

The ICS Link

A monthly newsletter for families at Independence Charter School

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Charter Schools in the News

You may have noticed a recent rash of articles in the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Daily News that focused on problems connected with two charter school operators. The problems in question had to do with salaries of CEOs, the operation of the Board of Trustees, parent accessibility to information, and the lack of a forum for parents to express concerns and discontent. We would like to assure our ICS parents of the following:

- Each charter school operates as an independent kind of mini-school district. Therefore, we are not connected in any way to any of the specific problems as stated in the paper.
- The salaries of our administrative staff, teaching staff and support staff are very typical for most charter schools in Philadelphia. Our CEO/Principal earns only one salary, and she dedicates 100% of her professional time to ICS. We pay several consultants reasonable rates for the important services they provide.
- Our Board of Trustees operates in a most transparent fashion. Meetings are public and monthly with an agenda posted in advance. There is a public comment period during each Board meeting. Parents are urged and invited to attend these Board meetings the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. The next one will be on June 11th at 7pm.
- Two seats on the Board are reserved for ICS parents. These seats are filled by parents elected by other parents from the ICS family community.
- Parents may join Board committees. There are additional forums for voicing opinions, concerns, and to propose ideas: the PTA, the annual survey, the Board meeting, and by reaching any one of the ICS administrators via phone or email.
- ICS undergoes a yearly independent audit in all matters financial and in regard to personnel. ICS has always had a clear audit. Indeed, we would not have qualified for the public bond financing we secured for the purchase and renovation of the new building if there had been any question regarding the financial stability of and financial procedures employed at ICS.

So, please feel welcome and do attend a Board meeting. If you do have any questions, do not hesitate to write or call. See the ICS website at www.independencecharter.org for email addresses.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Baehr, ICS Board President

Jurate Krokys, Principal/CEO

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Welcome to the new ICS Principal!

Principal Jurate has led ICS both as Principal and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) for seven years. As Principal her responsibilities have ranged from curriculum, teacher support, hiring and discipline to special projects, such as the Principal's Challenge, the National Geographic Bee and the International Festival. As Chief Executive Officer, she has been responsible for the financial, federal, state and city paperwork, for grants, and for reporting to the Board Committees and the Board of Trustees. Recently, this job has included a growing need for fundraising and development. ICS is now ready to split these roles and assign them to two individuals. Principal Jurate will move up to the role of Chief Executive Officer expanding her role in development and fundraising, but still responsible for the entire staff, the educational program and the general well-being and safety of the children. She will be the Big Chief. We are trying to figure out what the kids will call her. She thinks that Grand Fromage or Chief Jurate might work well!

To the role of Principal we welcome with applause Stephanie Bungard. Stephanie is a well-seasoned teacher, supervisor and Director of Curriculum and Instruction with over 16 years in education. She hails most recently from Mariana Bracetti Charter School, although she has worked in New York State as well. Principal Stephanie was chosen through a careful process that included multiple interviews, an extensive reference check and questioning by a panel of ICS stakeholders including Board Members, teachers, and parents. ICS will get to meet Principal Stephanie in the coming months as she takes the helm. Let us give her a warm welcome!

I.C.S. BULLETIN BOARD

Upcoming May Events

- 6/10– Field Day Grades K, 1, & 2**
- 6/11– Field Day Grades 3, 4, & 5**
- 6/11– Board of Trustees Mtg. 7PM**
- 6/12– Field Day Grades 6, 7, & 8**
- 6/16– 8th Grade Graduation
2:00PM**
- 6/17– Kindergarten Graduation
10AM**
- 6/18– Last Day for Students**

Parents of K-7th Graders: Is your child transferring?

If for any reason your child will not be returning to ICS next year, please contact Tr. Megan via e-mail at: megans@independencecharter.org or by phone at 215-238-8000 extension 2292. This will ensure that we can have a copy of your child's records available for you to pick up at the end of the school year, and will help us to plan for the new school year.

MOVIN' ON UP: 5th and 6th Grade Orientation

Current 4th and 5th graders have been visiting 5th and 6th grade classrooms this week. Each student has been assigned a host student who they shadow so they can get an idea of what classes will be like next year. New schedules and multiple teachers can sometimes be overwhelming so we thought we'd try this out to help familiarize the students with what to expect for next year. Reports have been favorable

Independence Charter School 2008-2009 Calendar

The school day will begin at 8:30a.m. and will end at 3:30p.m.

DATE	Early Dismissal (2:30p.m. EVERY Wednesday, starting on 9/24/08)
Mon 9/15	First Day of School for 1 st -8 th Graders
Wed 9/17	First Day of School for Kindergartners
Thur 10/9	School Closed: Yom Kippur
Mon 10/13	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
Tue 11/11	School Closed: Veterans' Day
Thur 11/27-Fri 11/28	School Closed: Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon 12/22	Report Card Day (No school for students)
Tue 12/23	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
Wed 12/24-Fri 1/2	Winter Break
Mon 1/19	School Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Mon 2/16	School Closed: Presidents' Day Holiday
Thur 3/18	Report Card Day (No school for students)
Fri 3/19	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
Mon 4/6-Fri 4/10	Spring Break
*Sat 5/2	School day for 6 th -8 th Grade (if needed)
Mon 5/25	School Closed: Memorial Day Holiday
*Sat 6/6	School day for 6 th -8 th Grade (if needed)
Fri 6/19	Last Day for Students

***NOTE:** Two Saturdays have been added for 6th-8th Graders in case of snow days or other emergency days; these extra days (hours) would be necessary to meet the required number of hours for 6th-8th graders in charter schools.

