

430 Vihlen Road
Sanford, FL 32771

November 2015

Idyllwilde News

WALK-A-THON

We are excited for our IES students to participate in the PTA Walk-A-Thon FUNdraiser during specials on Friday, November 20th! Students will walk or run laps to the fun sounds of our DJ, Mr. Webb! We are asking for your support in helping to raise funds to go towards technology for our classrooms. We will be asking for cash or check donations to be sent in the week of November 16th– 20th. Checks need to be made out to Idyllwilde Elementary PTA. If you are able to volunteer on November 20th and are a registered Dividend, please contact Caryn Hinrichs (407-320-3758) or Jennifer Morrisey (901-497-0588).

The following prizes will be awarded to students for their donations:

\$5 DONATION PRIZE- LED Finger Light

\$15 DONATION PRIZE– Giant Pixy Stix

\$25 DONATION PRIZE– IES Bracelet

\$50 DONATION PRIZE- Kona Ice Treat

\$100 DONATION PRIZE- Bounce House Jump Session

TOP 10 EARNERS- Silly String the Principal Party

TOP CLASS- Papa John's Party

Thank You!!

Two of our teachers, Mrs. McAlpin and Mrs. Solomon were recognized for their hard work, determination and love of teaching by an anonymous donation of \$2500.00 each. The \$5000.00 donation will be used to update the MPR stage with multimedia capabilities. Thank you to our teachers for their efforts and the donor who recognized their abilities.



IMPORTANT DATES

- November 4th-
ESOL Parent Night
- November 10th-
PDQ Family Night
- November 11th-
Veterans Day
Breakfast
- November 16th/17th
First Grade Field Trip
- November 17th-
Teach-In
- November 19th-
AttenDANCE &
Family Night at Papa
John's Pizza
- November 20th–
Walk-a-thon
- November 24th-
Walk-a-thon Prize
Day
- November 25th-27th
NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Break)

Please remember to label your child's jacket! We know it is going to be getting cold soon and we want to make sure we can return things to students if items get lost! If an item has been lost, please check the Lost and Found outside the red hallway. All left items will be donated at the end of December.



SUNSHINE STATE BOOK EVENT

Encourage your 3rd, 4th or 5th grader to join in the year long Sunshine State Book Event. By reading books, they can earn prizes! Ask your child if they are participating!!

PTA DISCOUNT CARDS

Check out the back of the PTA discount card for the web address with coupons and discounts for your family!

VARIETY SHOW

Extra, Extra, Extra!! Come one, come all to the 11th annual Kids Helping Kids Variety Show! The extravaganza will highlight students from grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, as well as many of our talented faculty and staff. This event will take place at Seminole High School on Friday, December 11th at 6:30 pm. There will be singing, dancing, jump rope, and comedy, plus a whole lot more. Variety show performers may be featured as solo or group acts. This will be a night to remember!

Please help us in teaching our students the importance of helping others in need. The Idyllwilde Variety Show is a fundraiser sponsored by kids to help kids. This year we will be raising money to donate to Kids House of Seminole County. Kids House embodies a place of hope and healing—where children and their families find the support, resources, and resolution to recover from abusive situations. The program works towards family stability and student success in school. Kids House is a great organization and a wonderful way for us to help other kids in our own school and county.

Tickets are \$5 each or 4 tickets for \$15 and can be purchased the night of the show. Please plan on joining us on Friday, December 11th at 6:30 in the auditorium of Seminole High School. This is a night of fun you won't want to miss!

ESOL NEWS

Our ESOL NIGHT is fast approaching! We want to remind ALL of our ESOL Parents to come and enjoy a wonderful night with us of friendship, sharing, learning, and International Food tasting! Yes, members of our amazing staff will bring a variety of delicious cuisine from their families' country of origin to share with all of us.

We hope to see you all here at Idyllwilde on Wednesday, November 4th from 5:30-7:30pm. Also, as in previous years, we will be offering day-care for the small children.

