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School Hours:
8:20 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

The Buzz at Irmo Middle School



“Creating successful students for the challenges of tomorrow”

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Dates to Remember:

Gold Week

Mon 12/1

- C Team Basketball
@ White Knoll 5:30

Tues 12/2

- St. Govt Mtg. Rm 812
7:45-8:15 AM
- Chorus Assembly
- Chorus Concert 7 PM

Thurs 12/4

- Interim Pick Up
6-7:30 Gym
- C Team Basketball
@ Lexington Middle
5:30 PM

Sat 12/6

- Holiday Buzz Bazaar
IMS Cafeteria
8 AM- 1 PM

Interim and Report Card Dates:

- **12/4 Interim Pick Up**
- **1/22/15 Report Cards go home.**

If you have news for the Buzz, email Allison Redick at aredick@lexrich5.org.

New State Assessment: In an effort to keep you informed, we would like to offer the latest information pertaining to the selection of a new standardized test in South Carolina effective this school year, in the Spring.

The State of South Carolina has selected ACT Aspire as the new statewide assessment in English Language Arts (Reading and Writing) and Mathematics for all 3rd through 8th grade students. Additionally, 9th grade students will begin taking this assessment in the 2015-16 school year and 10th grade students will be added in 2016-17. ACT Aspire is a timed assessment (test). In order to prepare our students for this timed test, our teachers will begin to use timed activities after winter break. We hope that providing timed activities for practice purposes will minimize the stress often associated with timed tests.

As we transition to a new assessment, we are awaiting specific information regarding testing accommodations for students with IEP's, 504 Plans and the length of time allowed in each content area tested.

SC-PASS will continue to be the statewide assessment in Science and Social Studies for all students in grades four (4) through eight (8). These assessments are not timed. Third (3rd) grade students are not required to take the SC-PASS in Science and Social Studies beginning this school year.

As more information is shared with us from the South Carolina State Department of Education, we will continue to provide you with updates. Thank you for your continued support of Irmo Middle School, International Academic Magnet and School District Five!



1. Sick Child: Please keep your child home if he or she is too sick to be at school. Send a doctor's note if you take your child to a doctor, otherwise send a parent note.

2. Fever: Students with a fever should be out of school and return when fever free for at least 24 hours without taking any fever medicine.

3. Medications: Prescription medication given to children at school must be accompanied with a doctor's consent and nonprescription medication with a parent's consent. A responsible adult should deliver the medicine to the nurse. The medicine must be in the original container with the proper label on it. Medication consent forms can be printed from the district website under the school health link or obtained from the nurse.

4. Contact Number: Please provide new contact phone numbers as necessary so that we are able to reach you when needed.



IMS Career Day

In honor of National Career Awareness Month, IMS held a Career Day on November 12th. Every student was able to learn about careers from different speakers from a variety of career areas. Having Career Day allows students to be exposed to careers they may not be aware of and help provide the link of what students are learning in school and how it relates to educational and real world occupational opportunities. IMS would like to thank the following parents and community members for donating their time and talents to our students on Career Day:

Devon Sims, Cosmetologist and Personal Trainer
Sgt. First Class Tishiro Inabinet, SC Dept. of Corrections
Danielle Brooks, Registered Nurse with Palmetto Health
Jermaine Gordon, Registered Nurse
Michael McNeil, Subway Business Owner
Officer Lyons, Law Enforcement, IMS
Trish Shandor, Lexington County Museum
Steve Wilson, CATE Center Mechatronics Instructor
Scott Malloy, Business Owner, All Star Gymnastics
Brinton Fox, Farm to Five Greenhouse Coordinator, Lex/Rich 5
Winnie Brown, Coordinator of Certified Personnel, Lex/Rich 5
Michelle Fox, Chiropractor
Chief Hajjaj, Navy Counselor
Richard Schedler, Business Administration, IMS
Kati Mol, Physical Therapist, Drayer Physical Therapy
Summer Wilson, Director of Clinical Education, MTC, Health Information Management
Deborah Taylor, Benefits Manager of Columbia Metropolitan Airport
Phillip Rowe, Theater Rowe Productions
Elizabeth Leverette, Attorney, SC Supreme Court
Dan Koon, Division Director, SC Human Affairs Commission
Brett Stevens, Attorney, SC Supreme Court
Trey Gordner, IT-ology
Marc Himes, Student Services Manager, USC Darla Moore School of Business
Ginger Cates, Pharmacist, Publix Pharmacy
Rachel Ray, Massage Therapist
Lorrie DuBose, Coordinator of Support Personnel, Lex/Rich 5
Christi Tanner, Applications Developer, SCANA
Captain Keturah Gause, SC Department of Corrections
Katie Smyers, Physical Therapist, Lexington Medical Center
Craig Ness, Senior Producer, SC ETV
Keith Alexander, Business Owner/Entrepreneur
Devona Gibbs, Manager, Chiptole Mexican Grill
Meredith Skidmore, Publix Grocery, **Irmo Fire Fighters**, Irmo Fire Department
Holly Birkelien, Youth Services Librarian, Lexington County Library





