIONS ARE WELCOME
(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ITIS PTA)



CULTURAL ARTS STATE WINNERS

Congratulations to Nathan Connor and Ansley Reed! Nathan and Ansley will receive Awards of Merit for their respective film production entries in the Reflections Program. The awards will be in Nashville on April 22nd at the Sheraton Music City Hotel

Teacher of the Year 2017

Congratulations Mr. Nutter!

David Nutter has been teaching for 11 years. Nutter teaches health sciences at Indian Trail Intermediate. "I am truly honored to be selected for this award," said Nutter. "I believe that students should take ownership of their learning and lives."



David Nutter
Indian Trail Intermediate
School
(Grades 5-8)



Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP)

TCAP PROCTERS NEEDED:

We are using SignUp.com to schedule proctors for the upcoming 5th and 6th Grade TCAP. The test window is Monday, April 18 through Friday, April 28th. A proctor basically stays in the room where the TCAP is being administered to verify that the test protocols are followed. **You will be asked to attend a brief training session at 2:30 on Friday, April 7th at the school to be able to proctor.** Please feel free to volunteer for one day or even several days as there are A LOT of spaces to fill.

Thank you in advance, your commitment and support is GREATLY appreciated!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/BuPbWD>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone.

If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually. Bridget King * bridgetsking@gmail.com * (423)773-9133

Teachers Appreciation Week

Dear Every Teacher at Indian Trail,

We just wanted you to know how much we love and appreciate you! Thank you for everything you do for us. :)

Lots of love,
Your 5th & 6th Grade Students and
Parents

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

Vaccine Booster Records needed for Liberty Bell

Tennessee law requires all rising 7th graders to show proof of two immunizations:

- Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis booster (“Tdap”)
- Verification of immunity to Varicella (chickenpox)

Please provide documentation of these immunizations on an official Tennessee Certificate of Immunization. This documentation can be faxed directly to the Office of School Nurses at 218-0544 or delivered to the office at Indian Trail Intermediate School by May 25. Your child will not be able to attend the first day of 7th grade without this documentation.

For additional information, you can contact your healthcare provider, local health department, or go to the following link:

<http://www.jcschools.org/jcs/images/ResourcePDFs/Reports/Immunization6th-12th.pdf>

The Liberty Bell PTSA is looking for volunteers! Are you looking for an opportunity to join our PTSA board in 2017-2018? We have positions for all time commitments and interests available.

If you are interested in learning more, please email Kristin Marshall at lbmsptsa1@gmail.com.



7th Grade Transition Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 or Thursday, May 4, 2017

at 6:30 pm

Auditorium of Liberty Bell Middle School

Swings are on the way!



Thanks again to everyone that financially supported ITIS PTA in the purchase of the new swing set. We couldn't have accomplished this great task without great families like you. Look for more information about when installation will be complete.