

# Indian Woods Middle School

## News at a Glance

February 5, 2021

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **Spirit Week: All Students**

Mon, 2/8 - Favorite Team Spirit Wear  
Tues, 2/9 - Kindness Mask-Up Activity  
Weds, 2/10 - Kindness Mask-Up Activity  
Thurs, 2/11 - Crazy Hair Day  
Fri, 2/12 - PJ Day  
Fri, 2/12 - Food Pick-Up

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, 2/15 - **NO SCHOOL** - Presidents' Day  
Tues, 2/16 - **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher Professional Day  
Wed, 2/17 to Fri, 2/19 -

**REMOTE LEARNING** - All Students

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### **Spirit Week – Feb. 8-12**

In the spirit of kindness, next week we will dress the part! All students are encouraged to participate while at school or remote learning.

Monday: Team Kindness-

- Wear your favorite team apparel! Go Chiefs!  
(No hats please)

Tuesday: It's kind to Mask Up-

- Hybrid A students will receive a disposable mask in Wolf Pack. Students will decorate their mask with words of kindness to wear for the day. *(Wearing them is encouraged but will be optional)*
- Remote Students may participate with their own masks from home.

Wednesday: It's kind to Mask Up-

- Hybrid B students will receive a disposable mask in Wolf Pack. Students will decorate their mask with words of kindness to wear for the day. *(Wearing them is encouraged but will be optional)*
- Remote Students may participate with their own masks from home.

Thursday: Crazy 4 Kindness-

- Students are encouraged to wear Crazy Hair.

Friday: Dream of Kindness-

- All students wear your PJ's from home!

### **February 2021 – Celebrating Kindness**

Heroes are never alone, they band together! Our school has decided to take on blood cancer and we've partnered with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to raise funds to help find a cure. LLS is funding the Children's Initiative, to research and develop pediatric cancer treatments with minimal side effects so children can lead a normal life once they reach remission. These children are heroes, and we've joined their Hero Squad to help them fight their cancer.

You can be a Hero during Kindness Weeks and support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Make a donation to LLS and be part of the Hero Squad. Your Wolf Pack could earn a reward of your choice. For more information about the Hero Squad and LLS, check out this [video](#).

To find your student's Wolf Pack donation site, go to the website below and enter the teacher's LAST NAME under "Find a classroom" on the lower left side of the page: [HERE](#)

### **2021-22 Enrollment**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

7<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive information about next year's enrollment in Wolf Pack classes next Fri, Feb. 12. Students will enter their choices into Skyward during Wolf Pack Classes on Fri., Feb. 19. Please look for complete information in next week's newsletter.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Come Look at South Night**

8<sup>th</sup> grade families are invited to attend a virtual Come Look at South Night on Weds, Feb. 17 at 7 PM.

[Information about the night and how to attend may be found HERE](#). Questions may be directed to the SM South Counseling Center at 993-7530.

### **IW Spirit Wear is Back! Order Today –**



Click the memberhub link below to join PTA or show your school spirit and pride by purchasing IW Spirit Wear or the new Yard Sign! Check out the t-shirt and sweatshirt designs on this [FLYER](#) and order here:

<https://indianwoods.new.memberhub.store/store>

Contact Erin Emley at 913-231-6030 or [peacock.print1@gmail.com](mailto:peacock.print1@gmail.com) if you have any questions about spirit wear.

## Hybrid Lunches

As we enter our third week of hybrid instruction, we would like to take time to review a couple of items regarding lunches.

- We have a few students that are not eating lunch. We have **FREE** lunch available to all students. Please remind your student to refuel their body during their lunch in order to finish their school day with enough energy to be successful in class.
- Unfortunately, we are not allowed to have food from outside vendors delivered by parents or delivery service in our cafeteria. We appreciate your cooperation with this request.
- We are impressed with your students ability to follow directions. Students are wearing masks while they are not eating their lunch. They are following our lunch time arrival and dismissal procedures. They are doing a fantastic job keeping safe distance. We appreciate each student's effort in making our lunch time successful.

## Indian Woods Sports

Indian Woods now has a new one-stop place to get answers about sports! The [Indian Woods athletics website](#) is where you can access all of the health forms, and get specific information regarding each sport, including the sign up forms.

Our next clinic is Girls Basketball from March 1-26.

[Participants are required to sign up on the google form HERE by Friday, Feb. 8.](#) All paperwork is due by Fri, Feb. 19. Forms are located on the athletic website.

Here is the schedule for other sport clinics:

- **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball**  
March 1 - March 26 - **Paperwork due Feb. 19**
- **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball**  
March 29 - April 30 - **Paperwork due Mar. 19**
- **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Coed Cross Country**  
May 3 - May 28 - **Paperwork due April 23**
- **Wrestling**  
Cancelled until the 21-22 School year

Call our office at 913-993-0600 if you have questions about our Middle School Sports Program.

## IW School Fees Due Feb. 12

Fee statements were sent to all students that have a balance due. Please check your student's statement for elective class fees. If your student is not enrolled in the elective class, please email [patdeveau@smsd.org](mailto:patdeveau@smsd.org) or call 913-993-0601 to remove the charge.

All required fees (book rental & ID) and elective class fees are due. You may make a payment at [www.smsd.org/families/pay-fees](http://www.smsd.org/families/pay-fees). You may also call Mrs. DeVeau at 913-993-0601 to make a payment with a debit or credit card, or bring cash or check to door #1 and a receipt will be issued to you.

If your student has a Kansas Medicaid card (Kancare) with a status of 19 it will waive the book rental and ID card. If you don't know your status, Mrs. DeVeau can check your Kancare card number. Please email her a copy of your card or the Kancare number. She will notify you if you qualify. You will need to pay any elective course fees that your student is enrolled in. Please make your payments by February 12, 2021.

## Presidential Awards For Excellence In Mathematics And Science Teaching

Nomination Deadline March 1, 2021.

The National Science Foundation is currently accepting nominations for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) program. PAEMST are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teaching. Up to 108 awardees may be recognized each year. The program alternates between K-6 and 7-12. This year nominations should be made for 7-12 educators.

Anyone--principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public--may nominate a teacher by completing the nomination form available on the PAEMST website. To submit a nomination, you will need the teacher's name, email address, and school contact information. If you know more than one teacher deserving of this award, you may submit more than one nomination. Teachers may also apply directly at [www.paemst.org](http://www.paemst.org).

Presidential awardees receive a certificate signed by the President of the United States; a trip to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities; and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. They also join a network of award-winning teachers from across the country. The National Science Foundation administers PAEMST on the behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. **The nomination deadline is March 1, 2021 and the application deadline is April 1, 2021.**