

# Iroquois PTO

# NEWSLETTER

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## PTO News & Notes

## Winding down the year with fun, all-school activities

Happy Spring from the Iroquois PTO!

As the weather gets warmer and thoughts turn to spring, there are many fun events coming up at Iroquois. On Friday, May 5th students will get to perform their words and songs with each other and the community during the popular Java Jive. Then on Monday, May 15th, students will get to strut their stuff again at the annual Learning Fair, Club Showcase, and Book Fair. An added bonus to this night...it's also the Ice Cream Social! Looking ahead, we'll say goodbye to our oldest students at the 8th Grade Moving Up and Dance on Tuesday, June 20th...and we'll wrap up the school year on Wednesday, June 21st.

It's never too late to get involved in your PTO! We are actively seeking chairs for several events and committees for next year, as well as positions on our Executive Board. If you are interested, feel free to contact any of the current Board or visit the PTO website at <http://iroquois.niskypto.org/>. PTO meetings are also a great way to stay informed and have your voice heard. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 8th at 7 p.m.; we'd love to see you there!

Thank you as always for your support of the PTO and our Iroquois students!

Heather Schechter and Michelle Haney  
Co-Presidents

## LEARNING FAIR & CLUB SHOWCASE



*It's time to come show what you know!* The Iroquois Learning Fair & Club Showcase is taking place on Monday, May 15 from 6:30-7:45 PM. All students are invited to participate in this fun, annual Iroquois

event. Give an individual presentation or partner up with a friend. Share something that you have an interest in or passion for...or explore something totally new! Participants will receive a certificate, a token of appreciation, and be entered into prize drawings. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge with peers, teachers, and parents! Registration forms will be sent home with students, can be accessed on the Iroquois PTO web site, or directly at this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bz6Ts5D3xKCkMzE1cjU0bFFaUFk/view?usp=sharing>. Extra copies can be found in the Main Office.

## What's coming up...

- April 11** - Board of Ed Mtg (6 pm)
- April 13** - Iroquois Survivor Book Club
- April 14** - No School
- April 17-21** - Spring Break
- April 25** - Board of Ed Mtg (8 am)
- May 2** - Meet the Board of Ed candidates (7 PM)
- May 5** - Iroquois Java Jive (7 PM)
- May 8** - Iroquois PTO Meeting (7 PM)
- May 9** - Board of Ed Mtg (6 pm)
- May 15** - Learning Fair, Club Showcase, Book Fair & Ice Cream Social (6:30 pm)
- May 16** - District Budget Vote



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*Parents' Night Out Mixer*

Friday, April 7

Mohawk Golf Club  
1849 Union St.



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*Thank you for supporting  
the Iroquois PTO*

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Springtime is upon us (even if the weather doesn't seem to be cooperating!) There are several important recognition days that are celebrated in the upcoming weeks:

- Administrative Professionals' Day - Wednesday, April 26
- National Teacher Appreciation Day - Tuesday, May 2
- National School Nurses' Day - Wednesday, May 3

We'd like to thank the PTO for the wonderful Staff Luncheon that was recently held to acknowledge the work that all of our professionals do for the students at Iroquois. As always, it was a lovely event and the gifts were adorable! In the spirit of appreciation, I'd like to take the opportunity say thank you to all of you that are members of the PTO. This organization is so wonderfully supportive of our students and staff, helping with both academic and social outlets for the kids.

Thanks for making Iroquois great!

~ Mrs. Wyld

## Club News & School Activities

### Team 61 Update:

Planetarium Adventures brought the universe to our 6th grade science students on Thursday, March 23rd and Friday, March 24th during their science classes. This was the first year that Starlab came to Iroquois and we couldn't have been happier. They provided us with a portable planetarium to explore the universe around us. Students were able to go inside the inflatable dome and experience the universe that they have been learning about in class with Mrs. Wolfort. What a great opportunity for our students - and we didn't even have to leave Iroquois!

In Reading 6 with Mrs. Bonczkowski, students participated in a Gallery Walk on Monday, March 27th to showcase exploration they did within the historical fiction genre. Students read historical fiction texts that they chose and then created scrapbooks from their main character's perspective. In the scrapbook they analyzed the various elements of their story while incorporating what they learned about the time period they read about. The insight and creativity that students showed were impressive. Our students did an amazing job and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and efforts.

We are looking forward to new learning experiences in all of our classes coming up in the 4th quarter. As always, we can't thank our 61 families enough for their continued support - it has made all the difference!



*Calling all 8th grade parents...*

### THE HIGH SCHOOL PTO NEEDS YOU!

The PTO is currently recruiting for their Board positions, namely Co-President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster and a few more key positions. Your your time and talents would be most appreciated. To learn more, please contact [Teri Shanahan](mailto:tshanclan@yahoo.com) at [tshanclan@yahoo.com](mailto:tshanclan@yahoo.com).

### JAVA JIVE NIGHT IS APPROACHING

Java Jive is an open-mic-poetry-coffeehouse-night-of-awesomeness. This year's event will be held on Friday, May 5th from 7-9 p.m.

Students and teachers are welcome to share original poetry or acoustic music. Students should sign up with their English teacher to participate. Everyone is invited to attend. As well as great poetry and music, there will be baked goods and beverages.

This year we will again be hosting Niskayuna Little Free Library #1024 who will bring FREE books! All proceeds will go to Best Buddies and Niskayuna NOW. Hope to see you there!