IMS Guidance Career Corner!

Health Care Careers Day at Midlands Technical College

The Midlands Education & Business Alliance (MEBA) hosted the Health Care Careers Day on Oct. 14. Students in the Math Matters class and Literacy Workshop classes who were interested in Health Science Careers were able to attend a full day of exposure to Health Care Careers. The purpose of this day was to introduce students to healthcare careers, as well as inform them on how to prepare for those careers. Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to learn about careers in Surgical Technology, Respiratory, Health Information Management, Nursing, and Dental.



8th Graders Toured the D5 Career and Technical Education Center

During the month of Oct., all 8th graders had the opportunity to visit the Career Center in our District. The Center offers 16 programs of study. Our students were led through the Center by CATE student ambassadors to see the many exciting programs being offered at the high school level. For more information, please visit the D5 website to learn more about the CATE Center.



SCOIS Assessments with 8th Graders

Over the last couple of weeks, 8th graders have taken career/interest inventory assessments through SCOIS (South Carolina Occupation and Information System). Students were able to see their results of their surveys and also virtual job shadow at least one career of their interest. These results will be shared with parents/guardians during 8th grade IGP conferences, coming soon. 7th Graders will have the opportunity to take SCOIS assessments in February. There is a wealth of knowledge on this website about careers, colleges, military, etc. The website is www.scois.net. If you are interested in logging in, the generic username is: ims123, the password is Irmo12345.



What are Individual Graduation Plans (IGP)?

The Economic Development Act (EEDA) was passed in 2005. The implementation of this law was designed to better prepare yourself for what you want to do after high school and to help you and your parents/guardians make informed decisions about your education and future. The core of this law is the idea of planning. You, along with your parent, will begin to create an IGP in the second semester of 8th grade as you prepare to enter the high school. During this time, you will select a cluster of study as you map out courses to take in high school. A career cluster is a way of organizing classes around an occupational group. Each year in high school, you will review your IGP with a guidance counselor and changes can be made based on your interest. The Guidance Department will be scheduling the IGP meetings for 8th graders. You will receive a letter in the mail over the next couple of months which will have a scheduled appointment time. This meeting will allow your student to choose a cluster of study. This plan can be changed and will be re-visited each year during registration. If you have a conflict or unable to attend the assigned appointment time, please contact Allison Redick at 476-3668 or aredick@lexrich5.org.

Discovery Education

CWG unveils new technology for Irmo Middle School's International Academic Magnet

Officials with Discovery Education and CDW-G visited IMS on Nov. 19 to train students and staff on new technology the school received as part of a national contest. [Click here for the ETV clip.](#)

The international academic magnet school is one of only two grand prize winners of the 12th annual Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes from technology service provider CDW and digital content and training provider Discovery Education. As part of the prize, Irmo Middle received around \$45,000 in technology, including: 20 notebooks or tablets, an interactive whiteboard, three wireless access points, notebook cart, document camera, a printer and a \$5,000 digital media grant from Discovery Education. North Miami Beach Senior High School was also a winner of the nationwide contest.



“Our science department is thrilled to be able to implement this technology into their lesson plans,” said Robert Jackson, principal for Irmo Middle School International Academic Magnet. “Our teachers are constantly looking for innovative ways to supplement the curriculum and guarantee that our students have the tools and resources they need to succeed. These new resources ensure that every student in our science classrooms has access to the latest digital tools needed to help them master the academic standards and develop the prerequisite skills required for college and career readiness.”