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Kindergarten

November begins the 2nd trimester in Kindergarten. We will be focusing on reading stories about the first Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims, and the Native Americans. Your students will be comparing their life and traditions with the traditions of long ago. As the second trimester begins, your students will be practicing writing sentences independently and sounding out words on their own. They will continue to learn new sight words and will begin reading independently. In math, we will be focusing on numbers to 10 as well as continuing to review shapes and measurement. Looking ahead, please save the date for our Kindergarten holiday program on December 8th. Thank you for your continued support! We love watching our little learners grow!

GRADE LEVEL NEWS CONTINUED

1st Grade

Our Planetarium Field Trip costs \$8.00 per student. All permission slips and money are due on or before November 1st. Can't wait!!

November 16th - Ms. Porter and Ms. Mawhinney - 9:30-11:30
Mrs. Buelow and Mrs. Von Heal- 11:00-1:00

November 17th - Ms. Dykstra and Ms. Smith - 9:30-11:30
Ms. Harned and Ms. Eisenberg - 11:00- 1:00

2nd Grade

Our shining second graders are learning a great deal! During our ELA time, the students are learning how to take notes and read informational text. They will integrate these skills in social studies and research an American Symbol. The students are very excited about measuring using inches, feet, centimeters and yards in math. Please continue to read nightly with your child and to check their planner. The second grade team wishes you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

3rd Grade

Third graders have landed nicely into Fall! We are busy working hard in math on all of our multiplication and division strategies. A paper was sent home explaining how to do them. Some strategies that work very well are making equal groups, making arrays, using the Distributive Property, skip counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's, and the Commutative Property. Ask your child about these and they will explain them to you! Something else that works great is having your child make multiplication and division flash cards with index cards from 0 to 12. Memorizing their facts is a wonderful way for them to be successful.

In reading, we are finishing up with story structure and moving into main idea. Please, continue to read every night with your child so they are working on fluency and ask lots of questions to ensure that they are comprehending what they read. They are taking tests on books in class and earning points, so the more they read, the more points they get! Have a wonderful November, and thank you for all you do at home!

4th Grade

In ELA and Social Studies, the students will begin their second DBQ (Document Based Question) Project where they will explore the topic: What are the Primary Reasons to Protect the Everglades? This project will incorporate social studies, science, reading, and writing skills. Also, ELA students are learning how to CUB, write a controlling idea, and plan to write an essay.

In Math, we are wrapping up Comparative Relational Thinking and will begin working with angles and shapes. The teachers are excited to introduce geometry to the students this year! After geometry we are heading into division. Dividing can be tricky, so keep practicing the basic multiplication facts, review math notes, and complete math homework each night for extra practice.

5th Grade

5th grade would just like to say "thank you" to all the parents who paid for their students to attend the Back to School Dance. It was a great success! 5th grade is preparing to move on to our next DBQ at the end of November: *Why are Hurricanes so Dangerous?* For ELA, we are continuing to work on writing opinion or informational pieces using PEEL (point, evidence, elaboration) to plan our body paragraphs. For reading, we are really encouraging our students to complete their book report on one of the Sunshine State Books.

SEMINOLE
TOWNE CENTER
SIMON
SCHOLARS
SCHOOL
REWARD

Help us Win Money for
Idyllwilde Elementary!

Shoppers will earn one point
for every \$1 spent at
Seminole Towne Center.
Shoppers can then apply the
points for Idyllwilde
Elementary. Shoppers
purchasing Simon Mall
Giftcards (up to \$1,000 plus
purchase fees) will receive
double points.

When a customer makes a
purchase at Seminole Towne
Center, they simply visit the
Simon Guest Services Booth,
(located in the mall's Center
Court on the lower level),
indicate they would like their
points designated to
Idyllwilde Elementary and
the Guest Services representa-
tives will stamp the receipt
and log the points in the se-
lected school's account and
on the school's log sheet.

