



Indian Valley Elementary Center

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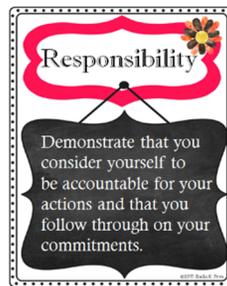
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Dates to Remember

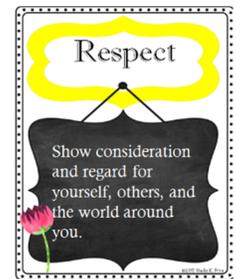
- October 2- Picture Day
- October 3- Blue Ticket Luncheon
- October 4- Rain Forest Animals Assembly
- October 7-10- Mrs. Willard/Hammond Outdoor School
- October 8- Fire Prevention Assembly
- October 11- Act 80 Day- No school for students
- October 15-18- Mrs. Walker/Parson/Mr. Reed Outdoor School
- October 16 - Kindergarten Field Trip
- October 21-25- Book Fair
- October 22- Open House 5:30-7:00
- October 22- Book Fair Family Night
- October 25- First Grade Field Trip
- October 29- Fourth Grade Field Trip, Shaver's Creek-Mrs. Knepp/Mr. Parson
- October 30- Fourth Grade Field Trip, Shaver's Creek-Mrs. Holland/Mr. Yearick
- October 31- Classroom Halloween Parties and Parade

Blue Ticket Winners

Each month every teacher will award one student in his or her class the 'Blue Ticket' for showing exceptional behavior as related to the month's character trait. In September, the entire student body focused on ADAPTABILITY. Throughout the month, teachers complimented students on adapting easily to changes in schedules or routines.



When a student wins the **Blue Ticket**, he or she is invited to a special lunch with Mrs. Kepner or Mrs. Shinskie. The student is also given a random space on the Principal's 200 Club bulletin board outside the office. Once a row or column is filled with names, those students win a special prize.



October's character trait focus is on both RESPONSIBILITY and RESPECT.

Dress for the Weather

This time of the year brings many changes in weather. Please be sure your child has the appropriate layers for both cool mornings and warm afternoons.

Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe



Indian Valley staff and students continue to work on our Positive Behaviors this year! We are **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, READY, and SAFE!** Ask your child to let you know when they receive a **PAWSitive** ticket at school so you can share in their joy!

Home and School News

The next Home and School meeting will be held October 8th at 6:00 PM in the school library. There was a good turn-out of parents at the September meeting. Please come out to see what the meetings are like. We love to have new people join to hear new ideas and suggestions.

- November 6- Fundraiser Pick-up
- November 7- Fundraiser Limo Rides at 11:00
- November 7- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 pm
- November 11- No School for students, Veteran's Day
- November 26- Picture Make-up Day
- November 27- Early Dismissal at 1:15 for Elementary Students

Important Information

Remember to update your Skylert information.

It is critical that all emergency contact information is up to date. Please contact the office if phone numbers change.

All visitors must sign-in at the Main Office.

Students are able to take up to 5 Educational Trip days per school year. Be sure to fill out the form and have it signed PRIOR to taking the educational trip. *A report is due to the office within 3 days of returning from the trip for it to be considered a lawful absence.*

If your child is absent from school, it is imperative that an excuse for that absence be sent to school within 3 days of the missed day.

School Bus Safety

October 21-25 is National School Bus Safety Week. Please remind your children to keep everything in his or her backpack, never walk on to the street until the bus has stopped, look both ways before crossing the street, never stop to pick up a dropped item, and always be alert while at the bus stop. Stay sitting safely in the seat and don't stand up on the bus until the bus stops completely. Following these tips can help to keep everyone safe on and off the bus.

Lock Down Drill

As a part of our safety practices, we conducted a Lock Down Drill last month. During the Lock Down Drill, our staff secured the students in a safe location. The local Emergency Management Agency, the local police, and the state police are invited to attend this drill. You can rest assured that Indian Valley Elementary Center is practicing safe procedures.

Volunteer Clearances Information

To be able to help with events this year, you must have your clearances in the office and have signed the yearly forms for confidentiality. You cannot begin your volunteer services until all requirements and clearances have been completed and placed on file in the school's office. You will need your:

1. Child Abuse Clearance
2. Criminal History Clearance
3. FBI Fingerprint or Volunteer Affidavit in Lieu of Fingerprint

In addition there are three forms in the office that must be completed YEARLY:

1. Volunteer Acknowledgement
2. Reportable Offense Obligation
3. Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement

If you have already submitted your clearances and are still unsure of what forms need to be completed, please call the school office.

Congratulations Mrs. Stewart

With more than 30 years in education and administration, Mrs. Diane Stewart is retiring. We will miss her at Indian Valley Elementary Center. Please join us in congratulating her on a wonderful career and wishing her the very best as she enjoys her well deserved retirement.



