Indianapolis Emmis Communications volunteers supported our school on Friday, August 23rd during the United Way’s annual Day of Caring. The team painted walls and book shelves in the library, assembled book carts, reorganized and reshelved books, and organized the desk area for the librarian. Outside in the garden, weeds were sprayed and pulled, trees were trimmed, 20 yards of mulch were spread, a stepping path was laid and the water pond was cleaned and a pump was installed. We are so pleased to have this invaluable partnership with Emmis Communications and the wonderful people that work there!

Helper Websites

IPS: www.ips.k12.in.us
School #56: www.356.ips.k12.in.us
Facebook: www.facebook.com/FWP56

PTA Officers

For 2013-2014:
Nasha Abdul-Aleem, President
Tracy Heaton de Martinez, 1st Vice President
Yashanna Aidara, 2nd Vice President
Mary Ann Hack, Treasurer
Sarah Garner, Secretary
Paula Carpenter, Reflections Chair
Mashariki Jywanza, Diversity Chair

Please join us at a PTA meeting!
It’s not too late to join Choir!

Permission slips can be picked up in the Music Room.

Please call Miss Coad if you have any questions.

“...does not depend on only his age, but also on being free to look around him.”
-Maria Montessori

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please email Miss Sommers!
sommerm@ips.k12.in.us

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FWP’s PTA

Welcome back to school from your PTA! The School 56 PTA has a very exciting year planned. We are looking forward to many activities focused around the theme “Fit Minds and Healthy Bodies.” We are very proud that we have been awarded several grants for this school year. We received 10 new Kindles to use for special activities, a wellness grant, and a book grant that will allow us to give all of our scholars new books throughout the school year.

We will meet monthly for Marvelous Montessori Mondays and explore different Montessori techniques at each meeting. If you haven’t already done so, please plan to join PTA. Dues are only $6.00. Parents, Grandparents, neighbors, co-workers, friends...all are welcome to join our PTA. There is power in numbers.

Please plan to support our fundraisers this year. We are currently selling the Discovery Indy coupon books. Another way that you can help our school is by saving Box Tops & Labels for Education. These are found on many products that you probably already buy. Check product packaging before you toss them away! Also, if you shop at March, you can link your Fresh Ideas card to our school and we receive a portion of your purchase. Thank you for your support of PTA. We are looking forward to a great year!

>submitted by Sarah Garner, PTA Secretary

Book Fair in the Library

Miss Sommers will be having the Book Fair in the library during the week of September 16th. The Book Fair will be open during school hours and during PIT Day from 12:00-7:00 PM. Please come and check it out! Our students love to read and there are many great titles available!

>submitted by Miss Sommers

PTA Fundraiser—Discover Indy Coupon Book

Attention all School 56 Scholars and Families:

The Discover Indy Coupon Book Fundraiser was kicked off on September 4th. Scholars were sent home with an envelope that included a note to Parents/Guardians and an order form. There are 2 Coupon Books available. The larger one, called Discover Indy, sells for $25. It includes coupons for fine dining as well as casual dining, quick eats, entertainment, dry cleaning, golf course fees, groceries, etc. The smaller one, called Food and Fun Express, sells for $10. It includes coupons for quick eats and some entertainment such as miniature golf, bowling, Monkey Joe’s, roller skating, etc. Our goal is for each family to sell a minimum of 5 Coupon Books. Our school goal is to sell $4,000 worth of books. Scholars are to collect money with each order placed. Order forms and money collected should be given to their teachers on September 16th.

Tip: Coupon Books make great gifts. Thank you for your support!

>submitted by Mary Ann Hack, PTA Treasurer
Scholar Enhancement Center

The Scholar Enhancement Center (SEC) is the school based behavior adjustment room. It is located in Room 2 and run by Mrs. Davis. The focus of the SEC is to help scholars make better choices, identifying the reason for the behavior, discussing acceptable replacement behaviors, accepting responsibility for their behaviors, along with reviewing school and classroom expectations. We are using the model of “Restorative Discipline,” to help shape the SEC.

Scholars who visit the SEC are instructed to sit quietly. Next, scholars have a discussion with the adult in charge addressing the situation. Lastly, scholars are assigned a task that relates to the behavior and also writing. The educational focus of the SEC this year is making scholars better writers! Written tasks are age appropriate and consist of subjects such as respect, manners, responsibility, self-control, and scholar roles. Once scholars have completed the task to the best of their ability, they are then allowed to return to class.

Also, please be advised the IPS UNIFORM POLICY is being fully enforced this school year! Wearing a belt every day is the expectation of any scholar between the grades of 2nd through 8th. No scholar will be allowed in class without being in uniform. For the first and second offense, scholars will be allowed to borrow an uniform item if one is available or call an adult to bring one. If there is no one available to bring the needed item, the scholar will remain in the SEC for that day. Again, no scholar is allowed to go to their classroom not in uniform. The third and fourth time, the scholar will be assigned in-school suspension and after that other consequences will be enforced. As it is with behavior, it is important for scholars to take responsibility for their education, coming to school ready to learn includes being dressed appropriately. Remember undershirts and leggings should be a solid uniform color: red, black, white, or blue. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!

>submitted by Mrs. Davis

Study Smarter, Not Harder (Part 1)

How did you learn how to ride your bike? Someone probably gave you a few lessons and then you practiced a lot. You can learn how to study in much the same way. No one is born knowing how to study. You need to learn a few study skills and then practice them.

Why work on your study skills? It will make it easier for you to learn and do well in class, especially as you move up to middle school and high school.

Six Steps to Smarter Studying:
1. Pay attention in class.
2. Take good notes.
3. Plan ahead for tests and projects.
4. Break it down.
5. Ask for help if you get stuck.
6. Get a good night’s sleep!

Pay Attention: Good Studying Starts in Class!
Here’s a riddle for you: Did you know that before you even begin studying, you’ve already started? Huh? Here’s what we mean. When you pay attention in class and take good notes, you are starting the process of learning and studying. Do you have trouble paying attention? Are you sitting next to a loud person? Is it hard to see the board? Make sure you’re sitting in a good seat that lets you pay attention.

>taken from kidshealth.org

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Want to know what is for lunch? Check out our school website: www.356.ips.k12.in.us
Click on General Information or Students and find the post for Lunch Menus.

Don’t forget to bring in your Box Tops to help our school!

These can be found on many products

“Of all things, love is the most potent.”

-Maria Montessori

Our PTA will be having dinner featuring Spanish food for Hispanic Heritage Month during the PTA meeting on September 23rd.

>submitted by Mrs. Davis
**Don’t forget!**
Please always check your child’s backpack when they get home from school. You don’t want to miss out on important information like sports, clubs, pictures, or food pantry forms! It only takes a minute!

**September Birthdays**
1-Brinae Harris
3-Jaylen Woods, Alayla Wyatt
4-Keyonica Johnson
5-Jayden Nixon, Remya Woods
6-Nyela Waiss
7-Darrin Thompson
8-Izai Hernandez
9-Yamilet Jimenez
10-Andres Broner, Alana Graham
12-Rachel Sizemore, Jenifer Magana-Baez
13-Imani Ingram, Quinn Sholar
14-Valencia Lewis, Imari Torain
16-Halmyr Jimenez
18-Riley Long, Demi Jackson
19-Taige Williams
20-Destini Pollard
21-Amaya Mendoza
22-Dario Boyd
23-Makayla Long
24-Joseph Nance
25-Branston Edmundson
26-Eshe Waiss, Dyajah Hyde
27-Ton’nya Fowler, Maxine Withers

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