

THE JAGUAR TALES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday February 2

Childs Night Out-Avers Pizza

Tuesday February 7

IU MAC-Kids Compose Concert, 2nd grade

Tuesday February 14

IU MAC-Kids Compose Concert, 6th grade

Thursday February 16

Kindergarten Open House

Monday February 20

Built in snow day

Tuesday February 21

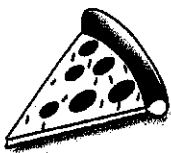
PTO Carnival Meeting

Thursday February 23

Childs PTO Family Skate Night-Western Skateland

Parents, please remember that our doors are not open in the morning until the first bell, which is 8:45am. Please do not drop children off before this time unless they are participating in a before school activity. Thanks for your help!

School
Days



CHILDS NIGHT OUT AT AVER'S PIZZA

FEBRUARY 2ND

Join other Childs families at our first Childs Night Out event of the year at Aver's Pizza between 5-8 pm. Aver's will donate 20% of the proceeds from this event to Childs School. Aver's is located at 1285 S. College Mall Road. Take a night off from cooking and help raise funds for Childs School.

To confirm the date with Aver's, we must have 20 families rsvp by January 30th. Please do so by visiting the link below. <http://www.groupraise.com/events/21300>. Don't forget to mention Childs School when you attend the event. Take a night off from cooking and help raise funds for Childs School.

International Baccalaureate-PYP Attitudes



During the next few weeks we will have a weekly focus on each of the IB-PYP Attitudes. These are vital pieces in the development of positive attitudes toward people, the environment and learning. The IB-PYP Attitudes are meant to be an explicit part of our daily learning and school life and are to be modeled by both students and staff.

Appreciation	Valuing of the wonder and beauty of the world.	1/9
Commitment	Being committed to learning, perseveres and shows self-discipline and responsibility.	1/17
Confidence	Confident in their ability as learners, courage to take risks, applying what they have learned and making appropriate choices.	1/23
Cooperation	Works in a group, collaborating and leading/following as the situation demands.	1/30
Creativity	Creative and imaginative in thinking and in approach to problems and dilemmas.	2/6
Curiosity	Curiosity about learning and of the world and its people and cultures.	2/13
Empathy	Able to project themselves into another's situation in order to understand thoughts, reasoning and emotions.	2/20
Enthusiasm	Enjoying learning	2/27
Independence	Thinking and acting independently, making own judgments based on reasonable principles and being able to defend their judgments.	3/6
Integrity	Being honest and having a considered sense of fairness.	3/20
Respect	Respect themselves, others and the world around them.	3/27
Tolerance	Sensitivity towards differences in the world and being responsive to the needs of others.	4/3

For further information about the IB organization, check out their website at <http://www.ibo.org> or contact me with specific questions.

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The Library Corner



Author Visit

Thanks to our wonderful PTO, L. Jon Wertheim, executive editor and senior writer of Sports Illustrated and long-time sports journalist, presented to grades 4 and 5 in early December. Jon grew up in Bloomington and now lives in New York. He misses Bloomington!

We prepared for his visit by reading aloud, *Rookie Bookie*, which he co-wrote with his friend, Tobias Moskowitz. *Rookie Bookie* is a nominee for this year's Young Hoosier Book Award (grades 3 -6). See goo.gl/8wcjlx for list of books. Although Jon has written 10 or 11 books, this is his first book for elementary students.

Benefits of an Author Visit:

- *Inspires our children to read and write (before and after the visit!).
- *Inspires our students with personal stories.
- *Brings our students together as a community by reading the same author and hearing similar messages.

Important messages Jon shared with our students:

- *There are many ways to tell a story.
- *Writing is something that he loves.
- *Editing is an important part of the process.
- *Try reading your writing out loud.
- *He hopes to write another book for elementary students.

Childs Book Fair

Many thanks to everyone who visited our Book Fair in December.

It was a huge success! Our gross sales were a little over \$12,000 this year. Our profit is 20% which means we earned approximately \$2700. Look for the new books in our library!

A heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful parents and friends who worked the Book Fair. And a special thank you to our treasurer, Jim Suttner who keeps track of all the pennies! This would not be possible without his help.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Ruth Amos	Yi Liao	Mona Visnius
Mandy Baker	Pam Lueken	Elizabeth Walter
Marcy Cook	Beth Loney	Emily Wetzal
Erin Crowley	Jackie Moore	
Marta Deibert	Idee Mou	
Kim Gill	Patti Orth	
Melissa Hall	Lilly Osgood	
Tamara Hallett	Jim Suttner	
Jamie Kirkley	Kathy Van der Schans	
Valerie Kirschbaum	Julie Van Voorhis	

And our wonderful high school seniors: Julia, Julianna, and Mackenzie

Social Media Sites

As always I invite you to follow me on twitter @judybooklady and Childs School @Childsschool to learn more about what is happening with the library program and at Childs Elementary.

THE LITERACY CAFE

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Notes from the Literacy Cafe

We often think of learning vocabulary as memorizing words and definitions. Do you remember writing the definitions for a list of words and then having to use them in a sentence? I know a family that had their children sit on dictionaries at the dinner table. They would make it a habit to learn a new word each day. I have a dictionary app on my phone that sends a new word each day for me to look up. While these are beneficial activities, we actually learn most words through reading, listening to others read and also having conversations with others. The bottom line is that when we know more words, we are more able to understand what we read.

How can you help at home? Here are some suggested activities for building your child's vocabulary.

