A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school. It’s exciting to be back and the entire staff has worked together planning a great year for your students. This letter will be the first of many monthly newsletters coming your way with information about our school, upcoming events, Parent Teacher Club, and so much more.

Now, I would like to cover an important topic; bullying/harassment. We at Ishi Hills Middle School District know students can achieve their full potential only when they feel safe, secure, and supported. As a result, one of the cornerstones of our schools policies is a commitment to preventing and addressing bullying behaviors.

Bullying behavior may include, but is not necessarily limited to:
- Teasing
- Exclusion
- Damage of personal property
- Physical bullying
- Cyberbullying
- Harassment
- Severe physical bullying
- Threats of serious violence.

We urge you to take time to speak about this very important issue with your students, so they can be clear that bullying others is not all innocent behavior and that it can have devastating consequences to both its perpetrators and victims. Please discuss what it means to be a bystander, and empower them to take a stand when witnessing cruel behavior.

Students and/or parents may report bullying at any time to any school staff member. Students and parents may also report bullying by placing a written report in the school bully boxes. Our bullying/harassment policy can be reviewed in our parent/student handbook on page 18. Please stop by the office anytime with concerns, complaints or just to say hello.

Chris Renzullo
Principal, Ishi Hills Middle School

Message from the Office

If you have a new address, phone number, or any new contact numbers, please call the office to update your information. It’s VERY important to have correct information on file in case of an emergency to ensure medical service won’t be delayed.

A “NOTE” FROM THE ATTENDANCE DESK

We welcome all of our students and their families to Ishi Middle Hills School for the 2016-2017 school year! It is important that your student arrive to school on time each day.

School begins at 8:25 a.m. Students arriving later than 8:25 a.m. will be marked tardy. Health notes from the student’s doctor, dentist or counselor will be required to excuse student health appointments. It’s important for students to be prompt to all classes during the day: classroom tardies are recorded and will result in a detention after three offenses. If your child is absent please call the office at 532-3078, extension 201 to leave a message with our Attendance Clerk, Mrs. Collins. Please note the following attendance policy for excusing absences:

*Changes to absences must be made within five (5) school days according to AR5113(b). After this time elapses, the absence will remain unexcused.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 13th 7/8th Grade Washington DC trip Meeting
- Sept. 13th PTC Meeting
- Sept. 13th Minimum Day/Early Release 1:15 p.m.
- Sept. 22nd Make-up picture day.
- Sept. 27th Minimum Day/Early Release 1:15 p.m.
Breakfast Is Served
Ishi Hills School has a breakfast program. Meal prices are $1.50 for 6th graders and $1.65 for 7th/8th graders. Serving begins daily at 8:05-8:22 a.m. Please note that this is the earliest time students may arrive on campus; no supervision prior to that time. Meal prices for lunch 6th graders $2.50, and 7th/8th $2.75.

7th and 8th graders have instruments assigned and have a great start. Most still need to get books. The Advanced Band is reviewing some basics but in doing so are showing me they are ready to move on to more challenging music. I am so honored to be their instructor.

If you are not receiving our Advanced Band newsletter/upDATES please email me. Mr. Wolcott rwolcott@ocesd.net

6th grade band starts this Monday, September 27th. They should bring their completed band contract to band 8th period. Instruments will be assigned but won't go home until I see the class is doing everything safely and each student passes a rules test.

Ron Wolcott
Music Teacher
Oroville City Elementary School District
rwolcott@ocesd.net

Welcome back Ishi Parents, Guardians and Students!
As you probably know by now students are being issued textbooks and checking out library books. Library books can be kept for up to two weeks and text books for the duration of the year. I would like to remind you that all books must be returned and/or all fees must be paid by the end of the year in order for students to participate in our awesome end of the year activities as well as receive their yearbook.

We will be hosting a fall and spring Book Fair this year so please keep an eye out for upcoming announcements.
Last spring we were able to add 64 new titles to our library thanks to the support of our Ishi families.

This year we will be featuring an Ishi Student art gallery in our library. If your student has any artwork they would like to have displayed, please have them bring their pieces by during our normal library hours listed below:

Monday- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Tuesday- 11:00 am - 2:30 pm
Wednesday- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday- 11:00 am - 2:30 pm
Friday- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Cheers to a great 2018/2019 school year!

Mrs. Wilson
Library Aide
(530) 532-3078 ext. 133

CELL PHONE AND ELECTRONICS
Please be aware that ALL cell phones are to be turned off and put away in backpacks while students are on campus. Students may use their phones when school gets out at 2:30 p.m. Other electronics (iPods, CD players, etc.) are not allowed on campus. If phones or electronics are noticed out of backpacks, they will be confiscated until the end of the day when a parent is required to come to the office to retrieve the item. If you need to get a hold of your student during school, call the office and we will have your message delivered. Messages regarding after school transportation should be called in before 2:00 p.m.

After School Programs
DOES YOUR STUDENT NEED HOMEWORK HELP? THEY CAN ADD A FUN ACTIVITY TO THE END OF THEIR DAY! HAVE YOUR CHILD SIGN UP FOR THE ISHI HILLS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM. ALL AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS ARE RUN THROUGH THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

**With a sad heart ASP is short staffed so at this time we will only be doing Volleyball. No Flag Football.**

Volleyball practice started on Monday Aug. 27th after homework hour from 4pm-5:30pm.

Anyone that is interested in being a coach please contact me.

CONTACT BARBARA CLARK: 530-712-5237 OR PICK UP A PACKET IN THE ISHI HILLS OFFICE.

Ishi collects the BOX TOPS FOR SUCCESS and Campbell’s LABEL’S FOR EDUCATION. Share this message with family and neighbors for your schools success. We are collecting them all year in B-1 or the office.

~ISHI SHIRTS ON SALE NOW~
Show your Cougar Spirit with a Cougar T-Shirt for $10, Hooded Sweatshirt $20 or Zip Up Hooded Sweatshirt $25.
They come in black, green or tan. Come by the office and check out all of the choices of designs.

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https://goo.gl/aJ6mqA

Note: you must have a Facebook account to access.