Don't miss out on ICS information----make sure that you've signed up for the ICSinfo and ICScommunity e-mail lists!

In order to have quick communication with as many ICS families as possible, please make sure to sign up for the ICSinfo and ICScommunity e-mail lists today! The ICSinfo list will send you official ICS information (i.e., reminders about school events, notices about early dismissals, etc); the ICScommunity list is used to share all kinds of information with the ICS community (i.e., families starting carpools, sharing information about summer camps and after school programs, etc.).

It's very easy to sign up:

simply send a message to icsinfo-subscribe@yahoogroups.com for the ICSinfo list and a separate e-mail to icscommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com for the ICScommunity list. After you send the message(s) you'll receive a reply, asking you to confirm that you want to join the list. All you need to do is reply to that message and you'll be signed up!

The kindergarten village enjoyed a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo. We were presented with a lesson on animals in our neighborhoods and also had time to play in the treehouse. The entire Kindergarten village would like to thank Maestra Ronith for all her help preparing us for the amazing international festival as well as our upcoming graduation. As we are finishing up our language arts and math lessons we are also working hard preparing for graduation. We hope to see all our friends and families on Tuesday, June 17th at 10am. We have worked very hard this year learning new things and are ready for first grade!



Kindergarten



The first graders were very busy planning the international festival this past month. We showed off our country study of the Dominican Republic. Our first grade classrooms were turned into a Caribbean paradise as we shared plantains, music, and fun with all. We are very proud to be completing our math units in money, measurement, and probability. We are reading and writing fantastic stories. We look forward to field day and are excited about the end of the year. Stay tuned for special events to celebrate this exciting year of so many accomplishments.

Grade 1

The second grade teachers would first like to express their tremendous gratitude and thanks to all of the families of our students who have supported us this year! Thank you for your help with the Mercado de Frutas, chaperoning field trips, donating and pitching in at the International Festival, and volunteering your time for special classroom celebrations and projects. We honestly couldn't have done it without you! The last few weeks have been action packed with a successful International Festival where our students did an amazing job teaching other ICS students about Chile! We had a spectacular trip to see the Mayhem Poets and the Andes Manta group. We split our sides with laughter and warmed our hearts with beautiful music. Coming up for the second grade is our annual Field Day on June 10th at Palumbo Playground and our last two Mercado de Frutas! Please keep a special eye out for the date of your child's classroom awards ceremony in June! Have a safe and peaceful summer and we'll see you next year! We are so proud of all of our students' hard work and dedication this year! Read, read, read this summer and get started on those multiplication tables!



Grade 2

The third grade had a fantastic time preparing for their Kenya exhibit at the International Festival in May. They also have been designing and creating their own African masks with visiting artist Francisco Hernandez. They're currently learning double digit multiplication and are in the middle of Charlotte's Web. They're looking forward to the summer and fourth grade next year.



Grade 3



The 4th grade had a huge success with our last Village project. 4th grade students spent two days immersed in creating artifacts from ancient Egypt. Interspersed in these activities, students participated in a mini artist-in-residence program through Al Bustan. 4th graders chose between learning a traditional Egyptian cane dance and learning percussion rhythms of the Middle East. We concluded this experience with an assembly where randomly selected students performed what they learned during the two day residency. It was a wonderful experience. Thank you to parents for all your wonderful support throughout this year. We hope you and your families have a wonderful summer full of learning, adventure, fun, and relaxation.

Grade 4

The fifth graders had a wonderful time at Camp Onas. Students explored the stream for critters, canoed, rock climbed on the wall in the barn, went on a zip line across the pond, explored different elements on the ropes course, learned about the stars and planets in the night sky and much more. It was a great opportunity for the students to get to know one another outside of the classroom and a terrific bonding experience.

We wish all of you a healthy and safe summer and thank you for the opportunity to work with your children this year.

Sincerely, Teachers Barbara, Luis, Martha, Kim and Scott



Grade 5

In Language Arts, the sixth grade students are finishing *Esperanza Rising* and their fantasy genre, reading group books. We are also putting the final touches on our research paper (pewh!). If we have any extra time we will talk about critical responses to historical fiction. The Save Darfur Coalition is selling awareness wristbands for \$2.00. The profits go to Doctors without Borders to be allocated for food and medicine in the Darfur region of Sudan.



Grade 6



Students had a fantastic time at the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, NJ where they were able to become ecologists for the day. Of course they are excited for the end of the year and Field Day. Academically they've studied magnetism, three-dimensional figures (surface area and volume), as well as The Affects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds in language arts.