IMS science teacher Cheryl Harrison entered and won the sweepstake. She says the technology can be used to make lessons interactive and hands-on for students.

“We’re excited to be a winner of the wireless lab,” she said. “We’re already thinking of ways that we can use the technology in the classroom and the ways that the content from Discovery Education will help our students. Our students are using technology on a daily basis...so the technology from CDW-G and content from Discovery Education will enhance some of the technology our students already use at Irmo Middle.”

Officials with Discovery Education and CDW-G planned a November training event with students and teachers at the two school to help them best utilize the new technology. Irmo Middle and North Miami Beach Senior High School were randomly selected from more than 417,000 entries from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since its inception, the Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes has awarded almost \$2 million in classroom technology, including complete mobile classrooms implemented in 33 schools across 21 states.

“Technology is the way of the future – and our students will dictate that future,” said Joe Simone, director of K-12, CDW-G. “CDW-G sponsors Win a Wireless Lab because it enables us to put innovative technology in K-12 schools and in the hands of our students, giving educators the opportunity to redefine the classroom experience.”

Mary Rollins, senior vice president, Discovery Education added, “Discovery Education is thrilled to provide educators and students with today’s latest digital content to successfully transition classrooms into 21st-century learning environments. These dynamic, digital resources will engage students and enhance classroom instruction beyond the limitations of traditional textbooks, promoting collaboration, creativity and participatory learning.”



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Columbia's Startup Weekend Showcases Irmo Middle Student

Noah Overcash



Last week was Global Entrepreneurship Week, and worldwide, some 270 Startup Weekend events either took place last weekend. Columbia's first Startup Weekend event, a marathon, 54-hour surge of ideas and business planning, attracted 122 people last Friday through Monday at IT-oLogy, and its organizers declared it a success both for the turnout and for the strength of ideas that emerged.

The levels of expertise on the teams ranged from former Moore School of Business Dean Hildy Teegan, who brought an idea for a Web-based clearance house to help charities get the most value out of in-kind donations; to Noah Overcash, who marked his 13th birthday during the event, and took home second prize for his internet-based program to facilitate parents paying their children for doing their chores. Overcash will receive six months of services (USC office space) as an incubator affiliate as second prize. Irmo Middle is so proud of Noah, and we are excited to support

Noah as he continues on to the regional competition. From columbiabusinessreport.com.

Irmo Middle Students Learning To Be Environmental Stewards

Composting has made its way into the cafeteria and classrooms at Irmo Middle School! Students in several 7th grade science classes have taken on this project under the guidance of Jen Cook, Brinton Fox and Regan Moore, along with the help of the wonderful custodial staff on campus. The students in Jen Cook's class have been monitoring and educating their peers about what can be composted, and have set up compost bins for collecting leftover fruits, vegetables and breads. Once these materials have been collected during all four lunches,

Mrs. Cook's students carry the bins down to the school garden and place the materials in a three-bin compost system that was designed and constructed by high schoolers at the Center for Advanced Technical Studies.



The students mix the food waste with leaves, sticks and shredded paper in order to balance the nitrogen rich food waste with a high amount of carbon material, creating a good ratio for a successful compost pile. When turning the pile, the students have been able to see and feel the amount of heat that is created by the decomposition of organic matter, causing a tangible and visual learning experience. The project has been very successful so far in decreasing the amount of waste that is collected each day at lunch, proving Irmo Middle's dedication to enriching our students' understanding of their impact on the environment.

We are so proud of our students as they are grappling with real world problems that helps them to truly understand and master the academic standards.



District Five teacher named a state **finalist**

Samsung 'Solve for Tomorrow' contest



IRMO – A Lexington-Richland School District Five middle school teacher has been named a state finalist in a nationwide contest aimed at promoting the community benefits of STEM-focused education.

Irmo Middle School math teacher Odessa Hilton is one of five South Carolina finalists and 255 state finalists nationwide in this year's Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest. Picked for her proposal to implement math lessons into recycling efforts at the international academic magnet school, Hilton is in the running to be named a state winner and receive \$20,000 in technology. As a finalist, she already has received two Samsung Galaxy tablets for her classroom and a teacher development course from PBS TeacherLine.