1. Engage in conversations while going about the routines of your day. When doing chores around the house replace tired words like "clean up" with other rich words such as "organize", "collate", "arrange." Car rides are a great place to talk about your destination or the scenery. A conversation at the dinner table can be punctuated with more sophisticated words to describe the food. Talk about your day: what you did, people that you met, funny things that happened or interesting things that you saw while using more memorable words.
2. Play with words! "I'm thinking of a word that starts with 'br' and it means that a person is not afraid (brave). Give your child a word like "said" and take turns coming up with words that have similar meanings. This can be done with opposites as well. To play with word associations or multiple meanings of words take turns naming words on a particular topic. For example: Name things that are "sharp" (pencils, smart people, pins, etc.) Brainstorm words that fit into categories.
3. Learn common prefixes or suffixes. Once identified, these can unlock the meaning of many new words. Keep lists posted on the refrigerator and add new words as you discover them.
4. Be word collectors...keep a notebook of interesting words. Illustrate the words, act out the words, sort the words, write stories using the words, try to see how many times you can use the words in your conversations...be creative with the words. What can you do to make the words come alive?
5. Along with crossword puzzles there are other published games that expand vocabulary...Hedbanz, Boggle, Upwords, Scrabble, Scrabble Jr., Banana-grams, Pictionary, Charades for Kids, WizKidz, Fast4Words. They are great for connecting words and meanings.
6. There are a few websites which explore vocabulary:
<http://freerice.com/#/english-vocabulary/1485>
<http://www.vocabulary.co.il/word-play/>
www.quia.com/cb/7146.html
7. As I said last month, read aloud to your child.. Savor the words that are memorable. Don't be afraid to acknowledge when you don't know what a word means. Model "asking" behavior. Together try to figure out the meaning of the word in context or stop to look it up if necessary.
8. And last but not least...encourage your child to read as much as possible. Reading gives a huge boost to building a rich vocabulary.

"Words mean more than what is set down on paper. It takes a human voice to infuse them with deeper meaning." Maya Angelou

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Order your Childs Yearbook!

This year, yearbooks will be ordered online. Use the link and code below. If you have any questions, please contact the front office.

www.inter-state.com/yearbook order code **14897V**

Childs yearbooks are \$14.00.

The deadline to order is March 3rd

If you have any school affiliated photos from clubs or events to add to the yearbook, please forward them to the PTO Yearbook Chair Christina Kroeger at dcetpkroeger@att.net

Childs Night at Western Skateland-Feb. 23rd

Join friends and families at Western Skateland on Thursday, February 23rd from 6:30-8:30 pm for Childs Night. Cost is \$5 per skater and includes skate rental. Parents are able to watch at no charge if they choose to not skate. Come join us for a fun night at the roller skating rink.



Parents,

Please help us be considerate of those who have allergy and asthma concerns. Please refrain from wearing heavy scented perfumes and body sprays in the classrooms.

Thank you!

Congratulations to our Kids Compose Winners for 2016-2017!

Ava Gaal and Trinity Vuyyuri will have their pieces played at the IU Musical Arts Center February 7th Band Concert for 2nd graders. Miles Ellenwood and Kristin Cole will have their pieces played at the IU Musical Arts Center April 12th Orchestra Concert for 5th graders. Congratulations also to Alex Herron, Harper Lawrence, and Scott Sprinkle who were Kids Compose finalists. Thanks to all students who worked very hard and had great melodies!

Kids Compose is an annual competition for Monroe County students. Students submit a melody line to Mrs. Crane. These are given to a committee that chooses 8 winners and many finalists from Bloomington elementary students. The winning melodies are then given to an IU music composition student who creates parts for band or orchestra that are played for a packed house of students at the IU Musical Arts Center.



KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

MCCSC Kindergarten Registration Begins 2/6/17

Join us at your school for an engaging and informative "Meet & Greet"

- Meet current Kindergarten Teachers
- Meet the principal and other staff
- Visit Kindergarten classrooms
- Explore a typical Kindergarten day
- Get answers to your questions
- Meet other parents and students
- See the school and campus
- On-Site registration (see back)



Thursday, February 16th, 2017

6:30-7:30pm

Location: All MCCSC Elementary Schools
www.mccsc.edu/kreg



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KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Do you want to assist Childs through the easiest fundraiser around? The Kroger Community Rewards Program is the way to do it. In just the last quarter, Childs earned \$1,413.76 with only 111 households participating in the program. Earning money for Childs Elementary couldn't be easier.

Simply follow these steps:

1. Go to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>
2. Create an account
3. Register your Kroger Plus Card number
4. Enroll your Plus Card in the Community Rewards program to Childs Elementary School's account (enter Childs' number 10879)

After enrollment, each time you shop at Kroger and present your Kroger Plus Card, Childs Elementary will earn rewards. Once a household member enrolls his/her card, all linked Kroger Plus Cards within that household will begin earning funds for Childs. (Some restrictions apply – fuel, alcohol, and tobacco are excluded).

Your Kroger Plus Card can be linked to only one organization at a time, but you can change your nonprofit organization designation online at any time. You must re-register each year during the month of April.

Any questions? Contact Jennifer Morgan at jlbyran@indiana.edu.



Childs PTO Carnival Volunteer Meeting

Mark your calendar for the next Childs PTO meeting on February 21st at 6:30pm in the art room. The focus will include the Childs Carnival. If you are volunteering for your child's class as either the carnival representative or the basket chair, please plan to attend the meeting. The carnival is the school's signature fundraising event and is scheduled for Friday, May 5th.