



Independence CHARTER SCHOOL

December 2, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is December, and for Independence Charter, that means International Human Rights Day (IHRD) is around the corner. A commemoration of IHRD is an important aspect of our global education mission. Becoming a global citizen includes being aware of our universal human rights as they apply here in our every day world and as that applies to our global neighbors. After all, ICS is preparing “global citizens” who will be leaders. We want our “citizens” to understand the impact they can have on the lives of others.

The majority of ICS students will be observing IHRD on Friday, December 9th (with the exception of 1st grade which will be observing on Monday, December 12th as they have a pre-scheduled field trip on the 9th). This year, the ICS staff has prepared for the day with unique activities that will help students better understand universal human rights. In addition, each grade level will also be viewing a full-length film that will be followed by focused discussions that connect the film to human rights. The films have been chosen by the staff and previewed for content and age appropriateness. You will see the list of films below. You may want to have a discussion with your child about the film. All of these films are available through rentals. You should also know, that for the month of February, and in celebration of our 10 year anniversary, we plan to have a few international movie nights for families during which time you will be able to attend with your family to view films and discuss them. Please keep an eye out for those notices.

I am sure you have also noticed that in the month of December we are asking students to share their “wealth” with those less fortunate by bringing in a canned good (to a local family in need), donating a quarter (to send honeybees through Heifer) and to donate a toy for the toy drive. We appreciate your help with this.

Sincerely,

Jurate Krokys, CEO

2011 Human Rights Day Films

- K - [The Ant Bully](#)
- 1 - [How to Train Your Dragon](#)
- 2 - [Ruby Bridges](#)
- 3 - [Paper Clips](#)
- 4 - [Rabbit Proof Fence](#)
- 5 - [To Kill a Mockingbird](#)
- 6 - [War Dance](#)
- 7 - [Persepolis](#)
- 8 - [American Violet](#)

