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**PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES**
Tuesday, Nov. 21
8:00 AM



**Thanksgiving Break
No School**

Wednesday, Nov. 20 -
Friday, Nov. 24



**PLC
EARLY RELEASE**
Wednesday, Dec. 13
1:30 PM

PALOS HEIGHTS 128 eNEWS



**Monday,
November 27**

Registration/Transportation for the 2018-2019 School Year

Registration for Pre K & K is in person at Indian Hill School on 2/8/18 7:30am - 10:00 and 1:00 - 6:30pm and is ongoing

Registration for Grades 1- 8 opens on 4/9/18 online and will close on June 1, 2018

Registration for Grades 1 – 8 in person at District Office on 8/9/18 7 am – 7 pm

Registration for Grades 1-8 in person at District Office on 8/23/18 1 pm – 5 pm



Bus routes will be finalized on 8/10/18 and new riders will not be added and able to ride until 9/5/18, so if you need transportation PLEASE REGISTER EARLY! We must send the list of riders and addresses to the bus company in order to get students assigned to routes in a timely manner that allows for us to send home bus letters to all riders before the start of the school year. We are waiting to allow all new riders on 9/5/18 so that we can be more accurate in adding in those late registrants to the bus list. We have found that there is too much room for error when we are adding in so many riders right before or right after school starts. We apologize if this is an inconvenience for some, but the safety of our students is of utmost importance.



Independence Jr. High Speech Team



Independence Junior High School Wins at Illinois Elementary School Association State Meet:

Standing up to bullying, questioning what is love, understanding the sacrifice of veterans, and looking at funny scenarios on first dates were among the topics the Independence Junior High School Speech Team presented Saturday, October 28, 2017, during the IESA State Speech Meet held at Homer Junior High School. Three students were awarded Judges' Choice for being the top performances of the meet: Timothy Clancy and Kelly Steven received Judges Choice for poetry and Celestia Martinez for Storytelling. The top first place finishers, who received Division 1 Titles, include the following students:

- Aidan Foertsch & Joe Cinkus : Duet
- Joe Cinkus & Rich Cinkus: Duet
- Shea Fitzgerald & Gordy Stroobosscher: Duet
- Margaret Klingner & Emma Riley: Duet
- Ella Correl & Maragaret Gleason: Duet
- Margaret Gleason: Solo Acting
- Margaret Klingner: Poetry
- Emma Riley: Poetry
- Sabirah Taiwo: Poetry
- Elizabeth Lappano: Poetry
- Gordy Stroobosscher: Poetry
- Joe Cinkus: Impromptu Speaking
- Elizabeth Lappano: Original Story
- Shea Fitzgerald: Original Story
- Sibirah Taiwo: Original Story
- Aidan Foertsch: Impromptu Speaking
- Timothy Clancy: Impromptu Speaking
- Clancy, Foertsch, Lappano, Martinez & Stroobosscher: Team Improv

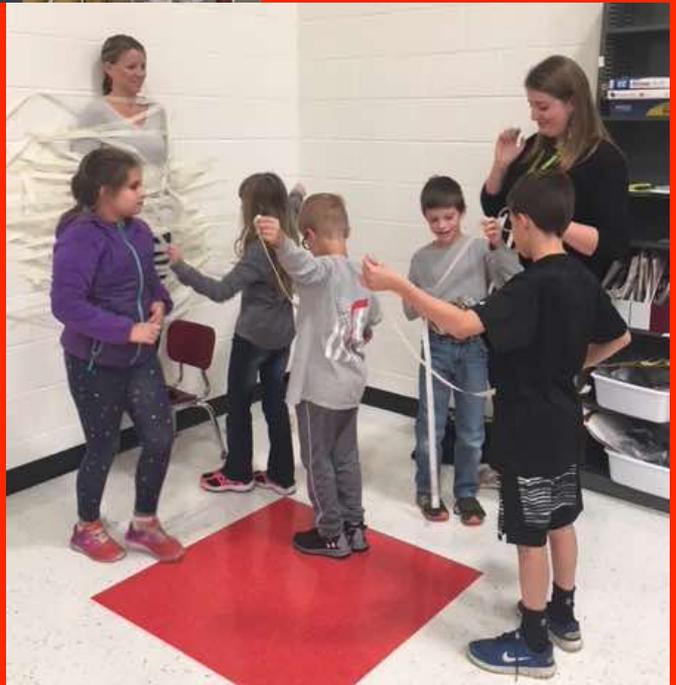
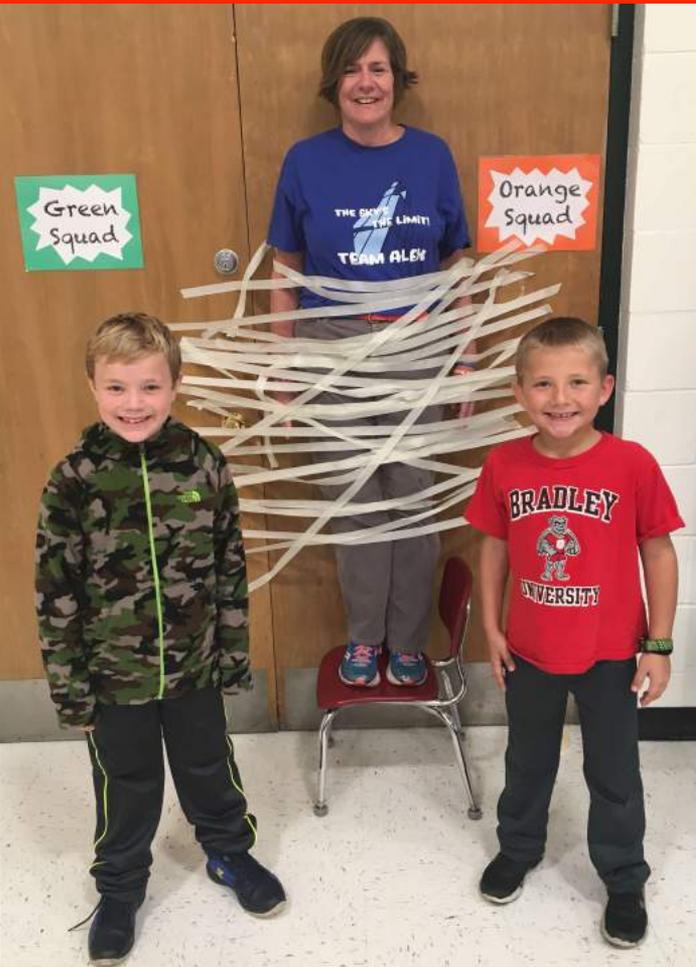
Independence Jr. High Speech Team



