

Brooks' Bulletin



May 2011

Board Awards

Our April student of the month was kindergartner, Ricky Chavez. He could not attend, so he will be honored at the Board of Education meeting in May. We also honored Mrs. Layton who will be retiring at the end of this year. Congratulations!



Earth Day

We were fortunate during Earth Week to receive a tree from the Village Tree Committee. Our Autumn Maple was planted in front of the building. The Green Team which recycles for us joined in the ceremony. Since it was very chilly, the ceremony was short. Mrs. Higgins has some pictures posted opposite her room.



May is a musical month!

As you can see, May is a very busy month at Isaac Fox! Included in the May activities are the 4th and 5th grade orchestra performances and the 5th grade band concert. The students have been working hard all year, and I know that you'll be so excited to hear the results of just one or two years of work. Please note that the band concert was not listed on the District calendar.

Incoming Kindergarten Screening

Monday through Thursday next week, I'll be busy coordinating the screening for all of the district's next year kindergartners. This will take place at The Chapel, which is on Old Rand Road. Isaac Fox is scheduled for Monday, but if you can't come on Monday, please come any other day that week. This information helps us collect our first data on our incoming kindergartners.



Talent Show

On Friday, May 13, the Isaac Fox Talent Show will be on stage at the Performing Arts Center at LZHS! Thanks to the PTO and Ms. Bonadonna for coordinating this event. There is an admission price of \$2 per person.

Summer Reading

Be on the lookout for the summer reading program that will be promoted through the LMC before the students leave for the summer. There will be some new facets this year, including an invitation to come and read together outside one day during the summer. I'm offering a special incentive prize to one primary student and one intermediate student who read the most pages. Be on the lookout for the final details. We'll also be having a special assembly before the end of the year.

MAP testing

The students are in the process of participating in the last MAP testing period of the school year. This takes place during the student's LMC period. This week everyone is taking reading and next week everyone will be taking math. Results will be sent home later this month.

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Dates to Remember

May 2-6- Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4-Spring Book Fair Evening 6-8:00 PM, IF cafeteria/gym

May 2-13-Spring MAP testing, Grades 2-5

May 9-12-Incoming Kindergarten Screening, The Chapel

May 10- 4th Grade Orchestra Concert, MSS, 7:00 PM

May 12-5th Grade Orchestra Concert, MSS, 7:00 PM

May 13- Talent Show, LZHS PAC, 7:00 PM

May 16, 5th Grade Band Concert, MSS, 7:00 PM

May 19-Institute Day, NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE

May 24- Kindergarten Field Day

May 27-Volunteer Breakfast, 8:00 AM

Early Release Day, 12:50 dismissal

May 30-Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL

May 31- 3rd grade orchestra parent night, IF cafeteria, 6:30 PM

June 1- Field Day and 5th grade picnic

June 3- Awards Assembly, IF cafeteria, 1:30 PM,

Field Days

Different grades have different days/ways of celebrating the end of the year. Kindergarten has their own Field Day on May 24. There are separate morning and afternoon events.

On June 1, grades 1-4 will be participating in Field Day here at school. The PTO will be providing a special hot dog lunch for everyone!

Also on this day, the fifth graders will be going to Lakewood Forest Preserve for the Fifth Grade Picnic. This is a special event, and we have the PTO to thank for t-shirts, lunch, and the bus ride.



Tornado and Severe Thunderstorm Reminders

We participated in a tornado drill last week. The students did an excellent job.

Please know that if a tornado was sighted, your child(ren) would not be dismissed from school until the warning was lifted. Do not attempt to pick up your child. Your child will be much safer in the building than in your car. If you happen to be at the school regularly to pick up your child and a tornado warning comes into effect, we will ask that you come into the building until conditions are safe.



Isaac Fox Scholarships

It's that time of year to select the two graduating seniors who attended Isaac Fox to each receive a \$1000 scholarship. This is funded through the sale of Blue Cheeze (from Chicago's Cows on Parade). It's very gratifying for us to be able to help our kids further their learning and education. It's our way of letting our students know that their learning and growth is our highest priority. It was a difficult decision, but this year's scholarships were awarded to Audrey Smith and Sarah Broj. These awards will be presented at Senior's Honor Night at LZHS.



District 95 Awards

We had two wonderful staff members recognized with District Awards. Mrs. Denley, in the LMC, was given the Distinguished Service Award which also includes a \$400 stipend. Mrs. Matras was given the Meritorious Service Award which also includes a \$1400 stipend. We're very proud of them. They will be recognized by staff at the May 19 Institute Day.

Teacher Request Reminder

The planning of class lists for the 2011-12 school year is a long and involved process. Much hard work and thought goes into the placement decision for each child. Our process includes a wide variety of factors, including such things as student educational strengths and needs, learning styles, work habits, personalities, behavior, peer relations, balance of class size, gender, etc. All teachers provide input into this process. **Knowing that you respect the strong professionalism of the Isaac Fox**

staff, we trust that you will respect this process and not make an individual teacher request.

If you have information and concerns about your child that you would like to share with us, please help us by putting your concerns in writing so that as class lists are being developed, this information will be remembered. With almost 600 students at Isaac Fox, anything not put in writing will likely be forgotten—no matter how hard we try to remember. The following items are requests that we try very hard to honor:

- AM/PM kindergarten, per the directions provided at Information Night
- Separation of students: relatives, bad match (usually because children get along too well, etc.)

Please refrain from asking teachers to compromise their professionalism by interviewing them about other teachers for next year. I have asked the teachers to refer all inquiries to me.

I think we do a good job of placing great students with great teachers. Every teacher at Isaac Fox has something special to offer each child.

The entire staff at Isaac Fox School wishes everyone a safe and wonderful summer. Come back to Isaac Fox (or MSS) refreshed!

June 8 is the last day of school for grades 1-5. Students will be dismissed at 9:45 AM.

Thanks for all you do,

Jill Brooks,
principal

