



The Indian Update

Jason Rakers, Principal

May/June

CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - Respect

The Athletic Recognition Night is scheduled for Monday, May 7th at 6:00. All 6th-8th grade students that dressed and finished the season on the baseball, basketball, cheerleading, volleyball, and/or track teams should attend. A light snack and drink will be provided.

Poetry, Art, and Music will be available for all to enjoy on Thursday, May 3rd at The Strand. Parents and students may arrive at 6:00 and poetry will be read at 7:00. Some refreshments will be available.

Yearbooks are still available in the office if you would like to purchase one for \$15. Please contact Kim.

The Library Will Close on Wednesday, May 16th for end of year book inventory. All AR testing will end on MAY 11TH. Please make sure ALL library books, tests, and late fees are paid by 3:00 on the 18th. Any students with lost books must pay their fine(s).

Field Day/Spring Fling is Friday, May 18th at the Pocahontas Park. Students will enjoy various activities throughout the day (9:00-1:30). In the event of rain, Monday, May 21st will be our rain date. All approved volunteers may help at this fun event. Check with your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer. 8th grade students may attend even though their last day is May 17th.

Academic Awards are scheduled for Thursday, May 17th in the gymnasium. K-4 awards will be presented at 9:00a.m. while 5-8 will be at 10:00. Parents are welcome to attend.

8th Grade Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. Congratulations and best wishes to all graduates.

Absenteeism hurts our students' future. Please encourage your child to regularly attend school. Also remember that it is the parents' responsibility to notify the office of a child's absence. You may call or email Kim at kquesada@bccu2.org. Thanks for your cooperation.

We Need More AR Points! At the beginning of the year, our students were challenged to read even more than last year. A challenging goal of 22,000 AR points was set to push the students at the beginning of the year. We knew it would be a tough challenge. As of now, the student body is at 19,100 AR points. That is 87% of our goal. Remember, if the student body exceeds 22,000 Mr. Rakers will go to jail. We need to make sure this happens! Thanks for all your efforts pushing our students to higher goals. You have to read to achieve. Keep working hard Indians!!!!

Thank you for making sure your child's clothing follows the handbook. Your support has made school a more positive experience.

The PES Summer Art and Reading Program is back by popular demand. It is so important to keep your child's mind growing by reading and learning during the summer months. We hope your child will join us for our summer learning dates. The dates are June 20, July 11, and July 25. More information will be available soon, but please save the dates. All PES students are welcome to attend our fun and educational activities. Students will be able to check out and read a book from our library, as well as complete an art project with a summer theme.

We Collect Box Tops for Education and the money raised from Box Tops goes towards our reading incentive prizes for students. The class that ends the school year with the highest Box Tops average total per student gets a pizza party at Funderburk's. Please continue to save and send in those Box Tops for PES. May 11th is the Box Top deadline.

Immunizations need to be turned in to the office prior to the new school year. If you want to get ahead and begin planning for next school year, the following items are needed to register for school. Kindergarten students needs a physical, up to date shots, eye exam (from an optometrist), and dental exam. 2nd graders need a dental exam. 6th grade needs a physical, up to date shots (Tdap, Varicella #2, and Meningiococcal #1), and a dental exam. All students who plan to play sports need an up to date physical. Sports physicals are not approved for the physicals needed in K, 6th, or 9th grades. They have to be on the approved schools physical form by the DHS, not the IHSA. They will still count for both the school and sport physical, but it has to be on the correct form. Thanks in advance for your support on these matters. Please consider making your appointment today. ☺

Medicine in the School Office needs to be picked up at the end of the school year. If you sent any prescription medication to school, a parent needs to pick it up for safety purposes. Any medication not picked up by May 25th will be discarded.

****Fee Reminder-Please pay any fees (lunch, field trip, book, & athletic) as soon as possible. We appreciate your support****

Important Dates In May/Summer

* Dates and times are subject to change. *

- Tuesday, May 1-Track at Hillsboro (4:00)
-Kindergarten Marcoot Field Trip
- Wednesday, May 2-8th Grade Trip to GHS
-4th Grade Field Trip to St. Louis Challenger Learning Center
-6th Grade Field Trip to Cahokia Mounds
- Thursday, May 3-Track at Vandalia (4:00)
-PES Art & Poetry Night at the Strand 6:00
- Friday, May 4-Support Our Police Day & 3rd Field Trip to St. Louis Zoo
-K-2 Field Day at Pocahontas Park
- Monday, May 7 - 6th-8th Grade Sports Recognition Night 6:00
-Spring AimsWeb Benchmark testing.
- Tuesday, May 8th-Track Conference Meet at Pana (9:00 a.m.)
- Wednesday, May 9-1st Grade Field Trip to City Museum
- Friday, May 11-AR Testing/Points Deadline & Library Closes 3:00
-Accelerated Reader Hat Day-\$1.00 Donation & Box Top Deadline
-Fire Drill 2:30 & Chief Change Store
- Saturday, May 12-Track Sectional at TBD
- Monday, May 14 -2nd Grade Field Trip to Magic House
-6th-8th Grade Cheerleading Tryouts Begin (14th, 15th, 21st)
- Tuesday, May 15-AR 4th Quarter Party
- Wednesday, May 16-5th Grade Field Trip to Botanical Gardens
-6th-8th Grade Pocahontas Community Service Day
-Library Closes
- Thursday, May 17th-8th Grade Graduation 6:00 & 4th-8th Talent Show 12:45
- School Academic Awards Program (K-4 at 9:00 & 5-8 at 10:00)
- Friday, May 18 -Field Day at Pocahontas Park & 2:00 Character Assembly
-Last Day for KRP & Library Book Late Fees Deadline (3:00)
- Monday, May 21-7th Grade Field Trip to Science Center
- Board Meeting at GHS (7:00)
- Wednesday, May 23- Last Day of Attendance & Report Cards (2:00 dismissal)
-AR Flip Flop Day &/or Gum Day-\$1.00 Donation Each
- Thursday, May 24 - Teacher's Institute
- Summer Art and Reading Program Dates-June 20, July 11 & July 25 (9:00-11:00a.m.)
- Wednesday, August 15th-Open House (5:00-6:00)
- Thursday, August 16-First Day of Student Attendance (2:00 Dismissal)
- BCCU2 School Registration-TBA via email and phone message at a later date