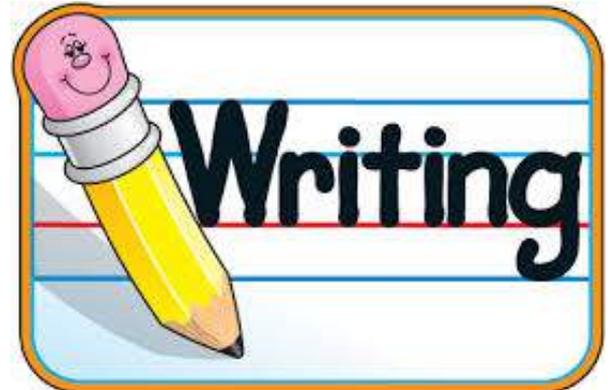
Some of these students took a Division I rating at state competition in October



Willis Tower Stair Climb



6th Grade Writers



A fun activity where each table had a picture, and they had to start writing a story about that picture. After several minutes, the students would switch tables and then they would have to continue the story that another student had started.

All About Me Gazette
All the stuff that's fun to learn about me!
Special Back-to-School Edition Volume 916

Extra! Extra! Read All About Kaya!

Selfie Makes Headlines
I took this selfie in my favorite place. Let me tell you about it.
My favorite place is My room

Favorite Subjects Lead the News
My favorite subjects are Reading

Blog Reveals Favorite Things to Do
My favorite things to do are Gymnastics, Reading and Singing.

Book Wows Crowds
My favorite book is Wonder

And here is why...
In good art and it's fun.

Student Admits to Being a Super Foodie
My absolute favorite food is Pizza and chicken strips.

Local Student Excels
Something I do very well is Reading, sing, and do gymnastics.

Photograph Reveals Future Plans
Teacher!

Birthday Celebration Noted By All
My birthday is August 4th.

Amazing School Year Planned
This year I plan to practice math.

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Extra! Extra! Read All About Meredith!

Selfie Makes Headlines
I took this selfie in my favorite place. Let me tell you about it.
The reason why I like My living room is because you get to sleep.

Favorite Subjects Lead the News
My favorite subjects are Writing, Reading, Math, Gym, Music.

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My favorite book is Shopkins

And here is why...
because they are fun.

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My absolute favorite food is Donuts, Pezzia, and fruit.

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Something I do very well is basketball.

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My birthday is July 17, 2008.

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This year I plan to do good in the class room and on math.

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4th Grade
Read All About Me



DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The December 13th School Board Meeting will be held at IJHS at 7:00 pm in the Library Commons



Indian Hill News...

Preschool Screening January 22 - call Indian Hill stating January 8th to schedule an appointment

Registration for Preschool and Kindergarten for 2018-2019 school year is February 8th from 7:30 - 10:00 am and 1- 6:30 pm at Indian Hill gym.