Grade 7

The 8th graders have been working hard to finish up their assignments in preparation for graduation. This includes polishing up their graduation speeches, which they will present to the graduation speech committee in hopes of being chosen to speak at graduation and submitting their plays to Philly Young Playwrights. All in all, it's been very busy for them, but they will have a lot to show for their hard work when all is said and done.



Grade 8

News from the P.T.A.

Silent Auction tops \$17,000!

A fun night was had by all: lots of laughter, great food, fantastic live music and excellent spins by TJ, and of course many fabulous restaurant certificates, service donations, children's artwork, jewelry, photography and teacher activities were bid on and scooped up by ICS families & friends. A portion of the money raised on May 5th will contribute towards the salary of a part-time art teacher for the middle school for the coming year.

The Silent Auction committee would like to extend a hearty thanks the following individuals for their sweat equity because without them, the event would not have happened: Timothy & Tracey Dopson, Fairley Hopkins, Rona Buchalter, Cammy Voss, Andrew Kearney, Barbara Kilmartin (and family), Jessica Jacquay (our thank you note goddess), Sean Hennessy, Rob McCourt, Michael Prell, Vince Romano, Tara Ryans (and patient husband), Maria McLeod, and the countless others that helped donate, deliver plants (thank you George), organize plant arrangements, wrap trashcans in construction paper, bring delectable home-made appetizers and desserts to the event, sweep floors, move tables, check-in, check-out and clean up. (If you volunteered but weren't recognized, please let us know so that we can properly thank you). A special note of thanks to Lynn Hunt and her family who each year provides exceptionally delicious food throughout the evening and to TJ the DJ that kept us happily groovin' during the night.

Star Search + American Idol + So You Think You Can Dance + Saturday Night at The Apollo Theatre = ICS Variety Show

Join members of the PTA for a Night of Family Fun complete with song, dance, music & magic on SATURDAY NIGHT JUNE

14TH. The evening begins with pizza dinner at 5:30. Doors open at 6:00 and the show begins at 6:15. Registration forms are available at the front and are due back at school by Monday June 9th.



Thank you to our retiring officers; Leslie Burton and Donna Devore. And welcome Liz Reed as Treasurer and Nannette Johnson as Secretary.

Officers for the 2008/09 School Year:

Susan Burrows & Nikki Butler, co- Presidents

Nanette Johnson, Secretary

Conswelia McCourt, Membership

Liz Reed, Treasurer

Cristina Vea, Board Liaison

Take Me Out to the Ball Game...on Sunday, September 7th at 1:05. ICS Day at Camden Riversharks Stadium. Mark your calendar. Tickets will be available soon for purchase.



Officers for the 2007/08 School Year:

Susan Burrows, co- President, sjburrows@earthlink.net, or 215-805-2621 Nikki Butler, co- President, niks_space@yahoo.com, or 267-456-3603

Donna Devore, Secretary, dmd5611@yahoo.com Leslie Burton, Treasurer, lburton@independencecharter.org

Tracey Hill, co-Treasure & go-to gal, traceyh@independencecharter.org

Conswelia McCourt, Membership, ptamom@conswelia.com, or 215-681-9657 Cristina Vea, Board Liaison, cvea@closednetworks.com

After-School and Fall Camp Options

Several pro-active parents (thank you Cristina Vea, Cammy Voss, Anita Gombiner, Kristin Nocco, new parent Gabriel Sosa, Ayana King-Pointer, Barbara Kilmartin) have explored, spoken to and/or visited several organizations that provide after-school care beginning next September. A few organizations will also offer Fall camps for those weeks before school starts in September. Listed below is a partial list of organizations to contact for more information. As more options become available, the information will be distributed accordingly.

Philly Kids Gym: 9th Street between South & Bainbridge. 215-627-3934. Afterschool facility offering van pick up service at ICS beginning in Fall and Spanish homework help. OPEN HOUSE for ICS parents on FRIDAY JUNE 6th from 5-8pm. www.Phillykidsgym.com

Philly Kids Club: 12th and Camac. 215-545-2930. Afterschool facility offering swimming, basketball, and walking pickup from ICS. Offering ICS Fall camp in early September until school opens. www.philakidsclub.com

Western Learning Center: 1631 -21 South Street. 215-735-1261. Call in the morning and ask for Ms. Drake. Will provide walking pickup to ICS as long as at least 5 children sign up. Will do drop-in care for those who need it until school starts in fall.

YMCA. 1724 Christian Street. 215-735-5800, ext. 1611. Possible option for Fall camp before school starts. Interested parties should call. If they get enough interest, they will staff up accordingly for those weeks in early September.

There are 3 facilities close enough to our building, their cost is lower than the other facilities but they follow the School district Calendar www.phila.gov/recreation/After_school_program.html

1) Marian Anderson Rec. 740 South 17th Street. 215 685 6594

2) Palumbo Rec. 10th and Fitzwater Streets - 215 686 1783 - Contact person BRIAN CONTI

3) Markward Playground 400-416 South Taney Street- 215 685 6649



Don't forget to fill out the PTA questionnaire and return to the front desk by Friday, June 6th. Your input will help us fine-tune current activities and plan for new ones in the coming school year.

