

THE JAGUAR TALES



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Tuesday August 25th	PTO BBQ Supper and Open House
Friday September 4th	Picture Day
Thursday September 17th	Wildlife Program 9:00 am, all grades
Monday September 21st	IU Vision Screening, 1st grade
Friday September 25th	IU Art Museum visit—5th grade 9:50 am-11:15 am
Thursday October 1st	Monroe Co. Public Library visit, 1st grade 9:15 am- 10:25 am
October 5th—9th	Fall break, no school



On Tuesday, August 25th, we will have the Childs PTO BBQ Supper and Open House. The BBQ supper will take place from 5:30-6:30p.m., and the Open House will be in the classrooms from 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the beginning of the school year, and to reconnect with the Childs School community.

We have some new staff members who have very important roles in our school community, and they have been great additions to the Childs Elementary staff. Noreen Arvin is our new support secretary in the office, Eleanor Hitchings is a new kindergarten teacher, Julie Conrad is a new 3rd grade teacher, Ben Brass is a new 4th grade teacher, and Gabriella Coolidge is our new Spanish teacher this school year. The most important job that I have as a building principal is to bring the absolute best and brightest individuals into our school community to work with our children. We are very excited about our new additions to the Childs staff this school year, and they will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to our school community.

Childs Elementary is in the process of being identified as an International Baccalaureate World School. We will schedule parent meetings throughout the school year to update our community on our current progress, and our goals within the framework of this program. Our teachers have been collaborating to build cross-curricular units of study, focusing on international mindedness, and the positive impact our students can have on the world around them. The inquiry based units of study should be engaging and exciting for our students. Another benefit of the I.B. programming is the addition of Spanish in our curriculum. Gabriella Coolidge, our new Spanish teacher, is a native Spanish speaker, and she is excited to share this important world language with our students. We are looking forward to another great school year!

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 are excited to begin this journey as an IB Candidate School! If you want to learn more check out their website at

<http://www.ibo.org/> or contact me with specific questions at kstewart@mccsc.edu.

Kris Stewart,

IB Coordinator

NOTES FROM THE LITERACY LAB

According to Mem Fox, author of *Reading Magic*, "If parents understood the huge educational benefit and intense happiness brought about by reading aloud to their children, and if every parent—and every adult caring for a child—read aloud a minimum of three stories a day to the children in their lives, we could probably wipe out illiteracy within one generation."

Reading aloud to our children is important! We know how important this is for our younger children. However, in his book, *The Read Aloud Handbook*, Jim Trelease says, "Reading aloud is a commercial for reading. ...Think of it this way: McDonald's doesn't stop advertising just because the vast majority of Americans know about its restaurants. Each year it spends more money on ads to remind people how good its products taste. Don't cut your reading advertising budget as children grow older."

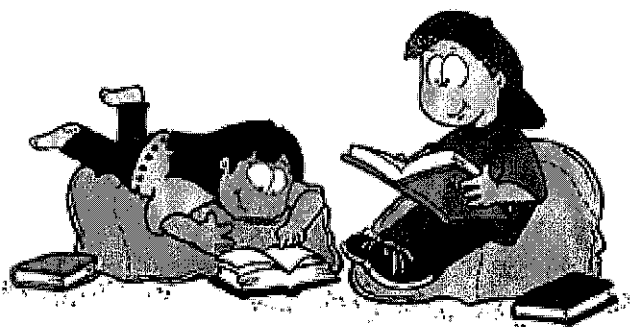
Reading aloud to our emerging and independent readers (even teens) helps build stamina and a robust vocabulary, stimulates their imagination, and promotes deeper questioning and thinking. It also encourages children to explore other types of literature, authors, or topics. Reading aloud fosters discussions about social concerns, life choices and values. Of course, it is a great opportunity to spend some time bonding in our busy days.

