

PTA eNews for Monday, October 29, 2018

Upcoming Events & Programs

- **November 1** - Reflections Art Competition Entries Due
- **November 2** - Parents Night Out at Karate West, 6:00-9:00pm
- **November 3** - Goodwill Fill the Truck, 9:00am-12:00 noon, IVE Parking Lot
- **November 5-9** - Fall Book Fair, IVE Library
- **November 5-7** - Kindergarten CogAT Screening Test Period
- **November 7** - Parent Conference Communication Info Night, 6:30-8:30pm, IVE

Calling all Cougar Supporters!

The IVE PTA has exciting news to share. We have launched 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 (and company matches!) will go directly to programs. Please go to ivepta.org for more information and to donate today. We can't wait to celebrate meeting this ambitious but achievable goal.

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 will be collecting donations in the IVE side parking lot from 9:00am - 12:00 noon. We have a great opportunity to raise money for IVE PTA and support a great local charity. You can bring almost everything to the drive, provided it is not bigger than an end table. You can find a list of exclusions at <https://seattlegoodwill.org/donate-goods/donation-guidelines>.

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.

Communicating with Teachers At Elementary School Conferences Parent Info Night- November 7th at IVE, 6:30-8:30pm:

This event will provide some suggestions on how to make the most of the conference and provide you with some resources as you prepare. You will also have an opportunity to sign up or learn how to sign up for the conferences on December 5 and 6 on Family Access. All elementary school families are invited to attend. Mandarin, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Russian and Japanese interpreters will be available.

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

PTA Website User Account Maintenance:

Remember to login to your PTA account at ivepta.org and assign your classroom teacher and grade to all students listed on your account. This will help with many things that PTA organizes and distributes. It also helps families find your child(ren) when searching the directory by teacher name.

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! .

**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 support our wonderful Trunk or Treat Monster Mash!**