

PTA eNews for Monday, October 15, 2018

Upcoming Events & Programs

- **October 19** - Trunk or Treat, 6:30-8:00pm, IVE Parking Lot
- **October 19** - Box Tops Due for Fall Contest
- **October 28** - IVE Family Day at the Sounders Game, 1:30pm, CenturyLink Field
- **November 1** - Reflections Art Competition Entries Due
- **November 3** - Goodwill Fill the Truck at IVE

Calling all Cougar Supporters!

The IVE PTA has exciting news to share. We are launching a campaign called "The Cougar Campaign" to raise \$25,000 for our programs that are so valuable and beloved. This campaign is a way to get the whole community involved in the success of the PTA, and 100% of your donations will go directly to programs (not to mention your company matches!) Be on the lookout for information in the mail, email and social media! We can't wait to celebrate meeting this ambitious but achievable goal.

Trunk or Treat Monster Mash! Friday, October 19th, 6:30-8:00pm:

Bring your costumed family to the IVE parking lot to celebrate everything our community loves about this fun season. We will have trick or treating, games, fun music and excited kiddos in cute costumes! And best of all, lots of creative trunks decorated to hand out candy. You can even grab dinner for the family! Get hot dogs, chips and drink available for \$5. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated trunks and games. Please contact fallevent@ivepta.org with any questions.

Reflections Art Competition "Heroes Around Me" Important Information:

Reminder that our Reflections Art Contest is underway, and submission of visual arts, photography and literature must be submitted to the front office by **Thursday, Nov 1**. We will be selecting 12 submissions to move on to the district competition, and we will be honoring these 12 artists as well as all participants at our Reflections Celebration which is combined with our Hands on Art Night on November 15 from 6-8pm. **We also want to mention 2 very important tips as you prepare to create your submission:**

First, entries in visual arts and photography must be mounted on a RIGID (not floppy) backing. Foam core, sturdy cardboard, or mat board work great for this. The art can measure no bigger than 24x30 inches and 1/2 inch thickness, including matting. We recommend entries be covered with a cellophane wrap for protection and the entry form should be in a plastic sheet protector or plastic sleeve attached to the back.

Second, is a reminder about copyright issues which is going to be important this year given the theme of "Heroes". Students are NOT allowed to use known famous characters as the central focus of their submission, and this would include any of the popular superhero movie characters (Superman, Spiderman, Batman, etc.) as well as any other famous character (Disney characters, etc.) or even well know musicians, artists, etc. The district is anticipating more than normal disqualifications for copyright violations this

year, and we really don't want to pull any IVE art from consideration! If you have any questions about the subject of your art possibly breaking copyright rules, please email us at reflections@ivepta.org and we can help you make sure your piece meets the requirements and can be considered for advancement to the district competition. Thanks and we look forward to seeing what you create!

Goodwill Fill the Truck - Save the Date for November 3rd:

As you are cleaning, organizing, and straightening up, please save your donation items so we can fill a Goodwill truck on November 3rd! We have a great opportunity to raise money for IVE PTA and support a great local charity. More details coming soon.

Fall Book Fair is Coming! Monday, November 5 - Friday, November 9:

There is a wide selection of books that every child will love! Not only does this put books in the hands of our students, it also puts books in the hands of your teachers and librarian. Fall Book Fair hours are:

- Monday - 8:45am-4pm
- Tuesday - 8:45am-4pm (lunch with a friend during your child's lunch time)
- Wednesday - 8:45am-1:45pm, 6pm-8pm Family Night
- Thursday - 8:45am-4pm
- Friday - 8:45am-3:40pm

Parents Night Out at Karate West November 2nd:

Parents Night Out at Karate West is a fundraiser benefiting our PTA. On Friday November 2nd from 6-9pm your 6-12 year old can enjoy pizza, games and fun with friends. The cost is \$35 per child including pizza dinner. Sign up here: <https://www.gevme.com/karate-west-parents-night-out-2018> and select IVE at registration. If you can't make it, mark your calendars and register in advance for December 7th.

Enrichment Program Opportunities:

The IVE PTA organizes and offers after school programs to enrich the school experience. Programs run throughout the school year and are offered as multi-week sessions. Programs vary based upon the interest of our school community. Please visit <http://ivepta.org/Page/Programs/Enrichment%20Programs> for current offerings including: art, coding and guitar options! If partial/full scholarship is needed for any of these programs, please contact president@ivepta.org.

Volunteers Needed

Fall Book Fair November 5-9:

We need a lot of volunteers as cashiers or floaters. If you are able to volunteer for any shift (part of a shift too), please sign-up on ivepta.org. If you have any questions, please contact your book fair co-chairs at bookfair@ivepta.org.

Vision & Hearing Screening November 13-14:

During the IVE screening day, the PTA provides volunteers to help identify children who need further evaluation. To expedite students through the tests, 10 volunteers are

needed per shift. No experience is necessary and volunteers will enjoy snacks and drinks sponsored by the PTA! Please help by volunteering on Tuesday and/or Wednesday, November 13-14. Visit ivepta.org to indicate which session(s) you can be present: 9:00 -12:30pm, 12:30 - 3:00pm or both! Email visionhearing@ivepta.org with questions.

Child Care for General PTA Meetings:

Helping with childcare will ensure a larger turn out at our PTA General Meetings. We are required to have 2 adults in the room at all times. We have Middle School student volunteers signing up to help as well. Meetings for the 2018-19 year will occur on the following Tuesdays at 7:00pm: November 27, January 22, March 19, and May 21. Sign up details can be found at ivepta.org. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Important Reminders

Be a Pumpkin and Join the IVE PTA!

WHO: Parents/Guardians/Staff of IVE Students

WHAT: Join PTA Before October 31st and the class with the highest percentage of new memberships will win a pizza party!

WHY: Our goal this year is to have 100% membership, so please go to <https://ivepta.ourschoolpages.com/Package/Membership/FamilyInfoPacketPage/0> and join us in supporting our students and teachers by joining the IVE PTA. There is no requirement to volunteer or attend meetings, your membership support is all we ask for. Thank you!

Box Tops for Education (BTFE) Fundraising Program:

Help IVE by collecting Box Top labels from various consumer products. Each BTFE clipped earns our school 10 cents and can be redeemed for books, art supplies, sports equipment and more. Clip and save your Box Tops to send in with your students by **October 19** for a contest between classrooms. The class with the most Box Tops will win a prize! For more information, please go to ivepta.org or email boxtops@ivepta.org.

Corporate Matching - Double Your Donations:

There are many employers out there that will match your cash donations. It is usually a simple process of filling out their forms or submitting a request online. Many will also pay an hourly rate for volunteer hours too (ie. Microsoft) so it is a good opportunity to take advantage of this offer. Here is the link to check to see if you or your spouse's employer participates in the Matching Gifts program: <https://www.1800runaway.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/corporate-match-directory.pdf>. If you have any questions or need our Tax ID, please contact our Matching Gifts Coordinator at gifts@ivepta.org

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your hard work in support of the IVE PTA! A special thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who helped direct cars at our hugely successful Salmon Days fundraiser, and our outstanding chairs (Andy Corlett, Cam Fisher and Stacy Harfert) for their many hours planning and volunteering throughout the weekend. We are still finalizing numbers from the carnival proceeds, but we are happy to report that the Salmon Days parking alone raised more than \$7500 for the IVE PTA!