"It's a great honor to be chosen out of 3,100 applicants nationwide," Hilton said. "I was surprised. I was amazed. I was so excited to show everyone here at the school. It's truly a great honor I share with my students and the entire Irmo Middle School family."

Thousands of schools nationwide annually participate in the Samsung contest, asking teachers to pose ways to improve their communities through the use of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

As part of Hilton's contest proposal, students would: explore the importance of recycling, classify materials that are recyclable into renewable and non-renewable resource categories, explore ways to educate the community on recycling and present their findings using presentations or commercials they can share with the school population.

Hilton said, "The hope is that students are intrigued further to either study issues in their own environment or become engineers or environmentalists. We also hope to increase our levels of recycling at the school by 10 percent... It's all a part of our effort to make sure students are taking ownership and thinking about the world around them."

Contest organizers say STEM education needs to be a top priority, and the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest engages teachers and their students in real-world issues.

"At Samsung, we believe that community-based learning can be a powerful tool for getting kids interested in science, technology, engineering and math, and we're excited to see so many teachers who thought hard about how to apply STEM to local problems," said David Steel, executive vice president of Samsung Electronics North America. "We congratulate this year's state finalists, and all of the Solve for Tomorrow entrants, on their ideas to help improve their communities while engaging the leaders of tomorrow."

Last school year, Irmo High School teacher Peter Lauzon was named the state winner. At Irmo Middle School, excitement about Hilton's proposal and 2014 state finalist designation already has begun.

Principal Robert Jackson said, "Each day, we challenge all teachers and students to apply the content of their learning to real-world, unpredictable situations. This is yet another example of our teachers engaging in deeper learning and connecting our students learning to relevant 'real-world' problems. We are so proud of Mrs. Hilton and her students for having wonderful ideas and engaging in a competition that

At Irmo Middle School, the expectation is that all students maximize their potential and demonstrate that through their academic performance. We are pleased to announce those students who have earned outstanding recognition through the "A" and "AB" Honor Rolls for the 1st Quarter. The "A Honor Roll" includes students making all A's for the 1st Quarter. The "AB Honor Roll" includes students making all A's and B's for the 1st Quarter. In addition to the names that are on this released list, forty-one additional students whose names could not be released due to media release requests also made the A or AB honor roll. The students who are being recognized via this media release are as follows:

Honor Roll

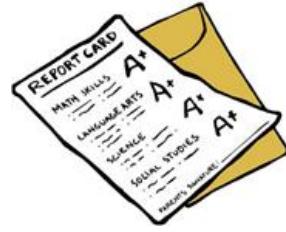
1ST QUARTER – A HONOR ROLL: Kelvin Anderson, Jasmine Anderson-Rankin, Katherine Bannister, Breana Belton, Karis Bland, Jackson Bosworth, Connor Bronco, Dakota Bruccoli, Emma Bryant, Esra Buckson, Megan Cipolla, William Clyburn, Henry Cooper, Saurin Desai, Andrew Dewar, Matthew Dudley, William Edenton, Becan Floyd, Devyn Gragg, Cathrine Hall, Emma Harper, Esha Hegde, Lauren Henderson, Claire Henke, Audrey Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Abby Jones, Anna Koon, Anthony Mack, Emma Madsen, Erin Medlock, Zachary Mosley, Marielle Muro-Buckingham, Jalen Murray, Isaiah Nesbit, Dana Nicholas, Kyla Osborn, Zachary Paschal, Kesha Patel, Kathryn Pierce, Zachary Raouf, William Salter, Logan Shealy, Mark Sheldon, Tanvi Singh, Gavin Singletary, Corinne Smith, Victoriana Smith, Walker Smith, Devon Solet, Benjamin Tidwell, Trinh Tran, Ehrial Wagstaff, Nieky Wang, Katherine Weber, Alexis Westbrook, Ebony Williams, Sean Wright.

