



# THE JAGUAR TALES

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13-17	Spring Break	
March 22	IU Musical Arts Center-Ballet	3rd Grade
March 29-31	Bradford Woods	5th Grade
March 31	Lotus Blossom World Bazaar	4th Grade
April 5	IU Musical Arts Center-Opera	4th Grade
April 12	IU Musical Arts Center-Orchestra	5th Grade
April 20	PTO Lunch with the Principal	12-1pm
May 4	Immunization Clinic	5th and 6th
May 5	PTO Carnival	5-7:30pm
May 24	Kindergarten Celebration	6:00pm
May 25	6th Grade Culmination	6:00pm



### FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

The Monroe County Health Department will be providing a Spring Immunization Clinic to catch up on ACIP recommended immunizations for students. Consent forms will be passed out to all 5th and 6th grade students. Consent forms will be available upon request for all other grades. Please contact the Health Office if interested. Insurance will be billed.

The clinic date for Childs School is May 4th at 9am.

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER  
YEARBOOKS!**

Use the link and code below to order your 2016-2017 yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact the front office.

[www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook) order code  
**14897V**

Yearbooks are \$14.00

**The deadline to order is March 10th**

**Bradford Woods Summer Camp Opportunities**

Environmental Explorers Summer Camp

Grades 4-8: June 25-30 and July 23-28, 2017

Grades 9-12: Teens Camp July 23-28, 2017

\$395/child

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[www.bradwoods.org](http://www.bradwoods.org)



It is that time of the year again! Time to start thinking about our Spring Carnival and Silent Auction! This event is by far our largest fundraiser with every single dime going directly to Childs Elementary! These funds go to purchase science equipment, new books for the library, playground equipment....so many items that make Childs the awesome school that it is. We can only make this event a success with the help of our **entire** parent community.

The Carnival Parent Representative from your class should be in touch soon with a Sign-Up Genius form. Please take 30 minutes of your time carnival evening and help to run the game. We will also need a small gift for each of the baskets we put together for the Silent Auction. Your classroom Basket representative should be in touch about that soon as well.

Our Silent Auction, which collects items from across the US, is always looking for new and exciting pieces. If you run a small business, or know some one who does, please consider donating an item to the Auction. Exposure at our Carnival reaches hundreds of people, and the article will be listed in our Auction Booklet along with the business that donated. And as always, your donation is tax-deductible.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to use the following contacts:

Carnival Chair: **Katie Mae** at [childs.elementary.carnival@gmail.com](mailto:childs.elementary.carnival@gmail.com)

Silent Auction Chair: **Kristen Lookatch** at [childs.elem.auction@gmail.com](mailto:childs.elem.auction@gmail.com)

## Inquiring Minds Want to Know

I'm sure you've heard the questions before... Why is the sky blue? What makes the grass grow? How do the clouds get in the sky? Children are masters at asking questions in order to make sense of the world around them. "Wonder keeps the imagination alive and curiosity well-tuned. Asking questions is part of remaining open to wonder and alert to the world around you. Asking questions is how you make sense of the world. Asking questions is about taking risks and pushing the envelope. Asking questions is about furthering passions and satisfying curiosities. Questions indicate engagement. They are a fundamental part of being a human being." (*From: Seven Keys to Comprehension* by Susan Zimmermann and Chryse Hutchins)

A fundamental part of the IB program is the chance for children to pose and act on their questions. How can you help? Share your questions. To encourage deeper thinking, pose open-ended questions that help build excitement. These are some questions that encourage thinking and require more than a one word answer.

I wonder...?

Why do you suppose...?

What if...?

Why do you think this happened?

What do you think about this...?

"Be a mentor for your child. Share your questions. Ponder them. Laugh about them. Let one question lead to another. Keep going deeper with them. Encourage your child to ask the tough questions. Remind her that questions lead to new ideas and perspectives. Let her know that even though there are not always answers, what is important is the quest."

Keep track of burning questions. Use them as a springboard to search for answers in other resources.  
Have fun! Inquiring minds want to know!

This website is based on questions that children might ask.

<http://wonderopolis.org/about/>



"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing." Albert Einstein

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# *THE LITERACY CAFE*

## **Thinking Ahead to Vacation Reading**

I treasure the vacation breaks because I can grab a book and a cup of tea and curl up with a good book or two.

**The reality is that it can be hard to squeeze in time for reading with the bustle of travel plans. It is so important to encourage our children to read every day, even during vacations.**

In her article "Thinking Ahead to Vacation Reading," Frankie Sibberson asks, "How will you spend your days and how will reading fit in? Some kids may not be planning on fitting reading into their vacation days, but planting the possibilities and thinking about what extra time means for a reader may get them thinking differently in the future. Children need to have control of their reading lives and to think about who they are as readers, so make time for this kind of thinking. We talk about ourselves as readers, so vacation reading is a natural extension of those conversations." Source: Franki Sibberson <http://www.choiceliteracy.com/articles-detail-view.php?id=463>

She poses some questions to help children to plan ahead for their vacation reading:

1. When will you have time over vacation to read? Will it be short bursts or long periods of time?
2. Is there a book that you've been hoping to read? What is the title?
3. Will you be in the car or on a plane for a long time? What kind of books might you take?
4. What places will you visit that you might like to read about?
5. What internet sites would you like to visit (favorite authors, magazines, etc.)?
6. Which relatives might you read with? What might you read with them?
7. What magazines or quick reads would you like to have on hand for short bursts of reading?
8. What nonfiction topics would you like to read about? Would there be a non-fiction text to support a vacation activity?

