

Iroquois NEWSLETTER

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PTO Update

Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful autumn colors outside! Here at the Iroquois PTO, we are beginning our Friday evening social season -- 7th grade on October 16, 6th grade on October 23, and 8th grade on November 13. The socials, which feature a DJ, are from 7-9 pm, cost \$5 for admission, and are a lot of fun for the kids. TCBY will be selling frozen yogurt cups at each social for \$3. each with a portion of the profit benefitting the PTO.

In addition to dancing and basketball, foosball and ping pong have been very popular activities during the socials. Unfortunately, by the end of the last school year the old ping pong table had worn out. However thanks to a NCAP grant, a generous parent donation, and funds allocated in the PTO budget, the PTO was able to purchase a brand new ping pong table for the school, which has arrived in time for the kids to use this fall.

Also the Iroquois Directory is complete and is currently at the print shop. If you have sent in your PTO dues (or paid them at Back to School night) you can expect the Directory to arrive home with your child shortly. There is still time to pay your dues if you haven't already. Simply send a \$10 check, made payable to the Iroquois PTO, to school with your child in an envelope marked with his or her name.

Heather Schechter and Lisa Weber
PTO Co-Presidents

Where to Go to Be In the Know: THE IROQUOIS PTO WEBSITE

DO YOU NEED TO KNOW...

When the next PTO meeting is? What's for lunch tomorrow? How to view the morning announcements (when your kid's forgotten if tomorrow is A or B)? Which clubs are available at Iroquois, and what days late buses are available? How you can still order something when you've misplaced that fundraiser sales flyer? Where you can sign up to volunteer for the PTO?

You can find the answers to these questions and MORE at the [Iroquois PTO Website](http://iroquois.pto.org). The website is regularly updated by a parent with parent needs in mind. Remember to check the website when you need some answers!

If you have something you'd like posted on the website, please contact the Webmaster Kim McClive-Reed at iroquois@niskypto.org.

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“WORDS TO LIVE BY”

*“Do not go where the path may lead--
leave a trail instead.” ~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Submitted by

Faith Foley, 6th grade

WHO IS VISITING...

Internationally acclaimed Australian author Susanne Gervay is coming to visit Iroquois next Monday, October 19. Ms. Gervay will be visiting 6th graders during the school day and speaking with Survivor Book Club at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

For the safety of students, parents and staff, please use care in our parking lot. Below is a visual reminder of drop off and pick up:



Between 8:30-8:50 and 3:10-3:30, please drop off and pick up by the basketball courts (see green arrows). Students can walk the sidewalk to the front entrance. Exit up the middle aisle of the parking lot.

For your child's safety, between 8:30-8:50 and 3:10-3:30, please do not drop off or pick up in the bus lane (see red circles).

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PTO Support Opportunities

Book Fair

The fall Scholastic book fair will be held Monday, October 19th through Thursday, October 22nd during lunch periods. What a great opportunity to find age appropriate books of all genres. Can't make it to the fair? Shop online 24/7 during the same days noted above using this link: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/iroquoismiddleschool2>

Help ignite the work of the Iroquois PTO!

Our Iroquois PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser is currently underway. When Iroquois families, their relatives and friends shop our Catalog and Online sale options you're supporting enrichment opportunities for our students, helping to meet the needs of our teachers, staff and school, and so much more!

Order forms and catalogs were sent home last week. To order online, visit: www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter group number 990021689 in the "start shopping" box. 40% of our sales go to the PTO. The sale ends October 26th, so order now to purchase items as gifts or just to have around the house! Each student who sells \$100 or more worth of Yankee Candle products will receive scratch tickets with chances to receive various cash prizes. Have questions? Contact Sam Salem at sam.salem@me.com. Every purchase counts.



Car Wash Fundraiser Fun!



Both 8th grade teams held car washes in September to raise funds for upcoming activities and to support the PTO. Team 8-3 had great weather for their car wash on September 19th. The kids worked hard and had fun doing it. When asked what they were raising funds for the kids replied that the money would, "Go towards field trips and PTO activities that give them even more than what they get in class."

Calendar of PTO & Other Activities

- Oct. 15 - Middle School Family Life Review at Van Antwerp (7 PM)
- Oct. 16 - Grade 7 Social (7 PM)
- Oct. 19 - N-CAP Coalition Mtg.
- Oct. 19-22 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 21 - Iroquois PTO mtg. (9:30 AM)
- Oct. 23 - Grade 6 Social (7 PM)
- Oct. 26-30 - District Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 27 - N-CAP Program - Marijuana (6:30PM)
- Nov. 3 - NO SCHOOL K-8 - Conferences
- Nov. 5 - Picture Re-Take Day
- Nov. 6 - Middle School Marking Period Ends
- Nov. 6 & 7 - Niska-Game at Van Antwerp
- Nov. 10 - Half Day for 6th Grade Only
- Nov. 10 - Board of Education mtg. (6 PM)
- Nov. 11 - NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day
- Nov. 12 - Middle School Concert at NHS (7 PM)
- Nov. 13 - Grade 8 Social (7 PM)