

News from the Elementary & Middle School

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The Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

The end of the year is nearly upon us with May and June tending to be very hectic for our students and their parents. It is also a challenging time for the teaching staff. A well-deserved Teacher Appreciation Day is scheduled for a week in May (TBA by PTA). I know you share with me our appreciation for the dedication and hard work of our teaching staff. We at Ichabod Crane Elementary & Middle Schools are truly blessed to have such a talented team. If you get a chance, please thank a teacher for their positive contribution to your child's success!

Last month, many of our Elementary and Middle School students participated in the annual Pennies for Patients. Together, we raised **\$1555!!!**

Our annual Spring Concerts are scheduled for: Wednesday, May 17 (Grades 7 & 8) and Thursday, May 18 for Grade 5 (6:30 PM) and Grade 6 (7:30 PM).

The school's annual **Budget Vote** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16**. Our 4th and 8th Grade students will be taking the NYS Science Tests (performance test) on **May 24 and 25**. There is also a written test for both 4th and 8th graders scheduled for June 2. Lastly, our Academic Awards Night for students who have earned High Honor Roll for every marking period is scheduled for May 24, at 6:30 PM in the High School Auditorium.

As a reminder, the students will not have school on May 29 (Memorial Day).

Sincerely,
Tim Farley
Principal

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Pennies for Patients
- Spring Concerts
- Budget Vote
- NYS Science Tests
- High Honor Roll Awards Ceremony
- Memorial Day Weekend

From Student Council: Pennies for Patients/Stuck for a Buck

MS Student Council helped raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the Pennies for Patients student program. This year the Elementary and Middle schools raised a total of \$1554.94!!!

Students brought in their "Pennies" boxes over a 3 week period and they were tallied by homeroom. Contributing students names were read over the daily announcements and their names added to the "Pennies Wall" in the vestibule.

Mrs. Kirker, Mr. Wells and Mrs. Marotta's homerooms each earned a bronze banner for raising between \$100-\$199. Mrs. Palmer's homeroom earned a silver pennant for raising almost \$300.

Our 2 top raising homerooms are Mrs. Palmer in the ES and Mrs. Marotta in the MS. Both homerooms will enjoy celebration parties.

Students had the opportunity to vote on who they wanted to duct tape to the wall during the annual "Stuck for a Buck" event. Mrs. Petroccione in the MS and Ms. Hamm in the ES were the "winners!"

During homeroom, the day before Spring break, students could get a piece of duct tape "for a buck" and help tape them to the cafeteria wall. This event alone raised \$209, setting a new record.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated - every penny really does count! A very special thank you to Mrs. Petroccione and Ms. Hamm for allowing us to tape you to the wall!



From Student Council:

For the past two months, students from the MS Student Council have been volunteering at the Primary School after our school day is over. Students have been going into first grade classrooms and assisting with the younger students. They listen to them read, assist them when they write, play math center games with them, and act as positive role models for the younger students. Both the middle school and primary school students are enjoying this experience!



From ICTA: Family Fun Night

6th Annual Family Fun Night

The Ichabod Crane Teachers' Association will be sponsoring the 6th Annual Family Fun Night to benefit the ICTA Scholarship Fund and the district-wide Backpack Program. Family Fun Night will take place on Thursday, May 11, from 6PM—8PM in the Middle School Cafeteria and large gym.

Come out for a fun filled evening of activities, music, and dancing! As always, the night will feature COW PLOP BINGO for just \$5.00 a square and a BOUNCY HOUSE! \$1.00 CONTESTS include “Sponge Splash” (Throw a wet sponge at your principal or teacher!), Football Toss, and Hula Hoop. Other activities include Ring Toss, Plinko, Penny Pitch and special dances. Participate in the Silent Auction. Refreshments will be sold throughout the night!



From the Nurse:

Fall Sports

May 1st - Online sign-ups begin

June 9th- All permission forms (online & paper forms) due by June 9th

Grade 4 & 7 Physical Exams

All students in Kindergarten and Grade 2, 4,7,10 & New Students to the District are required by NYS Law to have a physical examination. If your child is entering Grade 4 or 7 in the fall, they will need a physical exam. All documentation should be received prior to the opening of school in September.

Grade 6 & 7 Immunizations

Students who are entering 6th grade for the 2017-2018 School Year will require **two** additional immunizations:

- Tdap - Immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis.
- 2nd dose of Varicella - A health care provider's signed medical record indicating the student had varicella disease is acceptable proof of immunity.

Students who are entering 6th grade and who are 11 years of age or older must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap).

Students who are 10 years old and entering 6th grade will not be required to receive the Tdap until they turn 11 years old. At that time they must provide documentation of a booster dose of Tdap or provide proof of an appointment for the booster dose within 14 days.

Students entering 7th grade in must have one dose of meningococcal vaccine. They will be required to get a booster at age 16.

Please call (518) 758-7676 ext., 5041, if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Enjoy your Memorial Day!

Upcoming Events:

May

- 2 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 4 - Field Test—CC Algebra I
- 5 - Grade 4/5 Activity Night, 6:00-8:00 PM
- 10 - PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 15-19 - Spirit Week
- 16 - **BUDGET VOTE**, 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- 17 - Spring Concert Grades 7/8, 7:00 PM
- 18 - Spring Concert Grade 5, 6:30 PM
Grade 6, 7:30 PM
- 24 - Academic Awards Night, 6:30—7:30 PM
- 24-25 - Grade 4 & 8 Science Practical Test
- 29 - **NO SCHOOL**—Memorial Day