

Indian Hills Newsletter

December 2015

IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES

Dec 6-22nd: !2 DAYS OF GIVING
Dec 14th: SCC Meeting (7:30 AM)
Dec 14th: PTA Meeting (9:00 AM)
Dec 21st: Winter Singing Concert (2:00 PM)
Dec 26-Jan 6th - Winter Recess



*Talent show try-outs for the lower grades will be held in January, so start getting your acts together!

Principal's Message

Dear Indian Hills Community,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Indian Hills Elementary, I would like to wish all of you a serene and joyful holiday season. We have a full two week break and I hope you are able to make the very most of every minute.

After the holidays are behind us, we enter of time of the school year I like to call the 'big' push.' It is the time of the year we dig in to prepare student for end-of-year assessment and subsequent school years. As you look over your students' report card, please assess their progress in language arts and math. Contact your child's teacher with any concerns. At Indian Hills, we offer content specific tutorials before or after school. This is the perfect opportunity to correct misconceptions students might have or teach foundational skills. We use our Land Trust funding to compensate teachers for their service so there is no cost to you.

Stay warm and safe and thank you for making Indian Hills Elementary a place where exceptional is commonplace.

Sincerely,

Earl R. Arnoldson, EdD
Indian Hills Elementary



PTA Message

November was a great month at Indian Hills Elementary! This month we had Parent Teacher Conferences and the PTA sponsored dinner for the teachers. very big thank you goes out to all those who helped with this dinner, specifically we'd like to acknowledge Anissa Taylor and Lindsey Stobbe's efforts. The teachers truly appreciated the support provided!

The book fair was also a hit! Our book fair was carefully organized and implemented by Caralynn Christian and Kim VanDyke. Thank you to all those who volunteered to cashier and help children find their favorite books. Hats off to you ladies! You did a great job. I know the students really look forward to this event each year.

December is a month of giving. In my mind it is about love, peace, and reaching out to others. Alex Scott and her lemonade stand is the perfect example of this kind of giving. Alex was diagnosed with cancer just before turning one-year-old. At the age of 4 she told her mom she wanted to do a lemonade stand to raise money so doctors could help others kids the way they helped her. She did the stand under the premise "when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade." Alex raised \$2000 from her first stand. Alex Scott died at the age of 8 but she was able to raise \$1 million towards cancer research before her death. Her parents have continued the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation and have given more than \$75 million toward cancer research.

Adults often dismiss the simplicity of a child's thoughts as 'impossible.' Alex had an idea and her parents helped to her make that idea come true. While we may not be able to start non-profits with our children, we can teach our children the value of giving and the value of pursuing their dreams.

In the spirit of this strong little girl, this month Indian Hills PTA is going to start "The 12 Days of Giving". Daily, we will be collecting different items for donation or doing small service projects. The 12 Days of Giving will be December 6th-21st. We hope that you can participate in this fun project through donations of goods and/or service. More details will come in an email soon.

Thank you everyone for your continued love and support! #WeAreStrong

With Love,
Lisa Johnson,
PTA President, 2016-2017

SCRIP

We are grateful for the support to our program this fall! We hope you take advantage of ordering gift cards for the holidays!!

We are excited to announce that we have the option now to order gift cards on our BOOT website: <http://Indianhillsboot.org>! There is a 3% fee, but it is easy to order. Just put in your order by Tuesday evening and we will send your cards home with your student on Wednesday.

Happy Shopping with Indian Hills Gift Cards!!
Kori and Jenny

BOOT

BOOT (Buy Our Own Technology) generously donated teacher iPads last school year, and now we are ready for teachers to integrate technology with students. This year BOOT would like to purchase 10-15 iPad minis for classroom use. Teachers will be able to checkout iPads to use for projects, presentations, literacy, and so much more. Educational Apps encourage creativity, innovation, and collaboration. The mobility of tablet devices make it easy to take classroom learning outside. Most importantly, we need students to be technologically literate to prepare them for college and careers.

If you would like to make a BOOT donation for the iPad mini student set, please see the BRAND NEW BOOT website. indianhillsboot.org

Contact Carlynn Christian, Library Technology Teacher, Carlynn.christian@slcschools.org or Nancy Chisholm 801-556-8865 if you have any questions or concerns.

The third session of After School Spanish classes will begin the week of December 5th. Classes will be offered for one hour immediately after school on Wednesdays or Fridays. Cost: \$5 per class Classes are offered in sessions of 6.

The cost for the 3rd session is \$30 for either Wednesday or Friday

Wednesday classes - 3:15 to 4:15pm: December 7th, 14th, 21st, January 11th, 18th, and 25th (no school or classes December 28th and January 4th).

Friday classes - 12:55 to 1:55pm: December 9th, 16th, 23rd, January 13th, 20th, and 27th (no school or classes December 30th and January 6th).

To register, please send payment to the front office. Cash, or make checks payable to Indian Hills PTA. If paying by check, please add "After School Spanish" to the memo line. All fees will be used for teacher's pay and class materials.

Please contact Alyssa Firszt with any questions: 801-834-5813 or alyssafirszt@gmail.com

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