Thank you for your
participation!



CAR-LINE REMINDERS

In an effort to ensure the safety and efficiency of our morning car-rider line, please remember to do the following:

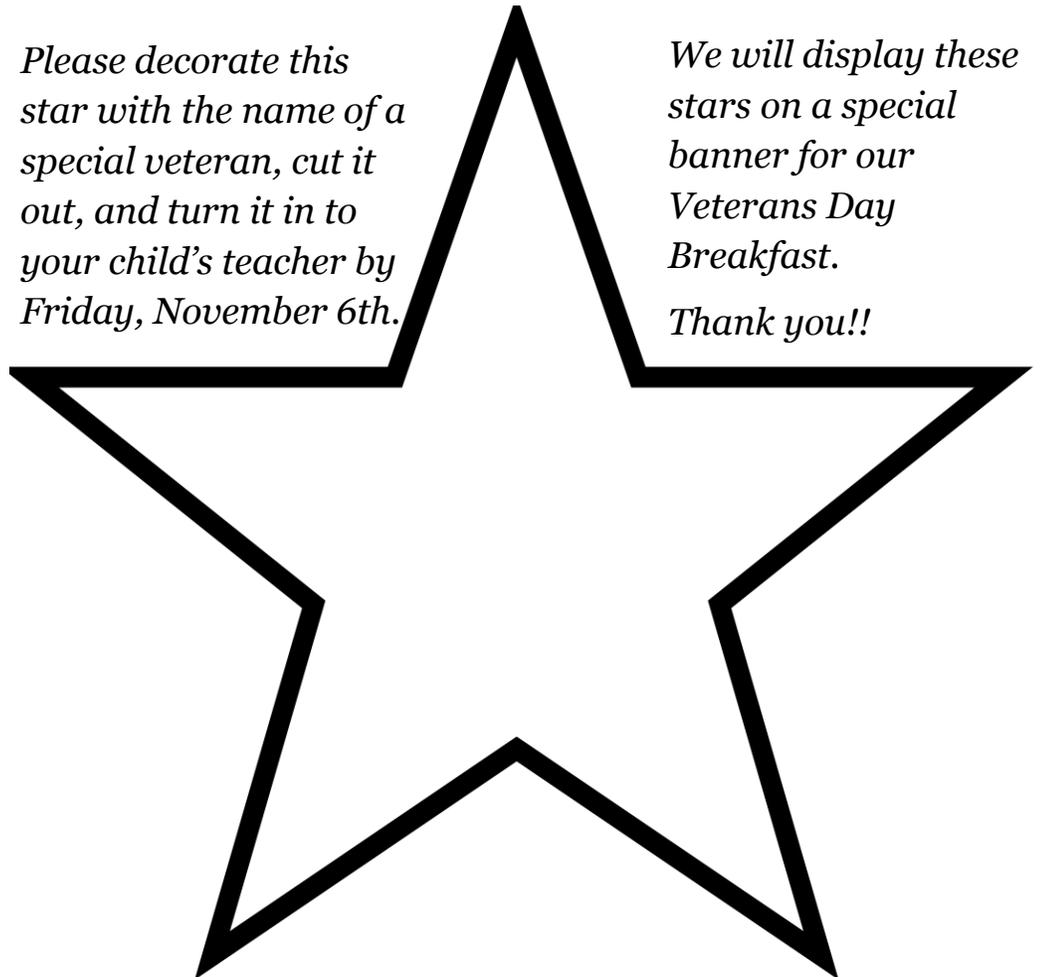
1. Be sure to pull forward as directed as far as possible before allowing your child to exit the vehicle. *Please adhere to carline signs and directions from staff.*
2. Make sure your child is *prepared* to exit the vehicle and may do so from the *passenger* side of the car on their own. *Students should have backpacks, lunch boxes and notes ready. If your child needs to exit from the driver's side or needs assistance, please park and walk your child to the building.*
3. Do not use cell phones during car line. *Your focus and undivided attention should be on the safety of the children.*
4. Please remain in the car rider line until all students have exited. Do not pass in car line. *Do not pull around cars until you have exited the cones.*
5. All students K-5 must be dropped off in carline. Students are not allowed to be dropped off at the two-story building.
6. Pre-K and ESE parents must remain in the line and display the yellow or green card before dropping off past the mailboxes in the front of the school.