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for participating in the 2008 *One Book, One Philadelphia* program! We hope you found the selections interesting and educational! The questions that you prepared for your discussion with David Nhom were amazing. We look forward to partnering with you again next year.

-Independence Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia



Student “Toast for Change” with Mayor Michael Nutter



On Tuesday, May 20, a group of 10 middle school students from Independence Charter School met with Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter at city hall. Students prepared and shared statements about changes they would like to see made in the city, and they did a “toast for change” with the mayor, complete with sparkling cider in champagne glasses. Students spent almost one hour with Mayor Nutter discussing their hopes and dreams for our great city.

A Message from the Board of Trustees

Welcome to June! It is hard to believe that the end of another school year is almost here. That means changes ahead for the Board of Trustees as well. The June meeting is the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees; it is when we choose new Board officers and welcome new Board members. At our June meeting we will happily welcome Kristin Nocco as the new Parent Board member. Kristin will take the seat of departing Parent Board member Ryan Boyer. We will also say farewell to two other Board members, whose terms are over, or who are unable to continue to serve as members of the Board. Leaving the Board will be Lisa Nelson-Haynes and Sean Hennessey. We warmly thank Lisa, Sean and Ryan for their years of service to ICS.

At the May Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved the hiring of our new Principal, Ms. Stephanie Bungard! As you may know, Principal Jurate has been Principal and CEO since the beginning of ICS; as of July 1st, her title will be CEO and Principal Stephanie will take on the role of Principal. CEO Jurate will continue to oversee all operations of the school. Principal Stephanie will be working closely with teachers and students on a daily basis, freeing CEO Jurate to do the many other things that go into keeping ICS the high quality school that it we all love.

The Board also approved the hiring of a Development Director to increase our fundraising and development activity. If you've read these letters from the Board over the course of this year, you will have noticed that fundraising and development have become an increasingly important part of the Board's work. This was growth was anticipated in the strategic plan the Board adopted in April 2007 and the new staff position is necessary to meet the goals the Board adopted when we approved our Resource Development Plan last August. The Development Committee of the Board has done a fantastic job this year; our fundraising has increased dramatically over past years. We need to continue that trend! You will be hearing even more about development and fundraising as we move into the next phase of these plans.

The 2008-2009 school year calendar was approved at the May meeting; a copy of the calendar is included in this newsletter. The late start next year is a temporary event, and the Board recognizes that this will impact ICS families significantly. We hope that you will agree that the new building will be worth the wait! In addition, the Board approved the Linton Company as our new food vendor. Over the summer, parents will receive more information about the new food choices that will be available for breakfast and lunch, starting in September. The Board is very pleased to be able to offer healthier food options to ICS students. Please be assured that ICS will continue to use the same financial eligibility system as the School District of Philadelphia.

As always, the public is welcome to attend monthly Board meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7p.m. at the school, even during the summer months. We wish all ICS families a safe and happy summer. See you in September in the new building!

-Rebecca Baehr
President, Board of Trustees

“Home Sweet Home”

*A Monthly Update on the progress of our new home at 16th & Lombard-
-Robin Kohles, Owner’s Representative*



Construction is roaring along at a clip and looking fabulous! The floors on the existing 3rd floor have been sanded and turned from a dark brown to a warm honey oak! Looks really nice. After floors are finished, ceilings will go in along with final painting. We are getting down to the end here! The addition has started to receive the new exterior skin of brick, cast stone and stucco. Windows will follow shortly. Inside, the walls are framed out, mechanical systems are going in and drywall will start soon. We are working hard to get the play area cleared and ready for kids by opening day. Construction is on schedule!



Since this is the last newsletter of the year, sign into www.independencecharter.org for summer updates on the the construction or for any pleas for volunteer muscle! Have a wonderful summer and walk by the new building if you can. Thank the construction workers who are doing such a great job!



The Library Committee is working to define the needs for our new library and would like your input concerning the possible future use(s). It would really help us if you could take some time to answer the following questions in a separate piece of paper, and return it to school in your child's folder, to be returned to teacher Amy Leigh.

If you have any questions or are interested in helping us in this process, please contact us at maribelb@alumni.upenn.edu.

-The Library Committee



1. How often does your child go to a library outside school hours?
2. What would you like to see in our new library?
3. How important is to have the school library be a "lending library" vs. a "research library" ?
4. What other uses do you envision for the ICS library?

Odyssey of the Mind 2008-2009

As we anticipate the start of summer break, we also look forward to ICS's exciting new home and another great year of Odyssey of the Mind. Grades eligible for participation in OOM are now 3-8. And parents, please consider coaching- the more coaches we have, the more kids that can participate!

Here are a few brain "flexers" to help practice going beyond the first solution to a problem. Try to come up with as many answers as possible. These exercises are great for car rides and waiting rooms!

