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Newsletter



Lead Eagle Talk

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year at Inverness Primary School. We are very proud of our students, staff and parents for working together to create the best possible learning environment. We strive to help our students develop a positive self-image, achieve academic growth, gain critical thinking skills, become problem solvers and responsible citizens. IPS received an "A" grade from the state based on last year's test scores! We have pinpointed areas in our School Improvement Plan with which we need to continue to improve, in order to keep our "A"! We need you to be a vital part of your child's education. Please don't hesitate to call or make an appointment to see myself or Mrs. Chandler if you have a concern or a solution. We welcome hearing from you. Mrs. Chandler is our new Assistant Principal this year. Mrs. Merchant was transferred to Citrus Springs Middle School as their new Assistant Principal. Mrs. Chandler grew up in Inverness and went to IPS as a student. She has taught for 12 years, and was the Assistant Principal at Floral City Elementary last year. She looks forward to getting to know our students and you, so introduce yourself to her and welcome her to IPS.

We are happy to report that IPS received a grant from Lowe's, thanks to Mrs. Mankevich! She and several staff members and volunteers worked hard last Saturday to put in new landscaping around our school and in our gardens. Thank you Lowe's and Mrs. Mankevich!!!

Just a few reminders:

*It is critical that your child be at school all day from 8:50-3:35. Our morning show will air at 9:10, so please make sure your child is dropped off by then for them to see it.

*Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up-We have approximately 200 cars that pass through the Pick-Up line at the end of the day. While students are getting accustomed to hearing their names called, it may take longer than usual. In the event of lightning or a storm, students will not be released until the storm subsides. Safety of our students is our main concern, so please be patient. Also, remember you must have this year's **name tag exposed in your window** during parent pick-up. Each student was provided with two Parent Pick-Up tags in their Back to School Packet. To request additional tags, please stop by the front office. Students will not be dismissed inside the front office after 3:00 PM.

*If you wish to change the way your child goes home, we must have that in writing. We will not take dismissal changes over the phone and we will not make changes after 1:00 PM.

Thank you to all who updated your emergency forms before coming to Open House last Thursday, and thank you for your patience if you didn't. If for some reason you have not updated your emergency form, please do so ASAP.

I'm very excited to get this new year started! Please support our staff as we carry out this year's theme, "*Be the Change...*"

Sincerely,

Kay Harper, Principal

Partnering with the Citrus County School District, the Y operates onsite before and after school child care program in all 11 Elementary Schools. The YMCA School Age Program provides child care for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fees:

All Inclusive Plan - \$51 per week; 42 weeks
(Includes All In-Service Days and All Holiday Breaks)

Standard Plan - \$50 per week; 38 weeks
(Includes all In-Service Days and Early Release Days)

AM or PM Only - \$31 per week; 38 weeks
(Includes Before Care or Afternoon Care Only, Teacher Work Days and Early Release Days)

Annual Membership Fee - \$25 per individual/
\$40 per family

*Financial assistance available for those who qualify; Financial assistance may also be available to qualifying families through the Early Learning Coalition's School Readiness Program

For more information on the YMCA Before and After Care program please call the Y's Administrative Office at (352)500-9622 or visit www.ymcasuncoast.org/locations/citrus-county-branch.

You can also email kluidr@suncoastymca.org



School Hours 9:20 a.m.—3:35 p.m.

Drop Off may begin no earlier than 8:50 a.m.

Supervision will not be provided before 8:50 a.m.

Bus Arrival 8:50 a.m.

Drop-Off Time 8:50 a.m.

Breakfast 8:50-9:20 a.m.

Tardy Bell/School Begins 9:20 a.m.

Pre-K/K/1st Grade Dismissal 3:35 p.m.

2nd/3rd Grade Dismissal 3:40 p.m.

4th/5th Grade Dismissal 3:45 p.m.

Buses Depart 3:50 p.m.





Parent Teacher Association



Welcome Back Students!

Your IPS PTA is looking forward to a great school year. Membership applications will be sent home the second week of school. Anyone can join. Membership fees are \$8.00 per adult for new members and \$6.00 per adult for returning members.

Title I News

Research continues to confirm that parents are a vital part of the educational process and of the educational experiences of their children. When school personnel and families work together, relationships are developed that support learning and children are provided an enhanced opportunity for success in school and throughout life. As a parent, you play an important role in your child's education. We encourage parents to be involved as much as possible. Volunteering, mentoring, and attending parent conferences are all parent involvement activities. Gain information and be part of the decision making process by joining advisory committees at the school and district level.

For further information, the Citrus County Schools' Parent Involvement Plan is available at:

http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/departments/edserv/documents/Title_I_ParentInvolvementPlan.pdf

Citrus County School's School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is a group that meets quarterly to provide advocacy for school health and identify needs and opportunities to maximize community resources. We welcome parent and community involvement. The meetings are held quarterly at the Technology Resource Center on the Lecanto campus. The schedule for the 2019-2020 school year:

- ◆ Wednesday, September 11, 2019
- ◆ Wednesday, December 11, 2019
- ◆ Wednesday, February 26, 2020
- ◆ Wednesday, May 13, 2020

All Meetings are from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

English Language Learners (ELL) Program

ELL is a program of English language instruction designed to help non-English speakers acquire English by using special instructional strategies with students at all levels: elementary, middle and high school. Citrus County Public Schools utilize the mainstream/inclusion model. Research indicates it takes 1 1/2 to 2 years to learn social forms of English and 3 to 5 years to learn academic English.

Fundraising Activities—IPS sponsors several fundraisers each year, for different purposes. Profits from fundraising at IPS will be used, among other things, to purchase school wide needs, such as additional playground equipment, technology supplies and instructional materials. A small amount of these funds may be used to provide food and other consumable items for faculty and staff sessions throughout the year, staff appreciation, and student recognition. Some fundraisers are for specific purposes such as **Jump Rope for Heart**. We are always mindful that these are optional for students and are deeply appreciative of the support of the IPS community.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION



Parents/Guardians, please be sure to complete your Free/Reduced lunch application online within the first 2 weeks of school so that you remain eligible for the 2019-2020 school year.

<http://sfsonlinemealapp.citrus.k12.fl.us/>

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires every state and district to publish report cards that show how the state, district and schools are doing with regard to student achievement and success. Part of this report card is the School Financial Report and the Florida Report Card. Both of these reports are available on the Inverness Primary School website ips.citruschools.org

OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION NOTIFICATION

The Citrus County School District's over the counter medication procedure has changed. The parents of students requiring over the counter medication during the school day, must follow the following procedures:

A *Student Authorization for Over-The-Counter Medication Form* must be filled out and signed by **BOTH** the parent/guardian of the student **AND** a physician. This form can be accessed @ www.citrus.k12.fl.us

Medication must be brought to school by an adult in the original container.

Examples of Over the Counter Medication include, but are not limited to: Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, cough drops, etc. Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to provide a safe and healthy environment for Citrus County's Students. If you have any questions, please call Sheila Bodle Student Health Specialist, at (352) 527-0090.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

2nd-NO SCHOOL-Labor Day Holiday!
4th-Fall Picture Day!