**Abundant easy reading at least 20 minutes per day makes a huge difference.**

**"Reading is a gift. It's something you can do almost anytime and anywhere.**

**It can be a tremendous way to learn, relax, and even escape."**

**Richard Carlson**

**Kris Stewart, Literacy Coach**

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## FAMILY TIP SHEET

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# Common Sense on Digital Life

## What's the Issue?

We may think of our kids' online, mobile, and technological activities as "digital life," but to them it's just life. In their world, being able to connect and communicate 24/7 from just about any location is normal - and expected! Between kindergarten and fifth grade, kids go through rapid growth in learning. From playing games on their mom or dad's cell phone, to learning how to point and click a mouse, to navigating online by themselves, kids this age are participating in a connected culture.

## Why Does It Matter?

The stakes are high because our kids' technological abilities can be greater than their maturity and judgment. Having unrestricted access to information and people can result in gaining a wealth of information and experiences but also access to inappropriate content. Just as kids learn to eat properly, swim safely, or drive a car carefully, they need to know how to live in the digital world responsibly and respectfully. Their success depends on their abilities to use digital media to create, collaborate, and communicate well with others. Those who master these skills in using digital tools will benefit from the digital world's awesome power.

## common sense says

**Use bookmarks and safe search.** Teach your child to bookmark his or her favorite sites. This way, your child is less likely to go somewhere online you don't want. Use safe search options on web browsers, such as Epic or DuckDuckGo, to make sure your child can search safely.

**Consider using filtering and blocking software.** Some parents find these tools to be useful to help protect younger children from accessing inappropriate content.

**Have older siblings help.** Have your older children help teach your younger children how to be responsible and safe online. Let the older ones know that you want them to help you protect their little brothers or sisters online.

**Share wisdom.** Kids often don't understand how their actions affect others. We do. We teach kids to choose their words carefully, play nicely with others, and respect their teachers. Now we have to extend those lessons to a vast, invisible world. As a parent, you can translate your values into the digital world and help kids understand the implications of their actions.

**Seek balance.** If our kids are going to thrive with digital media, we must balance the negative with the positive, privacy with protection. As our children grow, they need more independence and privacy. But parents have to be sure their kids know how to be safe and responsible before letting them loose.

**Keep an open mind.** We don't see the world the way our kids do. We don't help our kids when we judge their lives through the lens of a non-digital world. It's important for us to understand that our kids will spend much of their lives in a connected world, where everyone creates and communicates. We need to help them to enjoy it and learn from it.

# March 2017 Elementary Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>6 Chicken Parmesan Garlic Toast Butternut Squash Veggie Burger Oranges Diced Peas</p>	<p>7 Pancake Wrap Breakfast Sausage Gravy Pizza Potato Smiles Tangerine Orange Juice Applesauce Cup</p>	<p>1 Fish Shapes BBQ Pork Sandwich Peas And Carrots Oranges Mandarin Oranges Mandarins</p>	<p>3 Nacho Fish Sticks Rotini With Meat Sauce California Blend Vegetables Applesauce Cup Pineapple Chunks</p>	<p>80z Fat Free White 80z 1% White 80z Fat Free Chocolate 80z Lactose Free</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>8 Lasagna Cheeseburger Hamburger W/Bun Veggie Burger Peas Pineapple Chunks Royal Gala Apple</p>	<p>9 Beef Taco Homemade Chalupa Corn Refried Beans Clementine Kiwi Strawberry Juice</p>	<p>Elementary Prices Full lunch \$2.65 Reduced lunch \$2.40 Adult lunch \$3.00 A la Carte Prices 1/2 Pint Milk \$0.60 8oz Fat Free White \$0.60 8oz 1% White \$0.60 8oz Fat Free Chocolate \$0.60 8oz Lactose Free \$0.60 Events: \$3.00 Seating: \$1.00</p>
<p>20 Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Stuffed Cheese Pizza Pasta Alfredo California Blend Vegetables Diced Peas</p>	<p>21 Walking Taco Bean Taco (cheese) Corn Refried Beans Applesauce Cup Berry Juice</p>	<p>22 Salisbury Steak W/Brown Gravy Wheat Roll Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly Soy Jamwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Red Delicious Apples Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>10 Fish Sandwich Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Cuts Apple Slices WG Brownie</p>	<p>24 Fish Fillet Meatball Sub Mixed Veggies Oranges Mixed Fruit Cup</p>
<p>27 Chicken Sandwich Spicy Chicken Sandwich Veggie Burger Potato Smiles Royal Gala Apple Diced Peas</p>	<p>28 Beef Hot Dog Mac &amp; Cheese (Main) Peas Kiwi Tangerine Orange Juice</p>	<p>29 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Homemade Chalupa Green Beans Oranges Pineapple Chunks</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>31 Fish Sandwich Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Stuffed Cheese Pizza Chili Cheese Wrap Steamed Carrots Strawberry Mango Slushie Grapes</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>30 Stuffed Baked Potato Chili With Meat Ham &amp; Cheese Sub Broccoli Cuts Apple Slices Kiwi Strawberry Juice WG Brownie</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>31</p>

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