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# THE ICRS MINUTE

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

This week's newsletter is dedicated to helping you get those volunteer hours completed. Volunteering builds a strong community. Please read testimonials from some of our super-volunteers:



From Tracy Ouellette: *Volunteering at ICRS has given me the opportunity to meet parents from all grade levels, so I can talk to parents of younger kids about what to expect and get advice from parents of older kids.*

*There are so many activities that our school does because there are parents that make them happen, from Trunk-or-Treat to Field Day, and these are the times you get to see your kid with big smiles reminding you of why you chose this school! Volunteering is what puts me right in the middle of the community that I chose when we picked ICRS for our daughter, so not only does she become part of the community, but her parents do, too.*

*There are so many different ways to volunteer that anyone can find a match for their interests, whether it's hanging out with kids on the playground, or behind-the-scenes work to create more opportunities for them to grow and learn.*

From Jenn Doherty: *Volunteering at ICRS has been so fun and extremely rewarding. Having all my child's classmates know me by name and run over to me to give me a hug or share a funny story makes my week. It doesn't take much time at all to make a positive impact!*

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, the first place to start is Signup Genius. This is an easy way to view available opportunities and sign up to volunteer. Also, if there is nothing on Signup Genius that fits your needs,

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please contact your child's teacher, email [volunteer@icrsweb.org](mailto:volunteer@icrsweb.org), or check with Mrs. Oropeza. We have lots of activities that you can do from home.

The deadline for fundraising and volunteering is May 1st. If you know that you are going to do a specific activity in May, such as chaperone a field trip or work on Field Day, you can let Mrs. Frederick know ahead of time so that you are not billed for those hours. Volunteering and fundraising for the 23-24 school year ends on May 1st to give us time to finalize year-end amounts and bill any unfulfilled volunteer hours and fundraising to your SchoolAdmin/Finalsite account in June.

**Tiny Forest Blessing and Planting:** Please join us this Friday, March 22nd, at 9:00 AM for a very special prayer service. We will begin with an all-school procession to the field. The band will play a fanfare, and then Noah Ancheta's family will lead us in a Native American blessing. Finally, Fr. Tom will bless our Tiny Forest. A special thank you to Mr. Bell for organizing the planting.

Thank you to Trisha Mendenhall, our new Booster Club Chair. If you are interested in helping Tricia plan community events next year, please contact her at [mariamendenhall1@gmail.com](mailto:mariamendenhall1@gmail.com).

In the quick links section of the newsletter, you will find descriptions of Title services. As a private school, ICRS benefits from this federal program. It pays for our librarian, Mrs. Keck to work with students who struggle in reading.

-Sarah Rutherford

## IMPORTANT DATES

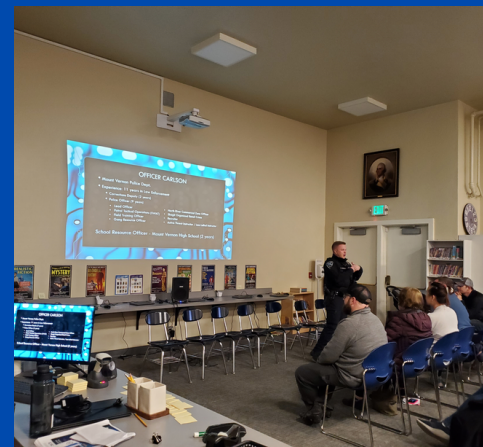
**March 22:** Tiny Forest Tree Planting & Blessing at 9am

**March 29:** Stations of the Cross in St. Joe's foyer (procession begins at 2:15pm - Silent dismissal for Good Friday)

**April 1-5:** SPRING BREAK

**April 22-26:** Wellness Week

**April 25:** Jog-a-thon from 1:30-2:30pm at the MVHS track



Thank you to our  
Technology  
Committee and the  
7th grade for hosting  
our Family Tech Talk  
on March 5th!