- * Name things with water in them.
- * Name things that are smooth.
 - * Give uses for a flag.
 - * Name places to sleep.
- * Name things that go up and down.
- * What new holiday would you create?
 - * You woke up this morning and no one was home. Where did everybody go?
 - * Make up a movie title and say what it is about.
- * Reach into your backpack or purse and pull out any two items. Brainstorm what each item could be or put the items together and say what they could be.



Also, win a "brain building basket" this fall! Raffle tickets will be sold at back to school nights and a lucky ICS citizen will win a basket filled with creative games and puzzles.

Have a great summer and please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Marcie Lichtman-Lentz

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Development Committee Update

ALMOST THERE!

With the year coming to a close we are very happy to announce some exciting news! Thanks to the hard work and generosity of ICS families, friends and staff we have reached 96% of our 2007-2008 fundraising goal!!

While our success is a testament to the strength of the ICS community, the work is not quite finished yet! With a month left we all need to chip in to meet our goal! If every family gives \$15, we can reach our goal—a real landmark for our school! In order to close the gap and help us reach our goal there are a number of ways that you can help!

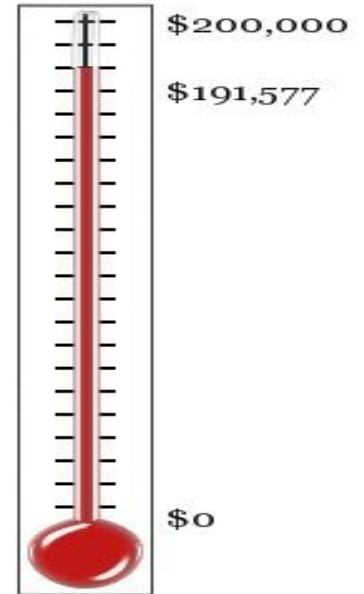
Donate online at www.independencecharter.org

Send a donation to the school. Mark your envelope “Matt Drexler, Development Office.”

Find out if your company matches gifts

Donate all, or some of your economic stimulus package rebate

For questions and support please contact Matt at 215-238-8000 ext 2500 or mattd@independencecharter.org

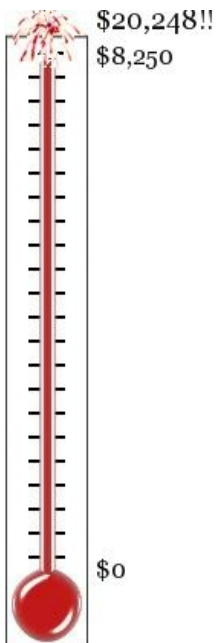


BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN

The brick sales campaign was an incredible success! An unprecedented **208 ICS families and supporters** purchased an engraved brick to more than double our goal and raise more than \$20,000 for the school!

We would like to thank everyone for the tremendous amount of support this year! *Please keep an eye out for the Development Committee's Annual Report in July. This report will review why fundraising is so important to ICS, where your money goes, what are our priorities for 2008-2009, and how you can help.*

Thanks to your generosity, ICS is better able to provide our children with enhanced educational experiences, additional opportunities outside the classroom, and increased access to technology – to name a few. These enhancements will both provide for improved academic achievement and ensure students success beyond ICS.



2008-2009 Supply Lists

Kindergarten

- Two Packs of 3 Glue Sticks or Bottled Glue
- 1 Change of Clothes including underwear, socks, top and bottom all labeled
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 pack of sandwich sized baggies
- 1 pack of gallon sized baggies
- 1 pack of Clorox/Lysol antibacterial wipes (for tables)
- 1 Pack of Baby Wipes (for hands)
- 1 pack of large basic color crayons
- 6-8 pencils (without erasers if at all possible) My First Ticonderoga or Beginner's Pencils-the fat big pencils
- 3 Double pocket PLASTIC folders-Two Solid Color Red Folders and One Green Folder
- 1 Double pocket folder of any kind
- Modeling clay
- Scissors
- Colored markers

WISH LIST:

- extra glue sticks, extra boxes of tissues, extra containers of Clorox antibacterial wipes (or the similar), extra pencils, Playdough



1st Grade

- 5 plastic folders
- \$6.00 (1st Grade teachers will purchase special 1st grade notebooks with this money. These special notebooks will help students with handwriting)
- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons (16 count)
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 dozen #2 pencils
- 2 large pencil erasers
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 boxes of Ziploc bags (1 quart size and 1 sandwich) size
- 1 box of Clorox wipes (desks)
- 1 box of baby wipes (hands)
- 1 pack of 12-count colored pencils
- 1 pack of washable markers
- 1 package white paper plates or plastic ware
- 1 pack of 4 dry eraser markers for individual white boards
- 1 package of air dry clay (only air dry) for art projects
- 1 Change of Clothes including underwear, socks, top and bottom all labeled



WISH LIST:

- extra glue sticks, extra boxes of tissues, extra containers of Clorox antibacterial wipes (or the similar), extra baby wipes, extra pencils



