

IDA ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates:

- PTA Rally Lansing
December 2nd
- Santa's Secret Shop
Dec. 8, 9, 10
- Monroe Sports Complex
Family Bowling
Dec. 12, 1-4



PTA Meeting Dates

Thur.	Dec. 3	7 PM
Thur.	Jan. 7	7 PM
Thur.	Feb. 4	7 PM
Thur.	Mar. 4	7 PM

Life Is For Living!

Life is for laughing, dancing, crying, wondering, asking, searching, trying. Life is for finding, loving, losing, exploring, daring, thinking, choosing. Life is for sharing, taking giving, creating, relating—Life is For Living!

Family Fun Bowling

Saturday, December 12th from 1-4pm, the Ida Elementary PTA is hosting a family fun bowling event at the Monroe Sports Center. Two games of bowling, shoes, pizza & pop \$6.75 per person! Bring the family & your friends! All are welcome to "Strike" the afternoon with us!



Basketball Registration Scheduled

The PTA is proud to offer again this year PTA Basketball. Registration for the program is going to be hosted on Tuesday, December 15th and Thursday, December 17th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Ida Middle School Cafeteria. The cost of the program is \$25.00. Games will be held on Tuesday and Thursday at Prince of Peace Church.



PTA Rally

As most of us have heard, our schools may experience yet another budget cut of approximately \$121.00 per student. The Michigan PTSA is asking all of us to make our voices heard and to join them in Lansing to share our views on the devastating impact these cuts are having on our schools and programs. So join us on December 2nd to go to Lansing. We will leave the elementary parking lot at 8:30am. And should return about 3:30pm. The program is scheduled from 11-2:00 on the Capital Lawn. Dress warm!!!! Please visit our website at www.idapta.org for updated information as we receive it!

Santa's Secret Shop

Jennifer Proudfoot is once again partnering with several parent volunteers to host Santa's Secret Shop this year! Each year the PTA hosts Santa's Secret Shop as a safe and affordable place for students to shop for those they love for the holidays. The students use their own creativity to carefully select those gifts so precious to all of our hearts!



Ida School System

Searches For A New Superintendent

Last week your students brought home a yellow piece of paper asking for your to complete a survey. This is just a reminder to ask you to take the time to respond. The Ida Schools Board of Education, with the assistance of the MCISD, has initiated a process to select a successor Superintendent of Schools for our district, and are asking parents for feedback. Please take the time to complete a short online survey to assist them in finding the right person to lead our schools into the future. The survey can be found at www.idaschools.org or www.misd.k12.mi.us. Paper copies of the survey can be obtained at the Central Administration Office or Monroe County School Intermediate School District



Harlem Wizards Visit Ida

Once again this year the Harlem Wizards took the court at Ida High School to try to defeat our talented team of parents, teachers, and Ida Lightning coaches! The evening was a night full of fun and laughs for all of those who attended. As a result of the program approximately \$1700 was raised to develop and support programs for the students! Thanks to all who participated and shared the evening with us!



Ida Elementary PTA earns money every time you shop at Meijer just by using your Meijer rewards card. If you already have a card you can designate the PTA to receive the funds. If not, you can sign up for a card at the store or online at www.meijer.com.

Our code is 295053.

Attitude

“Be grateful for what you have, not regretful for what you haven’t.” Susan Taylor

“Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry.....except little, give much.” Peggy Fleming

MAKE YOUR KALAHARI WATERPARK RESERVATIONS NOW

We've visited Great Bear Lodge, Castaway Bay and Kalahari was selected again for this year's family outing. The PTA has negotiated a rate of \$114.00 (tax included) for 4 people in a standard room. The cost includes 4 water park passes. Our program is being hosted on Monday, March 8th. No school on Tuesday. Call 1-877- Kalahari (525-2427) to reserve your room! This event is a splashing good time! Request your vacation day today to join us for all of the fun!!!



Ciolinos Fruit & Vegetable Market



Fundraiser

Making Healthy Choices For Our Youth!

Buy your fresh fruits and vegetables from Ciolino's, and our students get 10% back for our programs. The program is scheduled through December.

“CHOOSE A HEALTHY SNACK”

Enjoy Your Children Now

All of us have moments in our lives we cherish. Just recently I received this note from a very good friend of mine, and I thought to myself these are words I need to share with everyone! With the holidays approaching we so often get caught up in the hustle and bustle, we forget to cherish the moment. This year, remember to cherish the moment, because as my wise friend shares, time goes by quickly, and our children will soon be young adults! We will all be sitting back as our children take their senior pictures.



“Recently my daughter had her senior pictures taken. We had so much fun! When we received the proofs I couldn't help but think of the first time she had her picture taken in the hospital. The care we took in placing that pink dress on her, the little pink bow in her hair, oohing to make her smile appear.

Enjoy your children now..... Each stage is fun and rewarding. However our job as parents is to prepare our children to become independent. My daughter dressed herself, fixed her hair, posed on her own as I sat back and said, "she is amazing" during her session. Now she is thinking of life beyond high school, and I am here to guide but allowing her to lead as you will soon do with your own children.

Maybe viewing her pictures helped me see just how she has matured. Maybe it just made me realize how blessed we have been to be given this amazing spirit. Enjoy your children today because soon they will be young adults navigating their way through their own path. Enjoy your children now because soon

Happy Holidays & God Bless!