District 128 Board of Education



Dr. Michael Lynch, President



Mrs. Mary Pat Touhy, VP



Mrs. Kathy Lachowicz, Secretary

- √ 30 year resident of Palos Heights
- √ Single parent of 2002 alumni (Ashley)
- √ Works at Shepard High School as a Para Professional
- √ Board of Education member since 2000
- √ President of homeowners association,
- √ Treasurer of League of Women Voters
- √ Coordinator of spring craft show at Shepard
- √ Past member of CHSD218 Foundation



Dr. Richard Facko

- √ Married to Cassie; Father of three children
- √ Two in the district and a toddler at home
- √ Resident of Palos Heights since 1986
- √ Small business owner in Palos Heights
- √ Board member since April 2017



Mrs. Amy Lyons

- √ Married to Tom since 1997
- √ Mom to 5 daughters
- √ Moved to Palos Heights in 2004
- √ Kids in District 128 since 2005, continuing through 2026
- √ B.S. in the Teaching of English
- √ M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction



Mr. William Grady

- √ Resident of Palos Heights since 2005
- √ Two boys in the District (7th and 5th grade)
- √ Accounting degree with CPA



Mrs. Kristin Restivo

- √ Resident of Palos Heights since 2008
- √ Two children currently in district (3rd & 4th grade)
- √ Serves on Early Childhood, Transportation, & Strategic Plan Committees
- √ B.A. in Elementary Education
- √ M.A. in Teaching & Leadership
- √ Preschool teacher at Palos Heights Parks & Recreation
- √ Board member since November 2016

Leadership and learning go hand-in-hand

November 15 will mark the ninth official statewide observance of School Board Members Day in Illinois. This is an opportunity for the district and community to thank school board members for their commitment in providing a local governance voice for your education decisions.

Board members must be tuned in to the voices of their community. They craft a vision, mission, and goals to accurately reflect the desires expressed by parents and residents. They take their positions seriously and view their roles as a way to create opportunities for all students to succeed.

When it comes to public service school board members are some of the most selfless volunteers around. They are your coworkers, neighbors, parents, and everything in between. They are also the front-line advocates fighting for quality education for every child. They serve without the expectation of a paycheck in a position where they act as guardians of the community's tax dollars and its most precious resource-the children.

School board members do more than just attend meetings; they devote a significant amount of their own personal time to the district. They attend extracurricular events to support schools. They participate in professional development opportunities to learn how to become better leaders. They are often involved in other local events, representing themselves, their community, and their district. Many of these activities take them away from time that could be spent with their own family. They sacrifice in order to create a better future for the students they represent.

Some people are quick to criticize school board members without understanding the details that went into the decision-making process. As a result, the efforts of the local board of education often go unrecognized and unrewarded.

Quality education opportunities are one of the largest drivers of successful communities. High quality public schools directly equate to a thriving local economy and a growing community. The leadership exemplified by board members directly impacts the school district, students, and parents, but it touches the lives of nearly every resident in one way or another.

November 15, 2017 has been designated as School Board Members Day in Illinois. Leadership for our community and our schools begins with the tireless work of the local board of education. Help us join with others from throughout Illinois recognizing their efforts.



Santa's Secret Shop[®]
is coming to our School!



"Where Wishes Come True..."

Dear Parents,

We are inviting you and your child to participate in the upcoming "Santa's Secret Shop[®]" program at our school. This program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends. The "Santa's Secret Shop[®]" program will be set up at the school and supervised by our parent volunteers. They will help the children pick that perfect gift for the price they want... in a familiar, comfortable atmosphere.

We believe this program will create wonderful memories for the children while teaching them to budget their money and make their own decisions. There will be a large variety of gifts in different price ranges to choose from. Imagine the fun they will have surprising a loved one with a "secret" gift they bought... all by themselves!

We welcome you to be part of this great experience. A "money control" envelope is provided for you to help them decide who they should buy gifts for and how much they should spend. You can even suggest ways that your child can earn extra shopping money.



Parents &
Faculty Scan
From Any
Smart Phone
To See A
Santa's
Secret Shop
In Action

WWW.FUNSERVICES.COM

Hey Kids,



Santa is coming to town!!!

Please join us for
Santa's Secret Shop

and an evening of fun Holiday cheer!

Come shop for your parents, grandparents and anyone special.
Visit with Santa, enjoy hot chocolate, desserts and make fun crafts.

**Thursday December 7th
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Independence Junior High**

- Pictures with Santa .. \$5
- Hot Cocoa Bar..... \$1
- Sweet Treats..... \$1
- Holiday Craft..... \$2

*Write Letters to Santa
while you're there!*

**All gifts are under \$11.
Santa's Secret Shop is Cash only.**



Ms. Bunnell and Ms. Boulukos took the **Patriot Environmental and Outdoor Adventure Club** to Brooklyn Boulders to boulder and climb on November 11th! We did some team building games and learned about bouldering on the wall and climbing with the help of the B.B. staff and Ms. B. belaying them. They all did amazing on those walls!





**Patriot Environmental
and Outdoor Adventure**

