

Mustang Messages



Spring 2019

Indian Trail Students are Amazing!!

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are past the halfway point of the school year. Students and staff are working diligently to accomplish much before summer. I want to encourage you to communicate regularly with your child's teacher so you can work together to support your child's continued success in school.

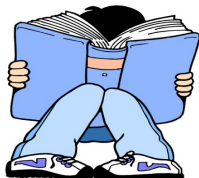
Next week, you will have another opportunity to meet with your child's teacher for a parent-teacher conference.

I want to thank all the people that helped make the PTA Bingo Night a tremendous success. It was an exciting evening filled with bingo games, fun prizes, and many excited voices. In addition, there was much anticipation as everyone waited to see who won the fantastic raffle baskets. These events take a large amount of time to plan, set-up and run. We are very thankful for the volunteers that make such events a success.

The PTA also hosted the Dad/Daughter Dance in February which was a great success.

The Indian Trail PTA sponsored a Family Science Night on Friday, March 1st. We had a fun night of science experiments and learning. There was robotics, physics, computers, worms, gardening, animals and much, much more!!

Spring is a good time to curl up with a good book. With this in mind, I would like to put special focus on reading this month. Research indicates that the more students read, the greater their achievement and success in school. I am enclosing some great reading strategies to help your children when they are reading to you and they get stuck on an unknown word. For students who are fluent at decoding words, have them read to you and then ask them questions about the characters, setting or main idea in the story. It can be fun to discuss their favorite parts of the story in the beginning, middle and end. This sequence helps students select the aids in greater what was read. This sequence the aids in greater what was read.



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Reading Strategies:

“Do you want think time to figure out the word, or do you want coaching help?”

Look at the picture. (Pictures can give clues of who and what the story is about.)

Get your mouth ready to say the word. (What is the beginning letter and the sound it makes?)

Take a running start. (Try to say the word.)

Skip the word and come back to it.

Break the word into parts. (An example would be wonderful: won der ful.)

Make a meaningful substitution. (Replace the unknown word with another word that does not change the meaning of the sentence: house/home.)

Ask these questions: Does it make sense? Does it look right? Does it sound right?

Ask someone. (This is the last thing to do.)

Reading strategies can be used in any order.

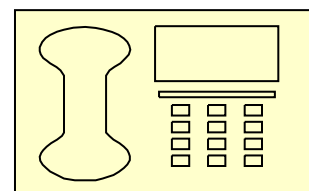
Remember, your feedback and thoughts are always welcomed. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to call, send a note or an email!

*Warmest regards,
Brian Ormsby, Principal*

**24 Hour Attendance Line:
354-3134**

Please call every day the student is absent.

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online at:

[www.spokaneschools.org/
ParentResources,AttendanceLaw](http://www.spokaneschools.org/ParentResources,AttendanceLaw)

Spring means time for “Bloomsday Training Club!”

Elementary Bloomsday Training Club is offered in the spring for all SPS students who are in 1st through 6th grade. *Fit For Bloomsday...Fit For Life*--dubbed *Fit For Bloomsday* for short--is a training program for elementary school age children. The program was developed by Bloomsday volunteers in cooperation with PE instructors, coaches and parents in the Spokane area.

What can my student expect to learn?

The program prepares kids to run or walk Jr Bloomsday, or other short races, while teaching them the importance of fitness, nutrition and safety.

Who can participate?

All Students in 1st through 6th grade

When and where?

Afterschool - 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—Indian Trail (4102 W Woodside). Practice begins the week of April 9th and ends May 2, 2019.

Other important details...

Late take home busing provided for students who typically ride the bus to and from school.
Students are responsible for coming prepared each day ready to practice
The program is provided free of charge to students in Spokane Public Schools.

If your student is interested, they will bring home a parent information sheet with instructions on how to register online with Family ID. Here is the link if you want to get started now. <https://www.familyid.com/spokane-public-schools/indian-trail-elementary-2019-fit-for-bloomsday-training-club>

Questions? Contact Carol Golden or Shelley Pawluk 509-354-3100

Newsletter Articles

If you have an article that you would like to submit for the newsletter, please e-mail it to jackieh@spokaneschools.org. All articles submitted regarding our school or PTA events will be considered. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the newsletter, please call our office to update your e-mail information. Printed copies are available upon request.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS.....

