

Iroquois BULLETIN

Iroquois Middle School Monthly Newsletter
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Niskayuna School District

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Adopt-A-Family Project more successful than ever thanks to community effort

Dear All,

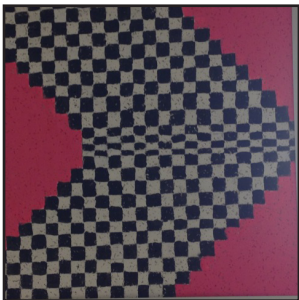
I continue to be amazed at the generosity of our students, staff, and community. We collected \$795 worth of gift cards and \$2,623 in cash, for a total of \$3,418! Seven families and 16 children (students and siblings) will benefit from this outpouring of support. That's amazing and wonderful during this past holiday season. I hope you all had a fun and relaxing holiday break... Happy New Year!

Thank you!

Mrs. Wyld

PTO Thanks You For Your Support!!

When you participate in an Iroquois PTO fundraiser you support your students' studies and extra activities. Recently you have funded two TVs for WIRO and the Drama Club and supplied the nurse and counseling center with water and snacks for kids. These extras are part of what make Iroquois and Niskayuna schools a great place for our kids to learn and grow. In the past the PTO also sponsored some decorative ceiling panels for the library. Painted by Iroquois students, these ceiling panels add color and creativity to the media center. Look at just two of these creative tiles... though next time you are at Iroquois, stop by the media center to check all of them out!



The PTO's current fundraiser is the popular **SaveAround Coupon Books**. The books cost only \$20.00 each and contain multiple coupons to many local merchants...adding up to huge savings! They are a great gift idea for local friends and family. Also, sellers can win prizes: for every 5 books sold, the student gets a free book; and the homeroom that sells the most books gets a pizza party! Please return the sample book you got in Homeroom if you decide not to order. Orders are due Friday, January 9th.

As always, the PTO appreciates your ongoing support!

Subjects Matter...

7TH GRADE CELL-ABRATION!

The annual Cell-abration of all things cellular in 7th grade science was held recently. Students used whatever supplies and tools they had on hand at home to create models of different kinds of cells. They had to label the cell parts and did a great job of explaining to visiting parents what each part did. With refreshments, a musical performance about cells, and the displays, our students were able to share their learning with each other and their families.



HAVE YOU CHOSEN YOUR BOOK?

This year's Read-a-Thon will take place on Friday, January 9 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the auditorium. If you signed up (permission slip deadlines were Dec. 5), then now all you need to do is pick your book. Students will quietly read for 100 minutes and help to raise money to support the Double H "Hole in the Woods" camp at the same time! All donations collected can be brought in on the night of the event.

Iroquois loves to have parents join us in this night of reading, where you can help create a quiet, positive influence on our students. If you would like to participate or volunteer at the event, please email Mrs. Connors at lconnors@niskyschools.org. Or visit this link for more information: <https://wiki3.niskyschools.org/wiki/pages/v8h6-D2x2v8/ReadAThon.html>



Relaxed readers during the 2014 Read-a-Thon!

CLUB CORNER

Calling students, parents, faculty & staff LET'S READ TOGETHER

Since we're talking about reading, check out the Survivor Books Club's website at <https://sites.google.com/a/niskyschools.org/survivor-book-club/>.

Survivor is a book club for Iroquois students, parents, faculty and staff that meets in a casual atmosphere so students and adults can discuss young adult literature.

To join, see Mrs. Farina in room 233 or just come to the next meeting. This club is a great way for students, staff, parents and friends who love to read to dig further into some of the most interesting young adult literature out there. If you and your student love to read, join us on January 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Iroquois Media Center.

Our book for January is *The Nazi Hunters* by Neal Bascomb in which, "The author brings an important moment in history to life for teen readers in a gripping and exhaustively researched narrative," said YALSA Nonfiction Award Chair Jamison Hedin.

**Be sure to visit the Iroquois Website
for more great information**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Jan. 6** - Niska-Day Mtg. at Iroquois Library (7 PM)
- Jan. 8** - High School Orientation Parent Night at High School (6:30 PM)
- Jan. 9** - Iroquois Read-A-Thon (6:30-9:30 PM)
- Jan. 13** - Board of Education Meeting (7 PM)
- Jan. 19** - No School - MLK Day
- Feb. 3** - Professional Development Half Day
- Feb. 6** - 6th Grade Social (7 PM)

INSPIRING "WORDS TO LIVE BY"

Tina Dell, a Rosendale parent, initiated this new monthly project at Iroquois that mirrors something similar implemented at Rosendale Elementary. "Words to Live By" encourages students to think positive by highlighting positive energy through inspirational words. All students are encouraged to share their original quotes or quotes that have inspired them by filling out a form. Mrs. Wyld then reviews and chooses a monthly winner.

Congratulations to:

DECEMBER

"If you dream it, you can do it." - Walt Disney
submitted by Anaya Rosado-Malave, 7th grade

NOVEMBER

Don't be upset you can't do one thing, be happy you can do another.

submitted by Kenzie Kerwin, 6th grade

HAPPY NEW YEAR!