1ST QUARTER – AB HONOR ROLL: Kahlei Aguilar, Isaiah Allgeyer, Serene Alvarez, Monica Avera, Ryan Barker, Justin Barton, Francis Beagen, Chloe Bebbington, Dallas Bess, Ariyanna Black, Mary Blitch, Caitlin Boisture, Joshua Boris, Isabella Bounyarith, Jackson Brazell, Jacob Briggs, Briana Brown, MacKenna Bryant, Adam Busbee, Angel Camarena, Isaiah Canty, Megan Carlson, Kailey Chapman, Grace Chong, Brooke Clyburn, Charity Cook, Arista Couture, John Cox, Endya Curry, Cambridge Dantzler, A'Nya Davis, Jazmine Davis, Jessica Davis, Julianne Davis, Kiya Davis, Madison Davis, Kendall DeLong, Katelyn Dill, Glenn Dillon, Savannah Douglas, Madeline Duffie, Jocelyn Dussault, Evelyn Edgar, Victory Egot, Colin Epting, Hayden Felkel, Madeleine Felkel, Elliot Freeman, Akyra Garrett, Marquise Gatewood, Jalen Gibson, Daniel Gillespie, Kenton Graham, Dazania Green, Kelli Grooms, Zemirah Haire, Adriann Halbisen, Onyx Hall, Terrance Hardnett, Andrea Hartman, Mina Heidari, Nolan Humpy, Daequan Herbert, Maxwell Holland, Hydia Hook-Mills, Robert Hutto, James Ingles, Nathan Irvin, Jasmine Jefferson, Rayshawn Jenkins, Jordan Johnson, Katelyn Johnston, Emma Jones, Hunter Jones, Shaniece Jones, Diana Kabar, Meaghan Keenan, Charles King, Savannah Kitchens, Madeleine Knowles, Dylan Kobus, Christopher Koverman, Elizabeth Lane, Megan Layton, Terezz Lee, Matthew Lin, Katie Little, Rachel Lofurno, Samuel Loquist, Bri'Aunna Manns, Reece Markham, Shatira Mason, Kyra McCants, Jarell McCray, Kayla McKnight, Dara Meissner, Theanphilus Middleton, Kenona Miller, Caleb Montgomery, Trinity Morgan, Lucas Mulalley, Caitlyn Murphy, Desiree Neal, Liana Negron, Kenneth Newmyer, Cydney Noble, William Nye, Emily Olivieri, Darius Owens, Banci Patel, Roger Pedroni, Noah Perez, Ariana Pinder, Nathaniel Poynor, Alissa Pressley, Ricardo Quintanilla, Joseph Ramirez, Kristal Rej, Alana Revels, Izabella Rhodes, Zoe Rickenbacker, Wyatt Robinson, Christian Romleski, Savannah Rubeiz, Ronald Ruocco, Cody Russell, Logan Sawyer, Nikita Shatalov, Dylan Slavich, Jackson Smith, Mitchell Smith, Tyler Smith, Victoria Smith, Grace Spencer, Da'sha Starks, Philip Staton, Rachel Stephens, Amira Stone-Marshall, Corvase Stringer, Reid Taylor, Jordan Thomas, Zakary Thomas, Sylvester Tran, Brandon Tucker, Jayne Turlington, Jacob Vickio, Jaquan Washington, Cameron Watson, Aaron White, Sequoia Wicker, Brice Wiley, Oshamar Williams, Trista Lynn Winfree, Robert Wolff, Courtney Woods, Arianna Yoder, William Zheng, Ya Ting Zheng, Leyla Ziolkowski,

We would like to congratulate these students and encourage them to continue their pursuits toward high academic recognition.

Interim Pick up Night

Thursday, December 4, 2014, 6:00-7:30 PM in the Gym

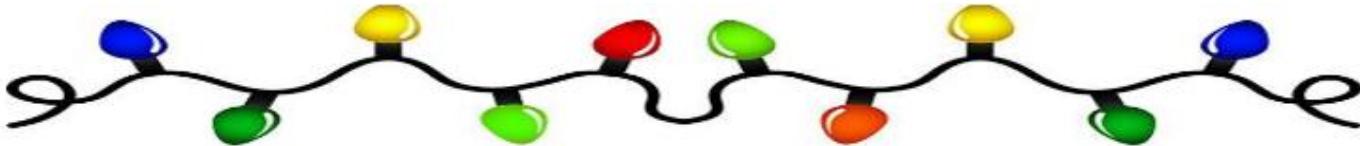


Interim reports can be picked up by parents/guardians Thursday December 4th. If you have an active Parent Portal account, you may check your child's grades as often as you like. When you log in to your account, the grades will automatically appear on the screen.

