

Indian Hills Elementary School

April, 2018 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Indian Hills Families,

PARCC testing begins this month and will run through the middle of May for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. The IHE staff is committed to making this a positive experience for our students with minimal stress. Students will be testing in small groups that are calm and relaxed. They will have snacks, extra recess, and will be helping out in Preschool through 2nd grade classrooms during the times they are not testing.

Here are things you as parents/guardians can do to prepare your children to do their best on standardized tests:

- Don't underestimate your influence on your children. Being interested in what they are doing at school and helping them prepare for tests will certainly have a positive impact on them.
- Make sure your child has eaten well on test days.
- Make sure your child has a good night's rest before the exams. Children need at least 9—11 hours of sleep each night.
- Make the mornings of test days pleasant and stress free.
- Remind your child to dress comfortably.
- **Make attendance a priority.** Don't schedule doctor or dental appointments on testing days.
- Be sure that your child makes it to school on time so that they do not miss instructions and can settle in and relax before the test begins.
- Don't be too anxious about your child's test scores. It is important to let them know that tests should be taken seriously, but it is also important not to increase test-taking anxiety.

Together, we can ensure that our students are able to do their best.

Randy Crisler, Principal

Indian Hills Elementary

721-2900

Principal:

Randy Crisler

School Starts:

7:45 a.m.

Tardy Bell:

7:55 a.m.

Dismissal:

1:15 p.m. (Mondays)

3:15 p.m. (Tuesdays-Fridays)

Important Dates

PARCC testing begins on Tuesday, April 17 and will continue through Friday, May 11. The testing schedule for each grade level is:

3rd Grade

Math— April 17,18,19,20

Reading—April 30; May 1,2

4th Grade

Math—April 24, 25, 26, 27

Reading—May 8, 9,10

5th Grade

Math—April 17,18,19,20

Reading—May 3, 4, 7

Monday, April 23—

Navajo Sovereignty Day,
NO SCHOOL



HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the students who made the Honor Roll in the 3rd quarter. Stop by to see the list of students whose names are on the Honor Roll Wall. It is posted across from the office.

**We LOVE to Read Week
is coming to Indian Hills
May 14-18 with a Family Night
on May 17
More information to follow!**





PRESCHOOL APPLICATION

Please fill out an application in the front office if you are interested in Indian Hills Preschool for your four year old child for the 2018-2019 school year. Your child must be four years old by Aug. 31, 2018. Please turn applications into the office by

Reminder!

Please do not drop your children off at the city playground, (Blue Park) in the morning. There is now a locked gate between the park and the school playground. Children who are dropped off at the Blue Park have no entry onto the school playground. For your children's safety, please drop them off at the playground gate closest to the gym. **Also, please remember that there are no staff members on playground duty until 7:30 a.m. to supervise your children.**

PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

The Community Food Pantry is in need of plastic bags. Please bring them to Mrs. Bertinetti in the Health Office through the end of the school year, and she will make sure the Community Food Pantry gets them.

DONUTS WITH DADS DAY!

All Dads (or a dad substitute) and their preschool children are invited to our classroom on [Friday, April 13 from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.](#) We will have a variety of activities and of course, we will eat donuts (from Glenn's Pastries) together.



SPIRIT DAY

Every Wednesday is Spirit Day at Indian Hills. We want to promote student achievement and encourage a positive school culture for our kids. On Wednesdays in April, we encourage students to:

April 4—Wear grade level colors

April 11—Wacky Wednesday: Sports Day

April 18—Wear grade level colors

April 25—Wacky Wednesday: Mismatch Day



Grade level colors are:

Preschool and Kindergarten— RED	3rd Grade— GREEN
1st Grade— ORANGE	4th Grade— PURPLE
2nd Grade— YELLOW	5th Grade— BLUE

MUSIC NOTES...



UPDATE ON 4th AND 5th GRADE ARTS CRAWL SINGING

Some of our 4th and 5th graders are planning to sing at the Gallup Arts Crawl on Saturday, April 14. This is an optional event, and permission forms have gone out with those who wanted them. Please sign and return the form with your child if he/she wishes to participate. The location is El Morro Events Center, which you enter on Second St. Singing time is 7:15, so please be there at 7:00 p.m. This will be a very brief program, but it is a good experience to sing in public. Thanks for your help, parents!

TALENT SHOW WILL BE MAY 18!

Talent show try-outs will be Thursday, May 3, after school in the gym. The audition forms will be available on Tuesday, April 24. Please help your students choose music that has "clean" language. There are many different talents – please share yours. Performers should be 2nd through 5th graders.

After-school practices will probably be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 8, 10, 15, and 17. We always have a great time at the Talent Show!