From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Eisenhower Families:

The tests continue...Next week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) is the State testing window for IREAD3 - the important new test (this is the second year) that Indiana law requires all 3rd graders to pass in order to advance to 4th grade. “The purpose of the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination (IREAD-3) assessment is to measure foundational reading standards through grade three. Based on the Indiana Academic Standards, IREAD-3 is a summative assessment that was developed in accordance with Public Law 109 which “requires the evaluation of reading skills for students who are in grade three beginning in the Spring of 2012 to ensure that all students can read proficiently before moving on to grade four.” The testing window is a very short three days. If you are a parent of a third grader, please do all you can to ensure your child is in school on these testing days, ready to move on to grade four.”

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Have a great weekend!

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IKE MENU

**TERRA NOVA TESTING WINDOW/THIRD GRADE**

**MARCH 18-20, 2013**

**MONDAY**

Turkey Sandwich

Chicken Salad

Whole Grain Cheese Pizza

Chicken & Mashed Potatoes

w/Whole Grain Bread

Carrots, Garden Salad

Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Milk

(Chickpea Taste Test)

**TUESDAY**

Turkey Burger/Whole Grain Bun

Chicken Tenders w/Whole Grain Bread

Smiley Fries, Cucumbers w/Dip, Milk

Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit

(Sliced Squash Taste Test)

**WEDNESDAY**

Turkey Chef Salad

Chicken Parmesan & Pasta

w/Whole Grain Bread

Whole Grain Chicken Nuggets

w/Whole Grain Bread

Broccoli, Garden Salad

Pineapple, Fruit Medley, Milk

**THURSDAY**

Asian Chef Salad

Whole Grain Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce

Whole Grain Bosco Stick (1)

French Toast Sticks & Sausage

Hash Brown Stick, Corn, Garden Salad

Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**FRIDAY**

Turkey Chef Salad

Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Green Beans, Corn Relish

Apple Sauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**STUDENT COUNCIL BIRTHDAY TREATS**

**MARCH 18-28, 2013**

Cheese Club/Dine Cafeteria/3:30-4:30pm

"Girls on the Run"/Miss Kors’ Room/3:30-4:45pm

**MONDAY**

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**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS**

Once again, we’ve accumulated an **ENORMOUS** amount of coats, sweaters, gloves, hats, boots, glasses, etc., in our “Lost and Found” box at Eisenhower. Clothing has been folded up and placed along the wall in the main hallway in front of the library. If your children are missing any of these items, please retrieve them before Thursday, March 28th. Otherwise, anything left in the box after that date will be donated to local charities! Thanks for your cooperation. Ms. Barb Pettineo, Head Custodian

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Are you having trouble looking for easy birthday treats to send to school for your child? Student Council can help! You can let each student from your child’s class choose items from the Student Council bookstore. You can buy 25¢, 50¢, 75¢, or $1.00 denominations. You can send in cash or a check payable to Eisenhower. Mrs. Joni Dusseau/Student Council Members
Dear Parents: We have finished creating our Square 1 Art designs and you will be receiving an order form around March 15th. All orders now can be placed online! If you do not have access to a computer I can enter it for you. This year is special to us. We are trying to save enough money for a clay kiln. We are hoping to save last year’s money and hope to be able to combine this year’s money with last year’s so our Eisenhower kids can do clay. Thank you for all your support! We hope you enjoy what your child has created. This year is an ipod for the 6th grade. Check out the new coffee travel mug and assorted water bottle.udents may order in class, or by asking the office. The order will be turned in next week. If your student is out of school, the stickers are for you to keep! A few things we are doing, all classes are pointa with temperas the next few weeks. We appreciate all the berger plastic containers with lids that you have sent and keep continuing to do so! We need newspaper too! Thank you for your help with these two items! Fifth Grade will be creating paper mache in the future so start saving all those paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls, plus newspaper. If you can spare extra, please do so! Again, the Eisenhower McDonald’s McSchool Night program will be held on Wednesday, March 20th from 5-8:30 pm. Delivery of the Butter Braids will be Thursday, April 25th. All proceeds will be used to purchase the awards given to our children on Awards Day as well as any special treats/experiences associated with the awards that our children receive. It is so hard to earn money these days! If you have any questions please contact Michelle Coulman: mcoulman615@msn.com or Michelle Thiel: dokote4259@yahoo.com, PTO Co-Vice Presidents.

ST. BALDRICK’S FOUNDATION
CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH

Here at Ike, interested students have started a team to shave their heads and help raise money for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation. You can help by joining the team and shaving your head or by simply supporting the team with a donation. The St. Baldrick’s fundraiser will take place on Sunday, March 24th from 12 to 4 pm at the Crown Point Fire Station. If you have any questions, please check out the website www.stbaldricks.org or call Chris Tufts at 685-880  ext. 8340. Together, we can make a difference and help conquer Childhood Cancer! Mrs. Chris Tufts, PRES Interventionist

EASTER EGGSTAVAGONZA

“Easter Eggstavaganza” is a free family event presented by Living Hope Community Church and will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 9-11 am at the Lake County Fairgrounds, located at 888 South Court Street in Crown Point. This FREE event for children ages 0-11 is the largest Easter Egg Hunt in NW Indiana with 250,000 eggs, 300 prize eggs, filled with Bikes, IPods and baskets, a helicopter Candy Drop, bounce houses, face painting, and an Easter Bunny Bounce Station. Gates open at 9 am with bounce houses and face painting available. Helicopter Candy Drop and Egg Hunts begin at 10 am! For more details, visit www.bwchen.org or call 219-769-3601.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

MARCH IS DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Muscular Dystrophy is a debilitating neuromuscular disease. It occurs most often in children but it can also occur later in life. Muscular dystrophy is a progressive muscle weakening condition that can rob a child of the ability to run, jump, climb and walk. There are no treatments or a cure available however clinical research is being done. The Eisenhower School community would like to help support research and the families and children affected by muscular dystrophy. The Eisenhower National Endowment for the Arts Society will be selling shamrocks from Monday, March 18th to Friday, March 22nd. Green Shamrocks will be $1.00 and Gold Shamrocks will be $5.00. All of the money raised will be sent to the Muscular Dystrophy Association to support research. Let’s all “Make a Muscle” and turn Eisenhower Green and Gold as we support MDA.

MCDONALD’S WCMS SCHOOL NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The next Eisenhower McDonald’s McSchool Night will be held on Wednesday, March 20th from 5-8:30 pm at the McDonald’s Restaurant located at 135 North Main Street in Crown Point. McDonald’s vouchers will be sent home next week and will need to be presented at time of order. We look forward to seeing you!

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE’S OFFICE

A reminder that children need to be fever free for 24 hours, (without Tylenol or ibuprofen) before they may return to school. Students diagnosed with strep must use antibiotics for 24 hours before they may return. Please continue to encourage your child to get plenty of rest, eat a variety of foods, and exercise. Mrs. Judith Maicher, Eisenhower School Nurse