It is important to monitor your child's progress through Parent Portal before interim reports are issued. The second nine weeks grading period ends on January 13th. Report cards will be issued on January 20th. You can access Parent Portal here: <https://powerschool1.lexrich5.org/public/>. If you need access to Parent Portal please call Ms. Crumlin at 476-3603.

How to Create a Parent Account: A parent account allows you to view the information for one or more students with a single sign in. You can also manage your personal account preferences. To create a parent account, enter the following information:

1. **Name** - Your first and last name
2. **Email** - For sending student notifications and correspondence related to your parent account
3. **Desired Username** - Your username is your unique PowerSchool identity

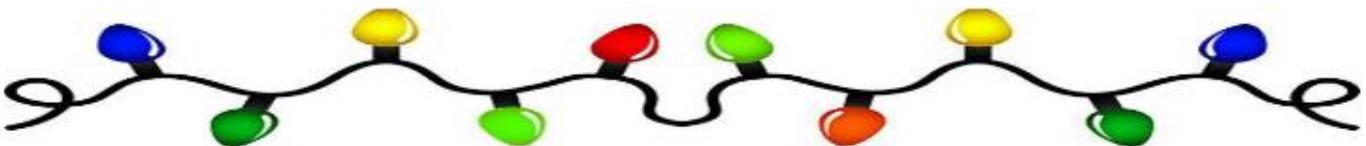


First Annual HOLIDAY BUZZ BAZAAR!

Save the date!! Saturday December 6th, 2014!!

The IMS Special Education Department is sponsoring a holiday gift and craft sale from 8:00am – 1:00pm in the school cafeteria.

Come shop from local crafters and vendors, and enjoy some holiday cheer! Help support the IMS special education activity and expedition fund. Admission is FREE!



Yummy treats, lots of door prizes, and a special visitor from the North Pole too!!

Shop from Thirty-One, Pampered Chef, Premier Jewelry, Arbonne, Avon, tons of local crafters, yard sale items and more! Representatives from Allstate, Re/Max, Isagenix, AVSX home security and more available to help with all your needs for the New Year!

OPERATION SANTA FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 17TH - DECEMBER 5TH

Suggested items:

- Mac and Cheese *
- bag of rice *
- Spaghetti sauce *
- Jelly *
- Peanut butter **
- Boxed potatoes
- Canned fruit
- Canned veggies
- Breakfast items (Cereal, pop tarts, oatmeal, etc...)
- Snack items (Crackers, etc.)
- Bag/box pasta
- Canned pasta (Ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc.)



The * starred items are worth "double" points, ** starred worth triple points!

The Grade level collecting the most items wins free seating at lunch for a day and duct taping the Assistant Principal to the Cafeteria Wall.



Challenging Horizons Program

CHP CHANNEL

Parent Night Re-cap

A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Parent Nights!

For those who were unable to attend, Mrs. Sierra Olyphant has resigned from the program, and the new Site Coordinator is Mr. Brian Jumper. The new Assistant Site Coordinator is Ms. Allaina Johnson. Please forward all questions or concerns to either Brian or Allaina from this point forward.

THANKS SO MUCH !!

Please remember our attendance policy

Students must attend an average 3 out of 4 days a week (85%) of the time.

After 5 days of "No Call, No Show" the student is moved to the Wait List. Athletics and Extra-Curricular students will be excused if you have contacted and made us aware

REMIND 101

Remind 101 is available for all parents to stay up to date with CHP information and holidays. If you're interested, check out the 3rd page for more details.

Chrome Books

We are pleased to know that students are putting their chrome books to good use. To assure that students are receiving the best experience during teacher led activities, we

IT's Bully Awareness Month at CHP

District 5 has an anti-bullying campaign. Join us in reminding your child that District 5 has a zero tolerance for bullying of any kind. The CHP staff asks that you encourage them to be kind and maintain a positive attitude towards adults and other students.

We also ask that you work with us to strengthen their team building skills.

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FUN THURSDAYS (every Thursday at CHP)

Teambuilding can be fun!!

