

## **PTA eNews for Monday, September 3, 2018**

Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year from the IVE PTA!

### **Join Today**

If you have not signed up or renewed your membership to the IVE PTA, please go to [ivepta.org](http://ivepta.org) and show your support today!

### **Upcoming Events**

- September 4 – Meet the Teacher, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- September 5 – 1st Day of school Grades 1 – 5
- September 7 – 1st Day for Kindergartners
- September 7 - PTA Tears and Cheers, IVE Lobby, 9:15 a.m. The Issaquah QFC on Gilman and the Issaquah Commons Starbucks have kindly donated food and coffee for this event.
- September 12 – Curriculum Night, 5:30-6pm: Music Info/Grades 3-5, 6-6:45pm: Grades 3-5 Classrooms, 6:45-7pm: Principal and PTA Welcome, 7-7:45pm: K-2 Grade Classrooms

### **IVE PTA Community Picnic and Movie Event:**

We are bringing together our IVE community to kick off the school year! Please join us Thursday, September 20th from 6-8:30pm as we picnic together and screen the movie Coco on the IVE playground. Grab a blanket and a pillow to settle in and watch the movie, bring your own picnic or purchase from the **El Pingüino Cacharon** Mexican Food Truck (\$1-\$8 price range). The **Issaquah Ice Cream Trike** will also be making an appearance (\$2 per item).

### **Volunteers Needed**

Want to get involved at IVE but don't know where to start? Without our wonderful volunteers, the programs and activities our kids enjoy would not be possible. Please go to our website at [www.ivepta.org](http://www.ivepta.org) and look at all of our upcoming opportunities to help with upcoming events, programs and committees.

### **Are you proficient in more than one language?** If so, IVE PTA needs your help!

We are looking for individuals who are able to translate PTA fliers from English to other languages. We are specifically looking for Spanish and Chinese, but would love any languages to help us reach our entire IVE community. We will use Google Translator to generate an initial translation then send over to you to edit from there. Please contact [president@ivepta.org](mailto:president@ivepta.org) if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!

**Can you help with childcare at PTA meetings?** Helping with childcare will ensure a larger turn out at our General Meetings with more adult voices for our students. We are required to have 2 adults (18 years or older) in the room at all times. We will have many 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: September 25, November 27, January 22, March 19, and May 21. You must be cleared by the District to volunteer. Thank you very much for your consideration.

**Parents/Adults:** Please sign up at the link below to volunteer in our childcare room during General PTA Meetings. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e49adab23abf58-general>

**Middle School Volunteers:** Do you know a responsible middle school student that is in need of volunteer hours? Please have them sign up for our General PTA Meeting childcare <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e49adab23abf58-middle>

### **Calling all Angels... Become an Angel Sponsor**

Issaquah Valley Elementary PTA continues the tradition of the Angel Program for the 2018-2019 school year. This program provides a helping hand to the children at IVE who need a little extra support.

- **How does the Angel Program work?** A child enrolls in the program and with the support of an Angel Sponsor, receives clothing and other basic necessities twice year. As an Angel Sponsor you are asked to provide your child with weather appropriate clothing in the Fall and again in Spring. The financial impact is relatively small (\$100 – \$200 twice a year) but the rewards are huge! Some of our angels like to partner with a friend or family member and shop together thus sharing the cost.
- **Too busy to shop?** Gift cards to Target, Fred Meyer, Old Navy or other places for clothing/shoes can be donated instead. Cash donations are tax deductible and can be done on line at [ivepta.org](http://ivepta.org) under Angel Program in Events/Programs.
- The Angel sponsor and child's identity are strictly confidential. If you or anyone you know would like to become an Angel within our IVE community and have a direct impact on the life of a child in need, please contact Jaimi Messmer at [angel@ivepta.org](mailto:angel@ivepta.org) for more details.

### **Reminders**

- 2018-2019 school bus routes are now available online ONLY. Please note this is a change to previous years. **Cards with bus route information will NOT be mailed home this year.** Please visit the [Find Your School and Bus Route webpage](#) for your student's bus route information.
- Please note there is a slight change in the bell times for the 2018-19 school year. They are as follows: Start Time: 9:15am, Early Release Wednesday 1:30pm, Release all other days 3:40pm.
- All member users on our PTA website need to update their user profile at the start of each year to reflect their students' grade and teacher.

### **PTA Website and Facebook Page**

Make sure to bookmark our website at [www.ivepta.org](http://www.ivepta.org) and “like” us on Facebook at “Issaquah Valley Elementary PTA.” We provide a great deal of information and post many reminders. It is another great way to stay connected with our IVE community.

**NEW Online Directory:** The IVE PTA website has an online directory feature that will be activated on **September 20, 2018**.

- This directory is a restricted document viewable ONLY by registered PTA members who are authorized by the PTA webmasters after verification.
- Users are able to search by family/student first or last name, or they can search for class lists by teacher name.
- As a default all contact information in the PTA website user’s profile will be displayed UNLESS specifically opted out of by the user either upon membership activation/renewal or via the steps outlined on the website under the PTA Info Icon entitled “Directory FAQ.”