

TIGER tales

A Newsletter for the Tigers of Illesheim Elementary School.

IES 9/11 Remembrance

Early Tuesday morning on September 11, students and parents gathered in the IES gym to receive hand held American flags and began the events leading up to the Remembrance Walk. Once outside the school, Boy Scouts raised and lowered the American flag in honor of the victims and families affected by the tragedy on September 11, 2001. The entire student body, staff members, and families stood around the flag and participated in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance followed by singing the Star Spangled Banner and My Country Tis of Thee.



All who were assembled around the flag quietly turned and began the annual Remembrance Walk around the circle of the housing complex. Parents and staff walked alongside students marking this somber occasion. Once around the circle, students and parents put their small flags into the ground outside IES and stood for a moment of silence.

The morning events led to classroom activities where some students reflected on the meaning of participating in the Remembrance Walk and others discussed and wrote about various ways they could continue to show service individually, with their class, or their families.

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Tiger School Goals

To become better writers and problem solvers.



3rd Grade uses Music to become better writers.

Mrs. D. 3rd grade class composed a catchy new song to an old familiar melody. Students used the song to help them remember the types of sentences and punctuations. Mrs. D. said that the students were very excited about their song and couldn't wait to share it with the school.

Kinds of Sentences

(Tune: Hokey Pokey)

You put your statement in,
You take your fragment out,
You put a period in
And you write it all around.....

Ref: You check your subject and
You check for predicate, too
That's what its all about.
Writing Sentences!

You put your question in,
You take your fragment out,
Put a question mark,
and you write it all around....



Personal Space Camp

The first week of school, all kindergarteners had an opportunity to attend personal space camp!

This event was based on the book Personal Space Camp by Julia Cook. The students were read the book earlier in the week. In this story the main character, Louis, has difficulty maintaining his personal space so his teacher sends him to personal space camp with the Principal. In space camp Louis has the opportunity to participate in many activities that help him increase his awareness of his own personal space as well as respecting other's personal space.

At the end of the week we held a "Personal Space Camp" for the kindergarteners to attend. There were six stations they rotated through. At each station there was an activity for children to practice what it looks and feels like to have your own personal space and what it looks and feels like when others are in your personal space. It was a great way for them to increase their awareness of their personal space!



Tiger Spotlight

Constitution Day



Ms. G.'s 5th grade class participated in a variety of activities to recognize Constitution Day, specifically the Bill of Rights, as well as learning what responsibilities citizens of the United States have. They kicked off the first week of school by reading about the "Land of Cantdo". The citizens of Cantdo had none of the rights guaranteed U.S. citizens. The students quickly learned the significance of our Bill of Rights, such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion. The students were asked to reflect on and write about what right they felt was most important to them.



Mr. G. N., a native of Romania, spoke to the class about his personal experiences growing up in a society that did not grant its citizens the personal rights that we take for granted, such as the freedom of speech, assembly and the press. The class also took daily "Citizenship Tests", 5 questions daily taken from the 100 question test that potential citizens must study. What an eye opener! We all decided that we were VERY lucky to be born as citizens of the U.S. As a culminating activity, the class created their own classroom Bill of Rights, as well as Responsibilities.

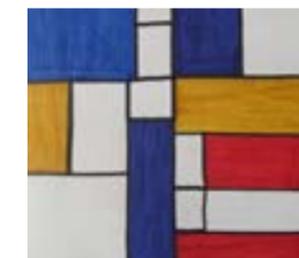
Tiger Art



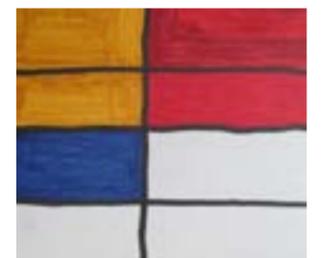
Artist: M. K.



Artist: B. C.



Artist: N. F.



Artist: J. M.

Showcased art is from an artist study of Piet Mondrian.



Artist: E. D.



Artist: T. B.



Artist: D. R.

Showcased art is from an artist study of Wassily Kandinsky.

Tiger Clubs

Fitness Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 1430-1530
Place: Gym
Grades: 4-6
POC: Mrs. W.
Start Date: October 18

Book Club

Day: Monday
Time: 1430-1530
Place: Room 128
Grades: 4-6
POC: Mrs. L. &
Ms. H.
Start Date: TBA

Ukulele Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 1430-1530
Place: Music Room
Grades: 2-4
POC: Mrs. U.
Start Date: October 11

Homework Club

Day: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Time: 1430-1530
Place: Room 207
Grades: 4-6
POC: Mrs. R.
Start Date: October 15

Spanish Club

Day: Monday, Thursday
Time: 1430-1530
Place: Room 112
Grades: 1-3
POC: Mrs. D.
Start Date: October 3

German Club

Day: Monday
Time: 1430-1530
Place: Room 112
Grades: K-3
POC: Mrs. W.
Start Date: November 26

All Students MUST have parental permission to stay after school for ALL clubs. Each clubs will have a permission slip that needs to be filled out and returned to the club sponsor.