Kickball Challenge Re-cap

Fag Tag

Tug O War



BIRTHDAYS

We would like to take a moment and acknowledge our October and November birthdays!

Happy Birthday to all of you lovely people! We wish you many more birthdays to come!

October

Davion Pyles

Devonte Moore

Channel Middleton

November

Ralph Mitchell Danielle Harrel

Tykwon Capers Coraverse Stringer

Jessica Davis Michael Ogbonna

Alexis Darby Marissa Newson



**Challenging
Horizons Program****GROUP
COUNSELOR'S
CONTACT INFO**

Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

(Student Name) PROGRESS & Attendance Info

**Remind 101 directions**

To receive messages via text, text @chpims to (803) 832-4124. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @chpims'.

(803) 832-4124 **Enter this number**

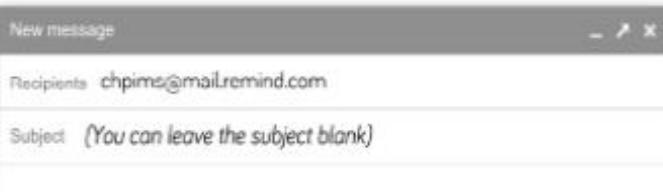
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Growing Diamonds



NOVEMBER HOT TOPICS

- ◆ How to Survive Middle School (wrap up)
- ◆ It's Not All About Me
- ◆ How to handle being left out

***Friendship bracelets will be this month

We will be wrapping up for the holidays this month. We will be having a party at our last session before the holidays begin. Growing Diamonds will start back up in February. A notice will be sent out regarding specific details. It has been a pleasure working with your daughters, and I look forward to seeing them after the holidays!

Quote of the month

"Respect is more important and greater than popularity." - Julius Erving

Summer School 2015 @ Irmo Middle!

Attention Students, Parents, and Families,

The following dates have been approved for students who will be attending **Summer School 2015** at Irmo Middle. We are sharing this information early with students, parents, and families so everyone can plan for their summer vacations. We are very confident that our interactions and interventions throughout the year will minimize and/or eliminate the need for summer school for most (if not all of our students). If you need any information about summer school, please contact Mr. Glenn Hutto, Assistant Principal for Instruction at 476-3663.



Summer School Information

The Middle School Summer School Program is designed for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 who have not mastered the course standards in English, Social Studies, Math, or Science. This program is streamlined to concentrate on academic mastery.

Who attends summer school?

Rising 7th and 8th grade students who have failed either one or two academic subjects. Those students who have failed three or more classes are ineligible to attend summer school and may be retained in their current grade. Out of district students cannot enroll in this program.

Where will summer school be held?

Summer School will be held at Irmo Middle.

Rising 7th Graders attend Irmo Middle

Rising 8th Graders attend Irmo Middle

Rising 9th Graders attend Irmo Middle

What are the dates for summer school?

Current 6th, 7th and 8th graders will take courses offered only on the following dates:

June 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30

What times will students attend?

Students will attend from 8:30am – 1:30pm. There will be no afternoon sessions.

How much will summer school cost?

The tuition is projected to be \$50.00 and may be paid with cash, money order, cashier's check, Master Card, Visa, Discover or American Express card. No personal checks will be accepted.

How will my student get to summer school?

Parents are responsible for transportation arrangements (to and from summer school).

How do I register my child for summer school?

Registration packets will be available in the spring on our website and in the main office at the school.

IRMO T-Shirts & Hoodies

**Style 1****Style 2****Style 3**

Student: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Style: 1 2 3 **Color:** Gray or Black **Size:** S M L XL 2X 3X 4X

Prices:

T-Shirt, long sleeve (styles 1 & 2 sizes S, M, L, XL) **\$15**

T-Shirt, long sleeve (styles 1 & 2 sizes 2X, 3X, 4X) **\$18**

HOODIE (style 3 sizes S, M, L, XL) **\$25**

HOODIE (style 3 sizes 2X, 3X, 4X) **\$28**

Please send cash or check made out to: IMS PTSO before Fri. Dec. 5th in the cafeteria or drop off your form and payment in an envelope marked "IMS PTSO SHIRT ORDER" to the front office. **All orders must be PREPAID.**

PTSO will have a table at Interim Pick Up Thu. Dec. 4th for orders.