



THE JAGUAR TALES

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It was nice to see everyone at our Open House last week, and it's a great indication of the support and encouragement our students receive from home. The excitement on our students' faces as they share their classroom environment with their parents and family members is priceless. They are very proud of the effort and creativity that they put into their school work every day at Childs. I appreciate all of your support as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for the children in our community.

We have added some new faculty and support staff to our team at Childs, and we are excited to bring them into our community. Jeff Sudbury is teaching 3rd grade, Stephanie Vanzo is an inclusion teacher, Soo Sup Cha and Emily Gibbons are new preventionists, and Carlos Garcia and Michelle Clendening are new custodians in our building this year.

We continue to work toward authorization as an International Baccalaureate World School, and we will invite visitors from the IB organization into our building this spring to share our classrooms and the great work taking place at Childs. We will continue to update our community on this process, and we will have parent meetings scheduled throughout the year to share information about the IB program and the opportunities it brings to our community.

We look forward to another year of learning and growing at Childs Elementary School.

Thanks for all you do!

Chris Finley



Monday Sept. 5

Labor Day-No School

Thursday Sept. 15

PTO Family Picnic and Walk

Friday Sept. 16

Larry Battson Wildlife Program

Tuesday Sept. 27

2nd Grade Pioneer Program

Thursday Sept. 29

Peden Farm Field Trip-Kindergarten

Wednesday Oct. 5

International Walk to School Day

Monday Oct. 10

Fall Break-No School

Tuesday Oct. 11

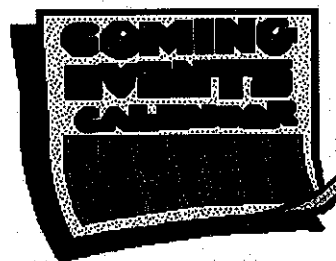
Fall Break-No School

Monday Oct. 17

School Picture Retakes

Thursday Oct. 20

PTO Lunch with the Principal



The Library Corner

The library program has some exciting opportunities in store for your child this year:

- *Many special events are being planned, including a book fair (Dec. 5 – 9) and reading events.
- *I will promote the very best of children's literature to your child.
- *I will do my very best to get (or keep) your children "hooked on reading" by recommending specific reading materials to each individual.
- *100s and 100s of more new titles will be added this year of the latest and most exciting new books for young readers, including quality nonfiction.
- *I will work with classroom teachers to help them find materials especially suited to the individual interests and abilities of your child.
- *Library lessons will stress good Digital Citizenship, helping your child make safe decisions when using the Internet.
- *I will share with your children how to find nonfiction books for their inquiry projects.
- *I will share with students in grades 4 -6 several databases such as Follett ebook (e-books), our online card catalog called Safari and a wonderful website called Biblionasium which is designed to help us create a reading community.
- * I will keep our library webpage updated with databases for children to search.

I am excited about this coming year and am committed to making the library your child's favorite place in the school!

Social Media Sites:

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 Librarything
Pinterest

FAQ

How many books can my child check out?

- *kindergarten, first and second grade students may check out 2 items at a time
- *third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students may check out 4 items at a time

How long can my child keep these books?

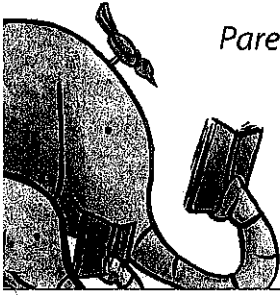
- *all library materials are due back in two weeks but many students (especially the younger) choose to get something new every week or even more often

When can my child visit the library?

- *when they need another book to read



THE LITERACY CAFE



Parent tips for raising strong readers and writers

Growing readers!

Brought to you by Reading Rockets, Colorín Colorado and LD OnLine

Preparing 21st Century Learners

Today's young learner will grow up in world much different from the one her parents grew up in. Our interconnected and digital world demands a lot of our learners. Reading skill remains as important as ever, but other critical-thinking and problem-solving skills are equally as important.

What can families do to prepare 21st century learners? While not an exhaustive list, here are six suggestions to get you started:

1. **Ask your library's media specialist for help** finding interesting and engaging information books. Include nonfiction texts in your stack each time you go to the library. Sharing information books with your young child helps foster a sense of learning from a very young age.
2. **Share interesting vocabulary** from the information books you're reading. Spend time on individual words, and also share your excitement about words specific to a particular subject of study. Discuss words that have multiple or complex meanings. Discuss those words and how they add to what the writer is saying.
3. **Support your child's reading** by encouraging him to work through books that may initially seem too difficult. Read and reread the books together, taking time to talk about the key details from the text. Ask "why" and "how" questions that encourage your child to analyze the text.
4. **Use book illustrations, pictures, and graphics** to help guide your discussions. Work together to identify what person, place, thing, or idea a picture or diagram shows. Learning to "read" graphics is a skill that will be used throughout a person's life.
5. **Ask your child, "Is there more you would like to know more about?"** Then begin to look for more resources from the library or online. Learning to integrate information on a topic from multiple sources is an important skill.
6. **Continue to write together.** Get creative about setting a purpose for writing time. This may include writing book, movie or recipe reviews. Imagine the fun your child will have writing reviews for meals! As you write, encourage your child to use as many specific terms and vocabulary as possible.

Preparing today's learners for tomorrow's world is a journey filled with reading, writing, reflection, and evaluation. These five suggestions will set you off on the right path!

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Childs Elementary is a candidate school* for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme and is pursuing authorization as an IB World School.

IB World Schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programmes of international education that share a powerful vision.

What is the PYP?