2008-2009 Supply Lists



2nd Grade

- 6 marble composition notebooks (sewn, not spiral or glued)
- If new student to ICS, 1 composition notebook for music class in addition to the 6 above.
- 1 plastic folders with name (for home-school communication)
- 4 Two pocket folders (red, green, yellow, blue)
- 3 dozen #2 pencils SHARPENED
- 1 white or pink pencil eraser
- Pencil sharpener that holds shavings
- 1 inch/cm ruler (to be kept at home)
- 1 box one-quart Ziploc bags
- 1 box one-gallon Ziploc bags
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pack of washable markers
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes (for desks) and 1 box of baby wipes (for hands)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 child-size scissors (for home)
- 1 pack of 4 dry erase markers (for individual white boards)
- \$5 for a magazine subscription

WISH LIST:

extra glue sticks, extra boxes of tissues, extra containers of Clorox antibacterial wipes (or the similar), extra baby wipes, extra pencils, index cards, Post-it notes, Pencil sharpener that holds shavings (for teacher to lend out)

3rd Grade

- 6 large glue sticks
- 3 dozen #2 pencils
- Pencil sharpener that holds shavings
- 3 pencil erasers (bars)
- 1 box of crayons (24 count)
- 1 box of washable markers
- 6 composition books (wide ruled, black & white speckled, not spiral bound)
- If new student to ICS, 1 composition notebook for music class in addition to the 6 above.
- 2 hard plastic folders
- 4 pocket folders NO DESIGN (red, blue, yellow, green)
- 1 box of gallon sized Ziploc bags
- 1 box of small –sandwich Ziploc bags
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 box of baby wipes (for hands)
- 1 box of disinfectant wipes (for desks)
- 1 pack of post it notes
- 1 can of play dough
- 4 dry erase markers (for use with individual white boards)
- Ruler (with inches & centimeters) to be kept at home
- \$5 for magazine subscription

WISH LIST:

1 white – out marker, Glitter, 2 bottles of paint (any color), 1 bottle of Elmer's Glue, 1 3 ring hard 1" binder, 1 white – out marker, extra glue sticks, extra boxes of tissues, extra containers of Clorox antibacterial wipes (or the similar), extra baby wipes, extra pencils, pencil sharpener that holds shavings (for teacher to lend out)

2008-2009 Supply Lists

4th Grade

- 2 packages of glue sticks (6 total)
- 3 dozen #2 pencils
- 1 set of washable markers
- 3 regular erasers (not pencil erasers)
- 4 marble composition notebooks (not spiraled – sewn)
- If new student to ICS, 1 composition notebook for music class in addition to the 4 above.
- 2 composition notebooks with large grid paper for math
- 1 package of wide-lined paper
- 2 hard plastic folders
- 4 plain solid colored folders (yellow, red, green and blue).
- 2 boxes of tissue
- 1 box of baby wipes (for hands)
- 1 box of disinfectant wipes (for desks)
- 1 pack of lined post it notes (any color)
- 1 box of Gallon-sized Ziploc Bags
- 1 box of Sandwich-sized Ziploc bags.
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pencil sharpener that holds shavings
- 1 pack of 4 dry erase markers (for use with individual white boards)
- Air dry Clay

WISH LIST:

extra glue sticks, extra boxes of tissues, extra containers of Clorox antibacterial wipes (or the similar), extra baby wipes, extra pencils, pencil sharpener that holds shavings (for teacher to lend out), Colored tissue paper, Tongue depressors, Glue, Play dough, Disposable cameras, Craft sticks, Paint, Japanese/ Egyptian artifacts and materials such as: origami paper, washi paper, papyrus paper, music, posters, pictures, postcards.

5th Grade

- 7 composition books (marble, sewn)
- 1 composition notebook for Music if child is new to ICS
- 5 Sturdy Folders (labeled with child's name, preferably plastic)
- Backpack/bookbag
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 box of gallon size zip lock baggies
- 1 canister of Clorox wipes (for desks)
- 1 pad of post it notes
- 1 pack of wide-lined paper

The following items should be in a pencil case:

- #2 pencils - ONGOING, student needs to have pencils on a daily basis pencil sharpener erasers
- 1 red pen, 1 blue pen
- Covered pencil sharpener that holds shavings

For Home Use: Scholastic Dictionary, ruler, protractor

OPTIONAL:

Washable markers, Crayons, Scissors, Ruler. Glue Stick, Colored Pencils, Pencil sharpener that holds shavings for teacher to lend out



2008-2009 Supply Lists

Grades 6-8

Please note that all supplies will be collected and shared by the class, with the exception of the notebooks, binders, and pencil sharpeners. **Please do not label other items**, as this may cause conflict during the year.

PLEASE DO NOT send space savers or pencil boxes. ALSO PLEASE DO NOT send trapper keepers, similar items, or flimsy binders. They will be sent home.

All supplies will be collected the first week of school. If you are sending them in a grocery bag, please label that bag. As the year progresses, some supplies might need to be replenished (especially tissues!), so we will send a note home when we need to ask you for more generous donations.

