Dear IPS Families,

It is hard to believe that March is already upon us! Our 3rd graders will open the official testing season by taking the FSA ELA portion on April 1st. Please note the testing dates included in this newsletter and be sure that your child gets plenty of sleep the night before their test. Free breakfast will be provided each day for those students testing. Be sure that your child arrives to school on time and instill in your child that they are prepared for these tests and that they need to do their very best and show what they know as we strive to keep our “A” status this year!

It is extremely important that you let me know how we are doing to meet your child’s needs. Please take time to complete the parent survey when the link is sent out next week. Your opinion is very important for planning purposes for next year.

Please follow student drop off procedures that we have in place. Students are to be dropped off at the back of our school after pulling forward for an adult to open the door. Do not drop students off in front of the school or on surrounding streets to save time. Your child’s safety is our main priority.

I hope you have a wonderful Spring Break.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harper, Principal

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**March Events**

- 2nd- IPS PTA "Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash" Event in the IPS Kid’s Café - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 6th - PTA Meeting - Media Center - 4:30 p.m.
- 8th - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 9th - SAEC Meeting - Media Center - 4:15 p.m.
- 11th - Spring Pictures
- 13th - Early Dismissal - 12:30 p.m.
- 17th - Veterans Dinner & Program in the IPS Kid’s Café - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 19th - Report Cards Issued
- 20th - 27th - Spring Break - No School - Student Holiday
- 31st - Honor Roll Ceremony in the IPS Kid’s Café - 2:30 p.m.

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**FSA TESTING SCHEDULE**

Please mark your calendar with the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) dates.

We do not want the FSA to be a stressful situation for our students, just a time to show the state that they know what their teachers have taught them all year.

Here’s how you can help your student to do his/her best:

- Make sure your child is at school every day and is here on time.
- Check your child’s planner to be sure they are doing his/her nightly assignments.
- Keep in touch with your child’s teacher, especially if your child is having difficulties.
- Read to your child or make sure your child reads independently each night.

Working together as a team, our students have the best chance for success!

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Parents,

You will be receiving a call out next week from the district informing you of the availability of the survey and your chances to win prizes upon completion of the survey. You will receive the link via e-mail and Skyward Messenger to complete the survey. The link will also be posted on the district website. Please take a few minutes and complete the survey. This survey helps guide our decisions when writing our School Improvement Plan and Parent Involvement Plan. We can only make things better if we hear from you. Thank you!
BE A SPONSOR
The Citrus County Education Foundation and Sandra Himmel are once again hosting the annual Superintendent’s Golf Classic on Saturday, April 25th, at the Sugarrmill Woods Country Club. All monies raised go back to the classrooms with many of our IPS teachers receiving grants this year. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole (which includes recognition in the event brochure and sign advertisement), or would like to participate in the tournament itself, please contact Mrs. Chandler at 352-726-2632.

TERRIFIC KIDS
On February 27th the following students celebrated at lunch with their families on the IPS Stage and received a ribbon for being "Compassionate".

Pre-K: Adalee Lamb; Rondal "RJ" Springston; Arrianne Williams
Kindergarten: Eli Jackson; Gabriel Peterson; Annabelle Smith; Kinley Smith
First Grade: Iryll Barbero; Aaron Earley; Piper Myers; Lilly Perkins; Braydon Stone; Amelia Whitelaw
Second Grade: Devyn Dhondt; Mia Donato; Joshua Pachol
Third Grade: Tony Dashnau; Madison Elicker; Charlotte Hughes; Isabella Nadler; Sebastian Pachol
Fourth Grade: Allysse Dashnau; Jazlyn Delgado; Carson Fulks; Peyton Jaworski; Zach Portwood
Fifth Grade: Allyssa Dashnau; Jazlyn Delgado; Eclipci" Fiebke; Jasmine Kendzierski; Zabdiel Nunez

NOTICE OF OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS
We appreciate the following teachers who have volunteered to teach a subject outside of their primary certification and are currently taking classes to obtain certification in the area they are teaching out-of-field.

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SCHOOL ADVISORY ENHANCEMENT COUNCIL MEETING
Our next School Advisory Council meeting will be on Monday, March 9th, in the Media Center at 4:15 p.m. These are open meetings; all parents, staff, students, and community members may attend.

As our weather continues to be unpredictable, our “Lost and Found” has grown! Please have your child(ren) check for missing items. Parents are welcome to come and look for anything your children(ren) might have lost. Any leftover jackets/sweaters will be donated to “Cayla’s Coats” during Spring Break. Please make sure to put your child’s name in his/her jacket. This helps keep our “Lost and Found” at a minimum!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES OR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ADOPTED INDIVIDUAL CLASSROOMS OR OUR WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

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Mrs. Dlocker’s Class

You too, for a tax-deductible contribution of $100 (or more), can be a classroom or program (Art, Music, P.E., Tech Lab, Media Center) adopter. Two or more businesses or families may join together and adopt a class too! Classrooms or programs use the funds for special materials or programs that they would not ordinarily be able to afford. Contact Mrs. Wear, 726-2632, to arrange your adoption!

Register your child today for Spring Break Camp with the YMCA! Camp will be held the week of March 23rd-27th at Forest Ridge Elementary, Pleasant Grove Elementary and Crystal River Primary. Students will swim once during the week at the YMCA in Lecanto! They will also engage in sports, arts and crafts and will be able to get a sneak peak of what summer camp will look like! Care will be from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. each day. Each child will need to bring a lunch, two snacks, change of clothes, towel and a water bottle. Cost is $51 for the week and financial assistance is available to those who qualify. To register, please visit your child’s YMCA program at their school or call 352-500-9622.