

Iroquois NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Hello all! Just a quick update: Iroquois recently bid a fond farewell to Jackie McPadden. Mrs. McPadden served as the Counseling Secretary from 1998 until her retirement last month. She will be greatly missed by the entire Iroquois community. We are pleased to welcome Jillian Rakvica, who started with us on December 3.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

Mrs. Weyld



HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

PTO Volunteer Appreciation

We can't do it without you!



On the left, the girls are all smiles at the "Adopt-a-Family" social. More photos and details on total raised in the January issue of the PTO Newsletter. Stay posted!

DECEMBER "WORDS TO LIVE BY"

*"Kindness is the language
which the deaf can hear and blind can see."*

~ a quote from Mark Twain
submitted by Grace Rhode, Team 67

Calendar of PTO & Other Activities

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| Dec.15 | - Board of Education mtg. (6 PM) |
| Dec.17-20 | - Melodies of Christmas at Proctors |
| Dec. 24-Jan 1 | - Holiday Recess |
| Jan. 4, 2016 | - Classes Resume |
| Jan. 4 | - Friends of Music mtg. (7 PM) |
| Jan. 4 | - Niska-Day mtg. (7 PM) |
| Jan. 6 | - 8th Grade Parent Info mtg. (6:30 PM) |
| Jan. 6 | - Booster Club mtg. (7 PM) |
| Jan. 8 | - Iroquois Annual Read-A-Thon (6:30 PM) |
| Jan. 11 | - N-CAP Coalition mtg. (7 PM) |
| Jan. 18 | - No School (7 PM) |

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TOP 10 REASONS TO DONATE TO THE IROQUOIS PTO HOLIDAY APPEAL

Dear Iroquois Families,

Happy Holidays! In this season of giving, please consider making a charitable donation to the Iroquois PTO as part of our first ever holiday appeal. Donations are 100% tax deductible and often matched by employers, including GE. If successful, this appeal will eliminate the need for a Spring fundraiser.

OUR IROQUOIS PTO:

- 1) Enhances our children's experience at Iroquois.** The Iroquois PTO is looking forward to another year of working with you to support our students, staff, and families.
- 2) Buys items our children use at school.** The PTO has recently purchased Chromebooks for the media center, microwaves for students to use in the cafeteria, a Ping-Pong table for socials, and flat screens that get daily use by students watching WIRO programming and reading the morning announcements.
- 3) Funds enrichment opportunities for our students.** Last year, our PTO provided over \$4,000 in additional funding (above what was received from the district) for academic and exploratory enrichment programs for students. With your support, we can help provide another great year of programming.
- 4) Hosts events that enhance the community at Iroquois.** On May 16, a new event, The Iroquois Showcase will combine a learning fair, club showcase, and ice cream social. This event will highlight students' learning, interests, and hard work. Incoming 5th-grade families will be invited to experience the spirit of Iroquois first-hand. PTO organized and sponsored socials also take place throughout the year and enhance school spirit.
- 5) Provides a fund for our Principal to provide additional resources for students, families, and faculty.** This fund has been used for student scholarships and most recently for resources for the parent forum "Teens, Technology and the Transition from child to young adult". (Slides from the presentation are available on the Iroquois website <http://www.niskyschools.org/Iroquois/>).
- 6) Exchanges information between parents, teachers and school district officials.** All Iroquois families are welcome at PTO meetings and our communications team keeps families up to date on school and PTO activities through a monthly newsletter, newly-designed website (iroquois.nisky.pto), and e-mail communications.
- 7) Provides opportunities to show our staff how much we appreciate them.** Each May, Iroquois staff are treated to a staff appreciation luncheon and given small gifts. Our FunShine chair brings smiles to staff by providing gift cards and notes to bus drivers, office support personnel, the school nurse, nurse's helper, library helper, computer TA, and the custodians.
- 8) Operates a school store.** During lunch periods, students may visit the school store to purchase necessities, including tissues and pencils, and fun items, such as locker decorations and school spirit wear.
- 9) Would like to limit the number of fundraisers presented throughout the school year.** With a successful holiday appeal, the PTO will not fundraise again this school year.
- 10) Provides parents the opportunity to be involved in their child's school experience.** Please support us financially, and also give the gift of your time in the upcoming year. We need your time and energy to run the worthwhile programs and activities that the PTO contributes to Iroquois. Please contact us for ways you can help.

If you would like to support the PTO's work through a donation to our holiday appeal, [please fill out this form](#) and return it in an envelope marked "Iroquois PTO Holiday Appeal" with a check made payable to "Iroquois PTO". Donations received by December 23, 2015, will be issued a receipt for the 2015 calendar year. Thank you in advance for your support!

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*Thank you
for your support!*

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PTO

SHOPRITE FOR MY SCHOOL

Register your "Price Plus" club card at shopriteformyschool.com and select Iroquois Middle School. Shop for participating products. Iroquois will be automatically credited with your "ShopRite For My School" earnings and there is nothing that you will need to turn in. eBoxTops will be automatically entered into a sweepstakes for even more earning for our school.

PRICE CHOPPER ADVANTEDGE CARD HOLDERS

Through Price Chopper Tools for Schools, the school earn points which we cash in each spring for merchandise, like school supplies, athletic gear, science equipment, etc. To sign-up, go to: <http://www.pricechopper.com/savings/sign-up>, enter your AdvantEdge card number, and select Iroquois Middle School (school ID 16025).