Tips for Reading with Children

1. Read to and with your child every day. Daily reading and spending time together is important.
2. Take some time to talk with your child, tell stories, sing songs, and share poetry.
3. Have your child help choose the books you read together. This will keep your child focused and interested!
4. Find a comfortable place to read together. This helps create a special atmosphere for reading.
5. Change your voice and pace as you read. This helps make the story more interesting and models using expression.
6. Talk about the book after reading. This helps your child develop an understanding of what is read.
7. Model good reading habits by letting your child see you reading books, magazines and newspapers. This shows your child that you enjoy and value reading.
8. Take your child to the library regularly. Libraries are a great place to find good books! Our wonderful librarian, Judy Williams, is a great resource for book suggestions!
9. Include fiction, non-fiction books and kid-friendly magazines in your reading basket at home.
10. Jim Trelease has a great website with many resources <http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/>

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

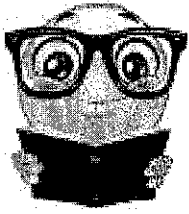
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THE LIBRARY CORNER

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

*Many special events are being planned, including an author visit, a book fair 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 e-Follett Reader (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

FAQ

How many books can my child check out?

*kindergarten, first and second grade students may check out 2 items at a time

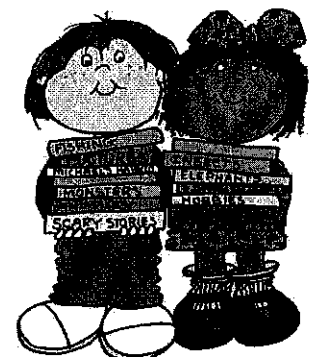
*third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students may check out 4 items at a time

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



From the Library Corner

Author Skype, Paul Durham, and fourth grade

Paul Durham, author extraordinaire, is going to Skype with all of our 4th graders on Friday, October 16. He is the author of the popular series, *The Luck Uglies*, winner of the *2015 ALA Notable Children's Book Award*, *NY Public Library Top Book for Sharing and Reading* and *Booklist Top Ten First Novel for Youth*. The third book in this series will be released this spring.

Our fourth grade is enjoying *The Luck Uglies* being read to them as they prepare for this event.

Please visit Paul Durham's informative and entertaining webpage:

<http://www.pauldurhambooks.com/>

Author visit, Margaret Peterson Haddix Grade 4,5,6

We are excited to host Margaret Peterson Haddix, middle grades /young adult author, on Friday, November 13. Author visits are an exciting opportunity for elementary readers and writers.

Our grades 4, 5, and 6 have begun preparing for her visit by offering her titles for literature groups and reading her books aloud.

Visit <http://www.haddixbooks.com/> for more information about Margaret Peterson Haddix.

Biblionasium Grade 4, 5, 6

Biblionasium is an engaging, literature-based social network for elementary children. It is similar to a Goodreads/Shelfari type site but specifically for kids. This is a web-based application so students can access in or out of school.

This wonderful website helps us to continue to grow as a community of readers. The students can recommend books to each other, write reviews and keep track of what they have read or want to read.

See the following for more details:

https://www.biblionasium.com/learn_more_parents

Go to:

Childs Library Webpage (<https://sites.google.com/a/mccsc.net/childs-elementary-library/>) or scan



choose Biblionasium

Your child can log in by entering

Username:(firstfivelettersoflastnamefirstthreelettersoffirstname0)

Password: same as library number/lunch number/computer log in number
EXCEPT you add the first letter of last name BEFORE the password

Example:

John Miller
millejoh0
m12345

Follett Shelf Ebooks from Home Grades 4, 5, 6

The students are off and running with checking out electronic books from Follett Shelf on their iPads. Each child may check out one ebook at a time and put one ebook on hold. Books can be checked out for 10 days or returned early. This is a web-based application so it is accessible in or out of school.