PTSA

Parent~Teacher~Student Association



Your Illesheim Elementary PTSA has kicked off the year right! We want to thank all of you that have joined and we look forward to the others that have not had a chance yet.

Our Taco Dinner at Open House was a huge success. We couldn't have done it without all our volunteers though. Thank you to all of you that helped. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize our Volunteer of the Month: Tara Duplessie, your PTSA Vice President. Tara planned, executed and successfully hosted the taco dinner with her team. Thank you Tara for all you do for IES.



We have many great events coming up this fall. We have provided the funds for your child to use BrainPop this school year. We will have individual and class photos on September 26th. In addition, we will be doing baked goods by donation at the Hoedown on Oct 10th. We have Spirit Wear on it's way hopefully for sales on this evening too. Box Tops be collected all year as well. The first deadline will be November 1st. Which class will send in the most?

We have a new program planned for the students on November 27th, Niall. Recognized for the diversity of his stories and with an ability to reach all ages; Niall is a familiar figure to many Irish children through his innovative school programs. His "Storytelling As A Tool Of Education" workshops are highly recommended by educators. In May 2002 he received a Medal Of Excellence from the Heidleberg school district in Germany for his work with young authors.

Then we will be offering the annual PTSA Holiday Store again in December. Be on the look out for more information on each.

You can reach us at illesheimelementaryptsa@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Illesheim Elementary PTSA. We would love to have you join us and help make a difference in the lives of our IES children together.

S. Murphy & T. Duplessie



Photos by K. McCormick

Paw Prints

Ms. W., Information Specialist



All classes, except Sure Start, have begun coming to the school library/information center for several weeks now. Please ensure that your child brings his/her book(s) back on or before their day to come to the library. Students also have an opportunity to come to the library alone or with a small group, when the teacher allows for book returns and checkouts. Please let me know ASAP when a book has been lost or damaged.

The books below are new to our library and available for parents or their children to checkout.

I Miss You!

A military kid's book about deployment by Beth Andrews (for school age children)

I'm a Hero Too

by Jenny Sokol (an Everybody book)

Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops

by Jill Biden
(written by VP Biden's wife about their son's family, who dealt with his deployment to Afghanistan) m(an Everybody book)

My Hero: Military kids write about their moms and dads edited

by Allen Appel and Mike Rothmiller
(letters written by children whose parents serve in the military) (intermediate grades and up)

Home Again

by Dorinda Silver Williams (Everybody board book)

Over There

by Dorinda Silver Williams (Everybody board book)

Being Part of a Military Family

by Joyce Hart (frequently asked questions for kids)

Off to War: voices of soldiers' children

by Deborah Ellis (intermediate grades and up)

Tiger Help

How to help my child become a better writer.

Suggestions for Extending Writing at Home...

- Play vocabulary games with your child at home over dinner, during bath time, or while you're in the car. This will help expand your child's vocabulary and allow them to have a variety of word choices when they are writing.
- Allow your child to write for real-world purposes. Have them write the daily dinner menu, make grocery lists, make cards, or write letters to family members who live far away. Encourage your child to keep a journal at home to write about trips you take, feelings they have, new topics they are learning about, or creative stories they are thinking about. All of these activities will show your child the importance of writing outside of the school setting.
- Reading and writing go hand in hand. As you read to your child, or as they read to you, talk about what makes the story interesting, note ways the author grabbed the reader's attention, and how the book is organized. As you explore and discuss ways real authors write books, your child can begin to explore using these strategies in their own writing.



Third grade teacher, Mrs. S. offers some helpful ideas for parents to help their child improve their writing skills. (to the left)

Tiger Fit



The PACER stands for Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run. It is run at 20 meter distances from one side of the gym to the other. Every minute the tempo increases. 80 laps equals one mile. The progressive pace makes it more difficult to run than a normal paced one mile run. J. C.(83laps) and Z. K. (62 laps) were the leader PACER runners for the month of September.

Tiger Health

Ms. W., School Nurse



I am very excited to be the "new" nurse here at Illesheim Elementary. But, really, I am not a "new" nurse. I am not "new" to USAG Ansbach, either, so many of you may think I look familiar.

I grew up in the low country of South Carolina, and still call it home. I graduated from Clemson University with a degree in Nursing. I have been a registered nurse for 22 years. My specialty is pediatrics. I have worked with children with chronic health conditions, as well as in Pediatric Intensive Care.

Previously in the community, I worked with the New Parent Support Program, so if you see me trying to hold the baby siblings who come into the school, you will understand!