Thank you for your support in making the car-rider line safe for our students.

*Please decorate this
star with the name of a
special veteran, cut it
out, and turn it in to
your child's teacher by
Friday, November 6th.*

*We will display these
stars on a special
banner for our
Veterans Day
Breakfast.*

Thank you!!





Come celebrate and remember Veterans Day with us! Students may bring a special Veteran as a guest to join them for a continental breakfast and a short program on Wednesday, November 11th. Veterans are welcome to attend in uniform. Thank you for completing the RSVP below. If you have questions, please call Caryn Hinrichs at 407-320-3758.

When: Wednesday, November 11th from 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Where: Idyllwilde Elementary School—Media Center

Please return this RSVP to your teacher by Monday, November 9th.

Student

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Name of Veteran attending: _____

Relationship to the Student: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Total # attending _____

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE

Families who are interested in assistance for Thanksgiving or Christmas can contact the following agencies:

Harvest Time International
407-688-9779

HOPE Foundation
407-366-3422

Sharing Center
407-260-9155

Salvation Army
407-322-2642

FAMILY NIGHTS

Our PDQ Family Night will be Tuesday, November 10th from 5:30-7:30p.m in Sanford off Rinehart Road. Also, our Papa John's Family Night is Thursday, November 19th.

ATTEN-DANCE

Idyllwilde holds an AttenDANCE at the end of each 12 weeks to reward all students who have perfect attendance during that time. The first one will be held on Nov. 19th during students' lunches. They will get their lunch and go to the MPR where there will be music, snacks and dancing. Students will be entered into a drawing for a bike which will be raffled off at the end of the day. Perfect attendance is no absences or tardies (excused or unexcused).

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS CHECKING YOUR ID

To recognize a birthday, parents may send in individual treats such as cookies or cupcakes. Please do not send in full cakes to cut, decorations, or goodie bags.

Please bring the treats to the office before your child's lunch time or send them with your student that day. The treats will be distributed by the student to their classmates during lunch time.

If you would like to stay for lunch, you may eat at the picnic tables at the front of the school after checking in as a visitor in the front office.

To ensure the safety of our Idyllwilde students, we would ask that you please bring your ID with you if you are picking up your child early from school. A member of the front office team will be checking it, along with the front office cards. Thank you for your help and your cooperation!

SOAR GUIDELINES

SOAR Guidelines for Success:

S = Show Respect
O = Organized
A = Are Responsible
R = Ready to Learn



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

In the month of October, our Certified School Counselors, Mrs. Vosberg and Ms. Liggett, sponsored Red Ribbon Week. The theme for this year was, "Respect Yourself.....Be Drug Free!" We honor Red Ribbon week as a way to show support to the law enforcement personnel who work daily to keep illegal drugs out of the hands of our children. We had many fun activities during the week aimed at increasing awareness and educating our students about the dangers of illegal drug use.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNETS

If your child wants to attend a magnet program, please complete the application on-line at www.seminoleschoolchoicesapplication.com by December 1, 2015. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO OUR CURRENT BUSINESS PARTNERS!

- KONA-Ice of NW Seminole
- Pizza Hut (20th Street, 17-92/Lake Mary, and W. Lake Mary Blvd.)
- Papa Johns (Albertson's Shopping Center 17-92/Lake Mary)
- PDQ (Rinehart Rd in Sanford)
- Chris Sorensen— Horace Mann