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# THE ICRS MINUTE

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY PRINCIPAL RUTHERFORD

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

### *Volunteering*

We require volunteer hours at ICRS. This enables us to provide excellent programs and keeps costs down. Remember, the cost to educate a student at ICRS is about \$9,200, while the average cost to educate a student in Skagit County is \$17,000.

Volunteering also provides great benefits for parents: you see your child in action and can monitor their academic, social, and emotional growth in a school setting; you are able to connect with other parents as you work to complete a project; you get to know teachers and staff more intimately; and you are able to build a community where your family belongs. As one parent said in our recent survey: "Initially, I was wary about the parent volunteer requirement, but I now see how much this "requirement" fosters a deep sense of community, cultivates meaningful relationships, and creates a very special "ICRS culture."

Some important volunteer opportunities for next year include Yearbook Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, and Booster Co-Chair.

### *Staffing*

I am grateful and excited to announce our preschool staff for next year. Rachel Youngquist and Jamie Eskola will co-teach. They are excited to collaborate to create a nurturing and structured environment for our little ones. Dolores Garcia will be the full-time aide. She will take the lead in teaching Spanish in the preschool.

Alicia Morgan will continue as our art teacher, and she will also be an aide in the big school. Linda Morrison will teach Spanish to grades K-5 once a week and will continue teaching middle school Spanish elective. The goal for next year is to have several 8th graders take the Spanish test at MVHS for high school credit.



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### *MAP Testing*

MAP test scores come home today in the Brown Envelope. We acknowledge that this test is one measure of student progress on one day. Students can have a bad testing day! However, if your child's teacher is concerned about test scores, they will be contacting you.

### *Hot Lunch*

In last week's parent survey, there were lots of questions about the increase in price for hot lunch, so I am going to try to answer your questions.

1. We contract with MVSD to get our hot lunch. We do not have choice regarding the menu.
2. MVSD is raising our price (with milk) to over \$4 per lunch for next year. We also have to pay staff to administer and serve the lunches, so the price next year will be \$4.50. (We actually lose money on each lunch.)
3. The reason we don't have free lunch for everyone is there is a state policy that allows free lunch for schools that meet a threshold of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. We do not have that many students who qualify.
4. We will still offer free and reduced lunch to families who qualify. Please make sure that you complete the forms when they come home this summer.
5. The School Commission and Finance Council will be exploring alternatives to our hot lunch program next year. If you would like to be on a hot lunch exploratory committee, please contact me.

### *Talent Show*

Thank you to Laura Eskola and Janette Strand for coordinating our talent show. Please join us on June 8th at 1:00pm at St. Joes to see all the talent we have here at ICRS!

### *Field Day*

Field day is a great opportunity to spend time with your child at school. You are welcome to join your child's family group on Friday, June 9th for lunch and games, starting at 11am. We also need volunteers! Please see the insert in this week's brown envelope to sign up.

-Sarah Rutherford



## Art Show and Band Concert



## 2nd Grade Mass & First Communion Celebration







## END OF YEAR SURVEY

The end-of-year survey went out last week and we encourage all parents to respond. If you haven't submitted your feedback, please complete the survey [HERE](#)

## TRACK & FIELD

Congratulations to the ICRS Track & Field Team on their placements at the championships!

### *Boys*

200 meters: Landon Hoyer - 8th place

400 meters: Landon Hoyer - 6th place

1600 meters: Landon Hoyer - 7th place

4x100 relay: Levin Tobol, Tyler Vu, Oliver Brown and Ben Fisher - 5th place; Jacob Kuzman, Anders Svendsen, Chikae Ramsbottom and Kaelen Leksen - 8th place

### *Girls*

100 meters: Kaylen Colbray - 2nd place

200 meters: Claire Chennault - 5th place

400 meters: Claire Chennault - 4th place

800 meters: Rue Schoenberger - 14th place

4x100 relay: Jennifer Heng, Natalie Janicki, Claire Chennault and Kaylen Colbray - 3rd place

High Jump: Natalie Janicki and Kaylen Colbray - 8th place

Long Jump: Claire Chennault - 3rd place; Kaylen Colbray - 2nd place

## FINDERS FEES

Parents are our best marketing resource. Did you know that ICRS offers finder's fees to current school families who refer new families to ICRS? Please refer to the student handbook for more details. This is a great time to encourage friends and family who are considering options for education to make the move to ICRS! If you have any questions about enrollment, please contact Erin Kohlhaas at [ekohlhaas@icrsweb.org](mailto:ekohlhaas@icrsweb.org).

## IMPORTANT DATES

**June 2:** School Mass - 9:30am

**June 6:** 2nd grade Hall of History - 9-10:15 in library

**June 8:** Talent Show - 1pm at St Joes

**June 9:** High School graduate parade - 8:40am & Field Day

**June 12:** Wax Museum - 9-10:30am in library & Celebration of Excellence - 6pm

**June 13:** Passing of the Light Ceremony - 9:30am & Graduation 6pm

**June 14:** Last day of school - Kinder and PreK (NOON DISMISSAL)

**June 16:** Moving Up Ceremony - 11am and Last day of school - 1st -7th grade (NOON DISMISSAL)

