



Indian Trail November '09 Newsletter

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Principal: John M. Lacoste

Dear Indian Trail Families,

Thank you for participating in our 2009-10 Parent-Teacher Conferences and your response was outstanding! We are fortunate to have such a wonderful parent-partnership with you in helping us educate your child. Taking the time out of your busy schedule to meet with your child's teacher sends an important message your child and to our staff that learning is important and is a # 1 priority at Indian Trail. Congratulations and thanks again for all of your support!

The first grading period ends on Friday, October 30. Teachers will again be preparing students' report cards on Progress Book, our electronic on-line grading system. These on-line report cards will be printed at school and sent home with students on Friday, November 6.

There will be no school for students on Tuesday, November 3 due to Teacher In-Service Day. Our staff members will be participating in district staff development programs on that day.

There will be an Early Dismissal Day on Friday, October 30. Students will be dismissed from school at 1:30 p.m. Bus transportation will be provided as usual. If your child's after school arrangements are going to be different you will need to provide the school with that information in writing via a note to the teacher. Note: There will be no school for p.m. kindergarten on that day.

We are also nearing those months when the weather is unpredictable, and it may be necessary to cancel school. The guiding factor in such a decision is the safety of our pupils and employees. The closing will be reported to most local radio and television stations. Tune in to your preferred station. Whenever school is closed due to weather conditions, all athletic events and extra curricular activities held at the building will automatically be canceled.

In addition, keep in mind that when weather permits, all students will be going outside for daily recess. Students cannot remain indoors due to parental preference. We simply lack the personnel for supervision. Only a doctor's excuse will be recognized in allowing students to remain indoors.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Indian Trail staff, I would like to wish all our families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Education,

John M. Lacoste
Principal

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CHARACTER COUNTS at INDIAN TRAIL

The character trait for the month of November is Respect.

Respect means:

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule.

Be tolerant of differences.

Use good manners, not bad language.

Be considerate of the feelings of others.

Don't threaten, hit, or hurt anyone.

Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements.



Art Room News

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as "Artists of the Month for November."

Grade 1- Lindsey Horvath, Isabella Adams and Devon Willmore

Grade 2- Carter Kline and Kaolyn Noland-Lea

Grade 3- Peyton Phillips, Angela Silvey and Katherine Telles

Grade 4- Katherine Longfellow and Xander Stone

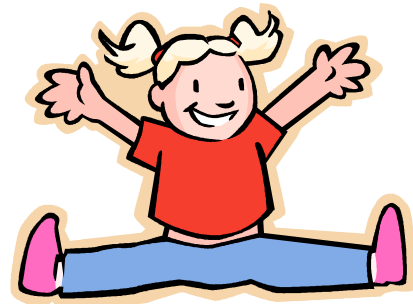


Indian Trail Family Reading Program

We are asking all students to read 10-15 minutes a night for 5 out of 7 days per week. A monthly reading calendar will be sent home with your child. At the end of each month please have your child return their reading calendar to their teacher. Students who reach their goal will be recognized each month for their efforts. Note: Research shows that students can make gains of up to one year with their reading levels by doing a little bit each day and/or night.

Make-Up Work

When your child is absent from school, you may request homework in the morning when you call in to report your child's absence. This gives the teacher enough time to get the assignments together for you. You can then pick up the assignments after 3 p.m. that day.



Thank You PTA!

A special thanks to our PTA for coordinating our Parent-Teacher Conference dinners for our staff. These dinners were delicious and much appreciated by everyone. Thanks again to all parents for your kindness, generosity and support!

Preschool Peers

Do you have a 3, 4 or 5 year old who would be a great peer model for our developmental preschool? If so, we are looking for you! Please call Mary Kay Zrabik-Misterka in the Special Services Department at (330)689-5432 for more information.

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Student Council News

As the holiday season approaches Student Council will begin collecting food, clothing and other hygiene items for needy families in our community. We will be sending home additional information in ways which students and families can help our school collect food, clothing and small gifts for the less fortunate. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping others this holiday season.

Indian Trail's Going Green Program!

Please remember to reduce, reuse and recycle when you can. Did you know that you can donate your empty ink jet, laser, fax and copier cartridges to the school? All you have to do is simply send in your used cartridges to school in the cartridge box and the school and planet will benefit! There are over 200 different types of empty printer cartridges that qualify.



Safety Patrol Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following Indian Trail Safety Patrol Students for the Month of November: Tyler Marsh, Room 19, and Declan Ange, Room 20. Declan and Tyler are both very helpful with their Safety Patrol duties at school. Declan and Tyler help our City of Stow crossing guards, Mr. Rossi and Mrs. Seaver, in the morning and the afternoon as students arrive and leave school. Thank you Tyler and Declan for your help in keeping our students safe at school.

Good Neighbors/Open M Drive

This annual event will go on again this year. More information will be forthcoming as we receive it. As in the past the necessities include toothpaste, canned goods, peanut butter, jellies, paper products, hygiene products, gifts for newborns to senior citizens

Parent/Guardian Important Reminder: From The Summit County Truancy Task Force

1. **Attendance:** Parents and Guardians, remember that it is your legal responsibility to make sure that your child goes to school, even if they do not want to go. It is important that you let your children know the importance of going to school.

2. **Truancy:** Truancy means missing school without a lawful excuse. According to State Law a child is considered chronically truant when they:

- miss 7 unexcused days of school in a row
- have 10 unexcused absences in a month
- have 15 unexcused absences in a year

What is a lawful excuse?

- Illness or medical appointment
- Family Emergency
- Funeral
- Religious Holidays

What is an unlawful excuse?

- Parent forgot to wake the child
- Parent did not know the school schedule
- Child missed the bus
- Child overslept or was sleepy
- Child didn't feel like going to school

3. **Bottom Line:**

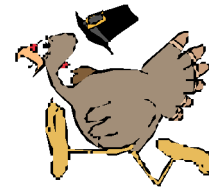
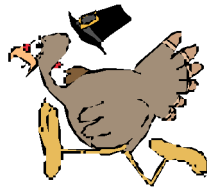
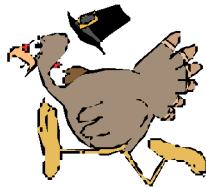
“A child who is not in school cannot learn.”

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Calendar of Events November, 2009

Tuesday, November 3	In-service Day / No School for Students Election Day - Please remember to vote!
Friday, November 6	Report Cards Go Home
Monday, November 9	PTA Meeting @ 9:30a.m. - Art Room
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 18	Market Day Pick Up - 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m./gym
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving Day - No School
Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving Break - No School



As winter is quickly approaching, it is sometimes necessary to close the schools with short notice. The decision to close our schools is never made more than three hours in advance of school starting times. Below is a list of web sites, radio and television stations that will report the closing of our schools.

Web sites:

www.smfcsd.org/snow.htm
www.newsnet5.com
www.wkyc.com
www.fox8cleveland.com
www.19actionnewsnow.com
www.cleveland.com

Television Stations:

Channel 3 - WKYC	Channel 5 - WEWS	Channel 8 - WJW
Channel 19 - WOIO	Channel 23 - WVPX	Channel 43 - WUAB

Radio Stations:

560 AM - WHLO	1100 AM - WTAM	1590 AM - WAKR
96.5 FM - WAKS	98.1 FM - WKDD	99.5 FM - WGAR
100.1 FM - WNIR	100.7 FM - WMMS	103.3 FM - WCRF
105.7 FM - WMJI	106.5 FM - WMVX	

Transportation Hotline: (330) 689-5200 ext. 8300