I have been a school nurse in the past, and I am very happy to have this opportunity to work at Illesheim Elementary. I hope to get to know you and your children soon and I want you to know I am here to address any issues which may impede your child's health. A healthy child is a child who is ready to concentrate on learning!

Cub Corner

Mrs. M., PSCD



Child Find Screening for Children Three to Five Years of Age

October 16th, 2012 0830-Noon.

Illesheim Elementary School

What is Preschool Child Find screening?

Preschool Child Find is a developmental screening for children ages 3 to 5 to assist with identifying children with developmental delay(s) or other special education needs.

(For children under 3 years please contact EDIS at 09662-83-3221.)

There is no cost for this service.

Why screen and evaluate preschool children?

When learning challenges are identified at a young age, early intervention can help the child with learning tasks.

What to watch for...

Children who are showing difficulties with any of the following areas may have a learning challenge. Watch for difficulties with:

speaking/understanding

learning basic concepts

vision

hearing

hearing

walking/running

self-help skills

behavior/social skills

manipulating small objects/drawing

How to schedule a screening:

Contact Illesheim Elementary to

schedule an appt.

Tiger Care

Ms. L., School Counselor



October is National Bully Prevention Month

In April 2012 all the Ansbach Complex School Administrators and USAG Command created a USAG Ansbach Anti-Bullying Policy. This policy can be found on the Illesheim School website.

On Wednesday, September 26th, I had the opportunity to hear an internationally recognized expert in the field of bullying speak. Her name is Dr. Michele Borba. She is a dynamic speaker with a wealth of knowledge to share. I plan to implement many of her ideas into my counseling lessons to help students understand what bullying is and how to stop it. I would like to share an excerpt of one of Dr Borba's blog titled "12 Ways to Find Out if Your Child is Bullied and How to Help."

Your first step to helping your child is to understand the definition of bullying. Bullying is not the same as teasing (which is common and to be expected amongst kids and adults). Teasing can be friendly or unfriendly, but it is still amongst two peers who are on an "equal playing field." Teasing is also not taunting or emotional abuse. Bullying is about a higher level of threat and abuse.

Bullying is always intentional, mean-spirited, rarely happens only once and there is always a power imbalance.

(<http://www.micheleborba.com/blog/2012/09/10/what-to-do-if-your-child-is-bullied/>)

I highly recommend checking out the rest of this blog on Dr. Borba's website as well as all the great resources she has provided.

Tiger PRIDE

Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, Respect

Soldier Care Boxes

Sometimes a remark in passing can lead to very BIG results

"There are remarks that sow and remarks that reap."
(Ludwig Wittgenstein)

The idea that it takes just a casual remark, perhaps one in passing, which could then lead to big results is amazing. This very thing happened here!

At a routine parent conference SGT and Mrs. Elias Gonzalez mentioned that it is difficult for soldiers to receive care packages down range after the winter's harsh weather sets in. Three teachers looked at each other and said, "We can help with that!" and with this the "Soldier Care Packages" project was launched at Illesheim Elementary.

Teachers, staff members, students, and parents have donated hundreds of items, such as laundry detergent, shampoo, ramen noodles and pancake mix, which are all given to lend support to our soldiers down range. "The school is a vital part of this community and we are honored to show our support in this way." stated Lynn Hagihara, who is spearheading the project.

So far the school has collected approximately 500 pounds of personal supply items and comfort snacks. Included in the boxes are letters from the Illesheim students voicing their pride and offering support and encouragement. The collections will continue until October 12.



Mrs. Griffin
School Principal



A Message from Mrs. Griffin

Welcome to returning families and our new families at Illesheim Elementary School. I hope everyone had time to rest this past summer and enjoy your families. I was fortunate enough to have my family visit and I had a wonderful time spoiling my granddaughter. Summer went by fast but now we are back in the learning mode.

So far we have had the Remembrance Walk on September 11th and I want to Thank our families and Community Members who joined us for this tribute. Our next event is the Hoedown on October 10th. Please pass the word and come out for some fun with the students.

I want to introduce our School Advisory committee for School Year 2012/13 they are as follows: Mr. Jose' Rodriguez, Sgt. Terrence Lucas, Mrs. Lyndsay Hall, and Ms Kristin Liebelt. Our first meeting will take place the last Thursday of this month. Please watch for the flyer.

Each day a parent Daily Bulletin is sent out electronically. Important dates are posted in the DB as well as the menu for student lunches.

School dismisses at 2:15 each day. Parents are asked to send notes with their children if there is a change in the daily schedule. If there is an emergency and your plans change please call the school before 2:00 so we can ensure that students receive the message regarding any changes.

The staff and I are looking forward to working with our families and I want to extend an invitation inviting everyone to come and volunteer in the school. We have great activities and we want to be involved in your child/children's learning.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the school at 09841-83-4631. I am always available for parents.