The PYP (Primary Years Programme) is an inquiry-based educational framework that seeks to develop the whole child, in that it recognizes the importance of the academic, social, emotional, cultural and physical development of children from ages 3-12. The curriculum sets high standards and has high expectations of students. While the learning of information is still a major part of the PYP program, an emphasis is placed on the process of learning and students' awareness and understanding of how to learn. As they develop into lifelong learners, students realize that learning is about being curious, asking questions and finding answers that lead to further questions.

The framework contains five essential elements: concepts, knowledge, skills, attitudes and action. These elements are developed through six themes that are applied across all subjects. The themes are: Who we are, Where we are in place and time, How we express ourselves, How the world works, How we organize ourselves, and How we share the planet. Knowledge is explored from local and global perspectives within these units of study. The IB standards are aligned with best practice in education and are supported by effective teaching practices. PYP teachers collaborate in the planning of units of inquiry both as grade level teams and as a whole faculty.

The IB maintains a learner profile of specific skills that schools must develop in students at every level of IB which has a positive impact on school culture. The IB Learner Profile seeks to develop students into individuals who are inquirers, thinkers, communicators, risk-takers, knowledgeable, principled, caring, open-minded, balanced and reflective. The goal of PYP and all IB programmes, according to the International Baccalaureate Organization, is to “develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.” Developing lifelong learners who are positive contributors to society is something many schools strive to achieve.

We have worked hard for the last three years and we will submit our application for authorization by October 1st. This has been an exciting journey and we look forward to our authorization visit in the spring.

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

*Only schools authorized by the *International Baccalaureate can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

KROGER CARDS

Kroger Card-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 \$1,070.12 with only 48 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.

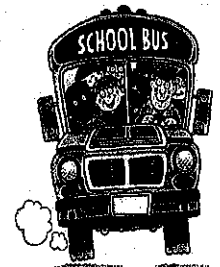
Any questions? Contact Jennifer Morgan at jlbryan@indiana.edu

What is Here Comes the Bus?

Here Comes the Bus is an easy-to-use website and mobile device app that enables parents and caregivers to view the real-time location of their child's school bus on a computer, tablet or smartphone. In addition, email alerts and push notifications help parents send their students to the bus stop at just the right time.

This application can be viewed on any smart phone (Apple iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, BlackBerry, etc.), by entering the student's ID and an account number provided by the school district.

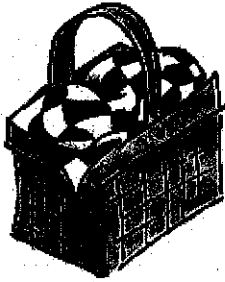
Get started using herecomesthebus.com and **School Code 82359**.



Please turn in any Box Tops you have collected over the summer to the school no later than October 10th for our fall submission.



Collection box is located outside the office.



Childs Family Picnic

Join us for our Childs family picnic on Thursday, September 15 from 5:30-7 pm. Come early for the family walk on the playground track. Bring your picnic basket and enjoy music by the Monika Herzig Trio while meeting both old and new friends at this annual event.

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@ChildsSchool



If your student has a change in their end of day pick-up routine, please call the front office by 3pm so that we may inform the teacher.

September 2016

			1 Stuffed Baked Potato Chili With Meat Ham & Cheese Sub Broccoli Cuts Apple Slices Kiwi Strawberry Juice WG Brownie	2 Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Stuffed Cheese Pizza Chili Cheese Wrap Steamed Carrots Bananas Strawberry Mango Slushie
5	6 Stuppy Joe Sandwich Fish Sandwich Mixed Veggies Clementine Juice Fruit Punch	7 Chicken Tender BBQ Pork Sandwich Peas And Carrots Oranges Mandarin Oranges	8 Enchiladas Refried Beans Cheese Quesadilla Mexican Rice Fiesta Bananas Apple Juice	9 Mini Turkey Corn Dog Rotini with Pasta Sauce Rotini With Meat Sauce California Blend Vegetables Applesauce Cup Pineapple Chunks
12 Chicken Parmesan Lasagna Breadstick California Blend Vegetables Oranges Diced Pears	13 Pancake Wrap Breakfast Sausage Gravy Pizza Potato Smiles Bananas Tangerine Orange Juice	14 Cheeseburger Hamburger W/Bun Veggie Burger Peas Pineapple Chunks Royal Gala Apple	15 Beef taco Homemade Chalupa Corn Refried Beans Clementine Kiwi Strawberry Juice	16 Chicken Nuggets Turkey Wrap Veggie Wrap Broccoli Cuts Apple Slices WG Brownie
19 Orange Chicken Sweet & Sour Meatballs Asian Brown Rice Asian Blend Vegetables Applesauce Cup Diced Peaches	20 Fish Shapes Beans & Franks Steamed Carrots Oranges Fruil punch	21 Spaghetti & Meatballs Spaghetll W Sauce Breadstick Green Beans Golden Delicious Apple Mixed Fruit Cup	22 Chicken Sandwich Spicy Chicken Sandwich Veggie Burger Mixed Veggies Bananas Apple Juice	23 Steakhouse Hoagie Grilled Cheese Sandwich Broccoli Cuts Pineapple Chunks Strawberry Mango Slushie
26 Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Stuffed Cheese Pizza Pasta Alfredo California Blend Vegetables Diced Pears Clementine	27 Walking Taco Bean Taco (cheese) Corn Refried Beans Applesauce Cup Berry Juice	28 Salsbury Steak W/Brown Gravy Wheat Roll Peanut Butter & Jelly Soy Jamwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Red Delicious Apples Mandarin Oranges	29 BBQ Grilled Chicken Breadstick Grilled Cheese Sandwich Steamed Carrots Bananas Tangerine Orange Juice	30 Meatball Sub Turkey & Cheese Sub Veggie Sub Mixed Veggies Oranges Mixed Fruit Cup