Go to:

Childs Library Page (<https://sites.google.com/a/mccsc.net/childs-elementary-library/>) or scan



choose FollettShelf Ebooks

Your child can log in by entering

Username (firstfivelettersoflastnamefirstthreelettersoffirstname0)

Password: same as library number/lunch number/computer log in number

John Miller
millejoh0
12345

International Dot Day Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2

<http://www.thedotclub.org/dotday/>

Grades k through 2 celebrated **International Dot Day** on Tuesday, September 29. We read, *The Dot*, by Peter H. Reynolds. This book inspired Terry Shay, classroom teacher, to begin this special day of celebrating **creativity, courage and collaboration**.

In celebration of Dot Day we:

*read *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds

* read a spectacular book called, *Dot*, by Patricia Intriago.

*looked at “celebridots” created by familiar children’s authors and illustrators in celebration of International Dot Day.

*read books that show characters using the Learner Profiles...especially Caring and Open-Minded

*create our own dots with our art teacher, Ms. Shuler.

*learn The Dot Song with Mrs. Crane, our music teacher.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oEhqht-OgY>

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Look for our dots in the hallway by the office! Make Your Mark and see Where it Takes You!

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.

Visit shelfari to see what I’m reading at

<http://www.shelfari.com/judybooklady>

I have also started a Pinterest page for parents at

<https://www.pinterest.com/jwilliam1308/> Watch as it grows!



Earn Money for Childs Elementary by Shopping at Kroger!

Fund-raising for Childs Elementary couldn't be easier! Shop at Kroger, swipe your Plus Card, and Childs will earn money through the Kroger Community Rewards Program. In the last two quarters, Childs has earned \$5,940.89 with only 76 households enrolled in the program. Just think what we could earn if every household was enrolled.

To get started, simply follow these steps:

Go to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>

Create an account

Register your Kroger Plus Card number

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.

Go to <https://www.kroger.com/topic/community-rewards-5> to find out more information about Kroger Community Rewards. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Morgan at jlbyran@indiana.edu.

Every great school has an army of volunteers to assist with various activities and events. Childs is no different.

There are many ways to volunteer. Whether it be on an established committee for the PTO, bringing in treats for the staff during appreciation weeks, helping with the school carnival or volunteering in the classroom, there is a place for you.

To learn about the many ways you can volunteer and to sign up, please visit the Childs website at <http://www.childs.mccsc.edu>. Once on the site, click on the Our School section and then select PTO. From there you can see the many ways you can assist your child's school. In addition you can sign up for committees directly at <http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=0BC6CDDFFDCEFB61&cs=09B1BAD98FB98B137B7B64725BB49BCF> on our Signup Genius page.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the committee chairs or Angie Lindauer, lindauer72101@gmail.com with questions.

Thank you for volunteering and helping continue to make Childs Elementary a great school!

Box Tops for Education

We are now collecting Box Tops for our fall submission. Now is the time to clean out your junk drawer and bring in those Box Tops, or to start clipping them if you are new to Box Tops! Be sure to tell your friends and family to save them too. With the help of many collectors, they really add up!

Box Tops are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them, and can be clipped from over 200 participating products! Product brands include General Mills, Betty Crocker, Old El Paso, Juicy Juice, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Hefty, Avery, Huggies, Cottonelle, and Scott.

The Box Tops collection box is just inside and to the left of the main door to the school.

Eat Pizza X, Get Money for Childs!

Cut out and save the proof of purchase (POP) from Pizza X boxes to get money for Childs! Pizza X gives us 25 cents for each POP. Help us raise money for Childs by bringing in your Pizza X POPs cut out from the Large and Extra Large pizza boxes. This program will continue to run indefinitely so keep saving your POPs! A white collection tub is in the front hallway by the Box Tops collection box. Thank you!

Don't Miss
Picture Day!
No te pierdas el día de fotos!



Childs Elementary School

Picture Day is:

El Día de fotos es:

Friday 04 Sep 2015

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Para ordenar en línea, visita:

www.inter-state.com

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