-A BIG THANK YOU FROM ALL THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS!

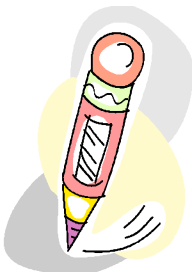
Individual covered pencil sharpener
4 dozen pencils
1 box of black/blue ink pens
Highlighters
Red/green/purple ink pen for editing
Quart size Ziploc bags
2 Boxes of tissues
5 packs of white lined paper
Two 1 ½ inch hard (not flexible) blue binders with pockets
Two 1 ½ inch hard (not flexible) green binders with pockets
Two 1 ½ inch hard (not flexible) red binders with pockets
Two 1 ½ inch black binders (to be used for homework)
Two 2-pocket plastic folders
2 packs 4x6 white index cards
2 pads of Post-its
1 pack of colored pencils
1 container of Clorox wipes

OPTIONAL, but HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

Spanish/English Dictionary for home
English dictionary for home
Calculator for home (recommended TI-30X IIS (from Texas Instruments))

WISH LIST OF DONATIONS:

Extra pencils
Extra lined paper
Extra tissues
Extra covered pencil sharpeners for teachers to lend out to students
Extra containers of Clorox antibacterial wipes (or the similar)

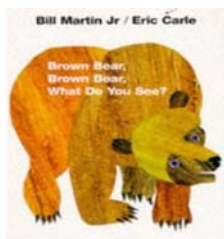




Summer 2008 Summer Reading Program

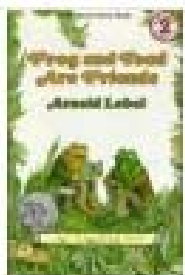


Can't wait to get to the beach and relax with a great book? Looking for something to keep you busy during the long car trip you've got planned for this summer? Want an excuse to turn off the tv? Not to worry, this summer we are assigning required reading books. Below you will find a list of what students are required to read before returning to school in September. You are not required to buy these books, you can borrow them from your local branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia. We will be sending home more specific information about this new required summer reading program with students before the school year is finished. Enjoy your summer - read - read - read!



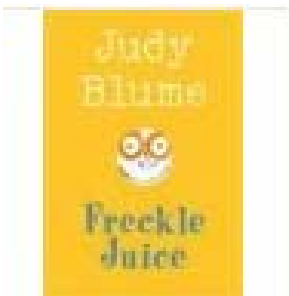
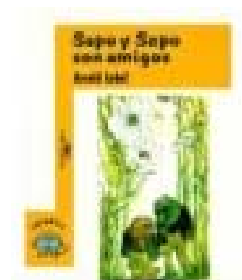
Entering First Grade

- Enhanced - Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
- by Bill Martin Jr.
- Immersion - Oso pardo, oso pardo, que ves ahí?
- by Bill Martin Jr.



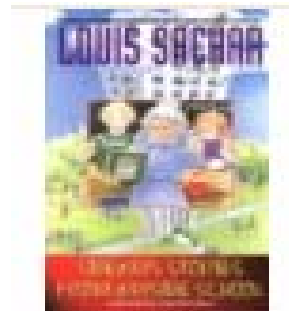
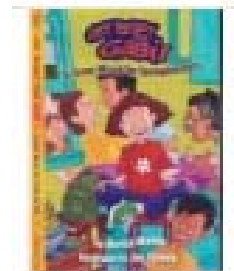
Entering Second Grade

- Enhanced - Frog and Toad are Friends - by Arnold Lobel
- Immersion - Sapo y Sepo son amigos - by Arnold Lobel



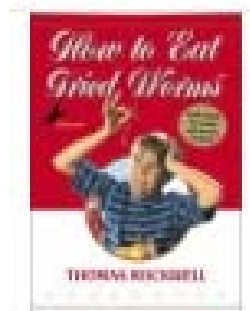
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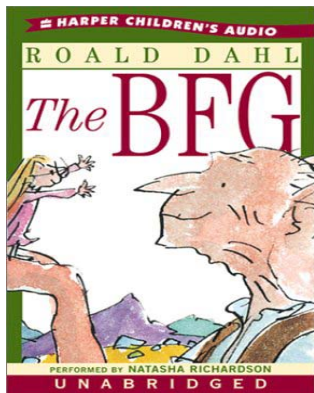
- Enhanced - Freckle Juice - by Judy Blume
- A Crazy Mixed Up Spanglish Day - by Marisa Montes
- Immersion - Jugo de pecas
by Judy Blume & Maria Puncel
- A Crazy Mixed Up Spanglish Day
- by Marisa Montes



