

IDA MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO NEWSLETTER

Be Grateful!

Be grateful for what you have, not regretful for what you haven't. ~ Susan Taylor

Important Dates:

- Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Bedford YMCA Outing
- Kalahari, March 8th



PTO Financial Status UPDATE

The PTO is committed to earning the funds necessary to support our students and programs. This year, monies earned initially will be used to fund \$1,500.00 worth of planners for the students next year. Our ledger balance at the beginning of the year was almost zero. So until the \$1,500 goal is met it will be very difficult for us to commit to supporting other events & programs. As a result of this need, a focus on additional fund raising opportunities are being considered, which will require the support and assistance from our families at IMS. We always welcome new ideas and suggestions please come to our Monthly meetings and/or volunteer!

PTO Meeting Dates 2nd Monday of Month

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| Mon. Jan . 11 | 7 PM |
| Mon.. Feb. 8 | 7 PM |
| Mon. March 8 | 7 PM |
| Mon. April 12 | 7 PM |

Saturday, January 23rd

Get out of the cold and kick off the New Year right! Pack up your family and enjoy an entertaining night of fun at the Bedford YMCA on Saturday, Jan. 23rd from 6:30—10:00pm. Swimming, basketball, tennis, racquetball and more. The YMCA is providing the facility for free, however, the PTO is asking for a \$1.00 donation at the door per person to attend. The funds raised will be used to facilitate programs for our students.



Robotics

Last year our two out of six of our robotic teams made it to the national competition! WAY TO GO!!! Robotics will start in January this year! Please look for additional information to come! The school usually funds this program, however, because of budget cuts the PTO has been asked to contribute funds to continue the successful operation of the program!

PTA Rally

As most of us have heard, our schools may experience yet another budget cut of approximately \$121.00 per student. Members of the PTO & PTA joined other schools in Lansing on December 2nd to talk to legislatures about the impact the cuts will have on the students! We made our voices heard with the hopes the State of Michigan will find alternate funds to provide to our schools. Please visit our web page at www.idapto.com for more information.



Last year the PTO registered for a program which contributes funds to our school every time you search on the web. So if you haven't yet, go to www.goodsearch.com and add this search engine to your tool bar. The IMS PTO will earn money for every search you complete using tool.

Lunch with a Loved One

As parents we sometimes feel as though middle school is the time when our children are in search of their independence. As parents we give them their space and sometimes feel left out. Jennifer Proudfoot hosted a first ever "Lunch with a Loved One" for the 5th grade class in cooperation with our 2nd Scholastic Book Fair to promote family interaction in school. An event that was a success! About 20 parents joined their students for lunch in the ever popular middle school cafeteria! Thanks to all who came! We hope you enjoyed your visit! Thanks to the staff for allowing us the opportunity to set up the event.

Harlem Wizards Visit Ida



Once again this year the Harlem Wizards took the court at Ida High School to try to defeat our talented team of parents, teachers, and Ida Lightning coaches! The evening was a night full of fun and laughs for all of those who attended. As a result of the program the PTO earned about \$250.00 selling concessions. Thanks to all who participated and shared the evening with us!

Kalahari Water Park

We've visited Great Bear Lodge, Castaway Bay and Kalahari was selected again for this year's family outing. The PTA has negotiated a rate of \$124.00 (tax included) for 4 people in a standard room. The cost includes 4 water park passes. \$10.00 is given back to the PTO. If you would not like to make a contribution to our program, please let us know and we will refund your \$10.00 Our program is being hosted on Monday, March 8th. No school on Tuesday. Call 1-877- Kalahari (525-2427) to reserve your room! This event is a splashing good time! Request your vacation day today to join us for all of the fun!!!



We are still collecting Campbell's Soup Labels and Box Tops please send them into the PTO mailbox with your child.