March 22nd—Mother/Son Game Night
(6:30-8:00pm)

April 12th—Read-a-Thon Kickoff

April 16th—PTA Meeting (6:30-7:30pm)

April 25th- McTeacher Night

April 30th—Skate Night (6:30-8:30pm)

May 10th—Morning with Mom
(7:45-8:15am)

May 17th—Carnival (6:30-8:00pm)

June 7th—Donuts with Dad
(7:45-8:15am)

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting or event at Indian Trail should contact the office no later than three (3) days before the meeting or event or as soon as possible so that arrangements for the modification can be made.



The next PTA
Meeting...
April 13, 2019 @
6:30 pm—Library
Childcare Provided

VTS in First Grade

Sponsored by the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture (MAC), Indian Trail first grade students in Mrs. DeLong and Mrs. Johnston's classes has been learning about Visual Thinking Strategies every Tuesday morning.

The primary focus of VTS is on creative and critical thinking skills through reasoning in a social context. Students are encouraged to engage in social, reciprocal dialog structured around the arts. After a comprehensive large-group discussion about an image/ photograph/sculpture, students are then encouraged to return to their desks where they individually elaborate on the meaningful whole-group discussion in their VTS journals. Students are encouraged to write and illustrate the image in a meaningful way to them.

I am consistently impressed each week with the student's ability to engage in respectful dialogue, building on each other's thoughts and ideas and add detail to their writing. They truly create a story and bring an image to life! Collectively, our first grade students are surpassing all expectations and growing exponentially in all areas of their expressive language. The sense of community VTS brings to our school is something truly indescribable! We are looking forward to our field trip to the MAC Museum in the late spring (stay tuned!).

With great joy and enthusiasm!

- Keleigh Kreilkamp (Speech-Language Pathologist and VTS Facilitator)

We are sad to report that Silverwood is **NO LONGER** allowing all schools to participate in the "Reading is the Ticket" program.

It is now a lottery system and Indian Trail has not been chosen this year. Fingers crossed for next year!!



The PTA would like to thank the following businesses for their donations:

- * Arby's
- * Brain Freeze Creamery
- * Bloc Yard Bouldering Gym
- * Coeur d'Alene Cruises
- * Eagles Ice Arena
- * Get Air
- * Riverfront Park
- * Spokane Chiefs
- * SYSA
- * Triple Play
- * Wild Walls Gym
- * Wonderland

We appreciate your generosity and thank you for supporting Indian Trail School!

Coding Club

Grades 1-6

Will begin after Spring Break.

Exact times and dates TBA...



Dormant Oil and Weed Spray Scheduled Date

April 11, 2019

All Students and Staff need to stay away from the bushes and flower and bark beds for 24 hours from spraying.



Thank you!



**BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE
BOOK FAIR!**

STOCK UP FOR SUMMER READING!

Coming this Spring...

May 6—10th

In the Library



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INDIAN TRAIL CALENDAR

MARCH 2019

- 22nd ASB Popcorn Sale
Mother/Son Game Night 6:30-8:00 pm
- 26th Cookie Dough Fundraiser Products arrives...
Please pick up at 1:00 pm 1:00 pm
- 25th—29th **Spring PARENT CONFERENCES -**
Early Release all week at 1:00 pm 1:00 pm
- 29th Student Recognition Assemblies:
Grades K-2 9:00 am and Grades 3-6 10:00 am



APRIL 2019

- 1st—5th **SPRING BREAK!!** No School
- 11th Dormant Oil and Weed Spray on Grounds
- 12th Read-a-thon Mini Assembly Kick off PM
- 12th Early Release 1:45 pm
- 12th—19th Read-a-Thon Open
- 16th PTA Meeting in Library 6:30 pm
- 19th Popcorn Sale Day
- 24th Administrative Assistants Day
- 25th McTeacher Night @ McDonalds PM
- 26th Early Release 1:45 pm
- 30th *PTA Skate Night @ Pattison's 6:30—8:30 pm
(*NOTE—DATE CHANGE FROM THE 23RD)