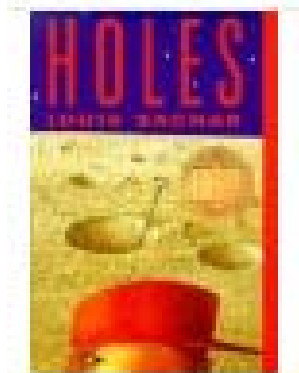
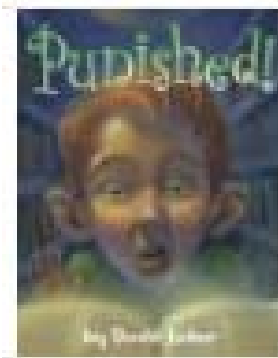
Entering Fourth Grade

- Enhanced - Sideways Stories from Wayside School
- by Louis Sachar
- How to Eat Fried Worms - by Thomas Rockwell
- Immersion - El dedo magico - by Roald Dahl
- How to Eat Fried Worms - by Thomas Rockwell

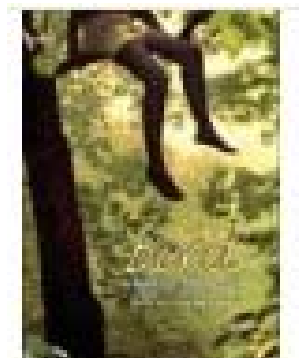
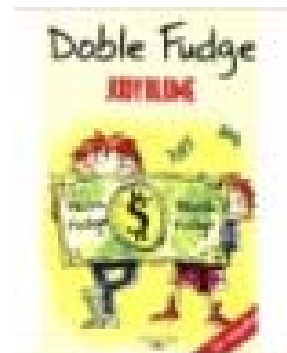




Entering Fifth Grade
 Enhanced - The BFG - by Roald Dahl
 - Punished! - by David Lubar
 Immersion - Lisa de los paraguas - by
 Elsa Bornemann
 - Punished! - by David Lubar



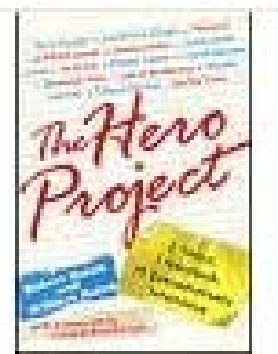
Entering Sixth Grade
 Enhanced - Holes - by Louis Sachar
 Slake's Limbo
 - by Felice Holman
 Immersion - Doble Fudge
 - by Judy Blume
 - Slake's Limbo - Felice Holman



Entering Seventh Grade
 Enhanced - Bird
 -by Angela Johnson
 - Monkey Island - by Paula Fox
 Immersion-
 Querido Senor Henshaw
 - by Beverly Cleary
 - Monkey Island - by Paula Fox



Entering Eighth Grade
 Enhanced - Stargirl
 - by Jerry Spinelli
 The Hero Project
 - Robert and William Hatch



June Breakfast & Lunch Menu

JUNE 2008
MONDAY

Satellite Breakfast & Lunch Menu

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
THURSDAY
FRIDAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Rice Krispies Graham Crackers Blended Fruit Juice, Milk	3 Blueberry Muffin Apple Juice Milk	4 Golden Pancakes w/Maple Syrup Grape Juice, Milk	5 Cheerios Strawberry Waffle Snap Crackers Pineapple Juice, Milk	6 Beef Sausage Patty on a Biscuit Orange Juice, Milk
Hot Dog w/Tri Tators or Meatballs & Sauce Peach Cup Hot Dog Bun Milk	Salisbury Steak Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy Seasoned Corn Pan Roll Milk	Spaghetti w/Meatballs Pear Cup Milk	Turkey Ham-Pastrami & Cheese on a Torpedo Roll or Turkey on a Seeded Bun Fresh Orange Grape Juice Milk	5" Round Pizza or Beef Patty on a Bun Fresh Baby Carrots Ranch Dressing Blended Fruit Juice Milk
9 Cheesy Muffin Pineapple Juice Milk	10 Corn Flakes Strawberry Waffle Snap Crackers Grape Juice, Milk	11 Corn Muffin Blended Fruit Juice Milk	12 Buttermilk Waffles w/Maple Syrup Orange Juice, Milk	13 Yogurt Graham Crackers Apple Juice, Milk
Spaghetti w/Meatballs Pear Cup Milk	Chicken Nuggets Potato Rounds BBQ Sauce Peach Cup Milk	Taco Seasoned Beef Nachos or Penne Pasta w/Meatsauce Mixed Fruit Cup Milk	French Bread Pizza or Beef Patty on a Bun Fresh Baby Carrots Ranch Dressing Blended Fruit Juice Milk	Turkey Ham & Cheese on a Seeded Bun Fresh Pear Grape Juice Milk
16 Kix Strawberry Waffle Snap Crackers Grape Juice, Milk	17 Beef Sausage Patty on a Biscuit Blended Fruit Juice, Milk	18 Cheerios Graham Crackers Pineapple Juice, Milk		
Meatballs & Tomato Sauce or Hot Dog w/Tator Tots Pear Cup Hot Dog Bun Milk	Toasted Cheese Sandwich on Oat Bran Bread Peach Cup Apple Juice Milk	Turkey Ham-Pastrami & Cheese on a Torpedo Roll Peach Cup Blended Fruit Juice Milk		

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