



### Stonybrook Middle School

May 2013

Students must have initiative; they should not be mere imitators. They must learn to think and act for themselves--and be free. ~Cesar Chavez

SMS Families – The beginning of ISTEP was not what Stonybrook, the MSD of Warren Township, or any school system in the great state of Indiana could have expected for our children grades 3-8 this year. We have complied with state guidelines and have moved slowing this week and will continue to move cautiously through testing next week. On Monday, May 6, we will finish 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts and be completed with 8<sup>th</sup> grade testing, giving our algebra students time to prepare before their ECA's on May 14 and 15. On Tuesday, May 7, 7<sup>th</sup> graders will begin their testing. Attendance is imperative during this time as make up time is very limited.

Teams will be sending home information with students about end of year activities for kids, award ceremonies that will be held during the school day, and items needed to prepare for the 13-14 school year.

Thank you for your support during testing . . . and the entire year! Looking forward to a smooth and successful ending to the school year!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Griffin

<u>Team Hurricane</u> is offering Credit Recovery and Tutoring for students who are missing assignments and need extra help with any subject matter every Wednesday after school from 2:55-4:15PM. Students are allowed to ride the Activity Bus if transportation is not provided by a parent/guardian.

We are now on TWITTER

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From the Media Center

The end of the year is quickly approaching, please check at home for library books that are overdue.



**Dear Parents:** If you wish to have your child's medication from the nurse's office at the end of the school year, please come into the clinic to pick it up no later than 10 AM on the last day of school. No medications will be sent home with a student, an adult must transport medications per Indiana state law. If the medications are not picked up by an adult by 10 AM on the last day of school they will be destroyed at the end of the day.

Thank you, The Clinic Staff



Just a reminder . . . that if your student has a balance on their lunch account . . . an amount must be paid towards the negative balance in order for them to get the lunch of their choice . . . otherwise, students with a negative balance on their account will receive a lunch provided by the café. Questions, please call 532.8817.

### Market Day

Market Day is a food ordering program that gives 20% of every order to your students school. If you are not familiar with Market Day please visit <u>www.marketday.com</u> or get a order form from the front office. To make it even more convenient, Stonybrook is a pick-up site for orders. You can order on-line or turn in your order at school. You can pre-pay or pay when you pick up. When ordering please use account # 7560. Market Day accepts cash, checks and Hoosier Works Cards. What a great way to feed your family and help your school.

### Yearbooks are now on sale!

Go to **www.treering.com** and create an account. Use Passcode: **10133981394849** 

Flyers with the website and school's passcode are also available in the main office.



You may pay by check or credit card online. If you prefer to pay cash, you may purchase your yearbook at the bookstore. Extra books will not be ordered this year; you **MUST pre-order**!

### Stonybrook will host a Buy One-Get One Free book fair in the LGI room from May 6-10.

This is a great time for students and parents to stock up on great books to read this summer.

Students will be receiving information in May about the "Hoosier Family of Readers" summer reading program created by our Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenda Ritz.

All library books are due no later than Monday, May 13. Please help your child look around your home for any books that might be missing. We will be giving students overdue notices with exact details about the books that they owe.

If you would be interested in volunteering an hour or two during the day for our book fair, please contact Mrs. Rose at 532-8800x8814.



**Does your child love to sing?** Join us this summer for the Indianapolis Children's Choir Choral Festival! For over 25 years, the Choral Festival has brought together kids who love to sing for a week of music-making and fun! No experience is necessary and the campers will sing in a performance at the end of the camp week. Children must be entering the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2013-2014 school year to participate. The camp runs June 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, ½ or all-day options) and July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders only, morning option only). Financial aid is available. Please contact Leeann Ashby at<u>lashby@icchoir.org</u> or 940-9640 for more information.

# **CONCERT NEWS**



**The 7th and 8th grade bands** will be presenting their Music Makers concert at Stonybrook on Thursday, May 16, 7:00 PM.

Students should wear their red "Stonybrook Musician" shirt and black dressy bottoms and shoes. Students who have school owned instruments at home may return them that evening, so that summer repairs can be planned. The concert should last about an hour and there is no admission charge.

"**The Stonybrook Middle School Orchestra** will be presenting a final concert on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2013. It will take place in the Stonybrook Middle School LGI Room starting at 7PM. We will feature solos, chamber music, and also large ensemble pieces to wrap up the school year. Please join us as we jump off into summer! Admission is free. "

This year's final **Spring Choir Concert** will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Warren Central High School at 7 p.m. We are so excited to present this year's theme of "Traveling around the World." There will be a variety of music in different languages such as: Japanese, Spanish, Hebrew, Italian, German, and of course English. It is sure to be a night of diversity and appreciation for music around the globe. We will also be honoring our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be moving up to the high school next year. Admission is free, so come on out and support our Stonybrook choir!

## Stonybrook Middle School 8th Grade Celebration "It's Sweet to be a Warrior" Friday, May 24, 2013 from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM



This year's 8th Grade Celebration will take place at Stonybrook Middle School on Friday, May 24th from 6:00PM – 8:30PM. This will be a semi-formal occasion composed of dinner, fun awards, and a dance to serve as our end of the year celebration. The cost of tickets will be \$10 and that will provide all students with dinner, dessert, beverages and an awesome DJ. This event is to celebrate the end of a successful 8th grade year, so finish the year in a positive manner! <u>Tickets sales</u> <u>will begin Monday, May 13 during your lunch. Cost of Tickets will be \$10</u>. (Includes dinner, dessert, beverages, awards and dancing). Dress attire is semi-formal (not a prom, more like nice dinner or special church event).

# May is Healthy Vision Month!

It's important to take care of your eyes. Poor vision makes it harder to read, drive, and cook. The good news: Many eye problems and diseases can be treated if caught early. To make sure you keep seeing clearly, get a comprehensive dilated eye exam.

Signs that parents should look for:

- Bumping into furniture or walls.
- Losing balance when standing up from a sitting position.
- Holding objects close to their nose to see.
- Rubbing eyes a lot.
- Squinting frequently.
- Using only one eye and covering the other.
- Not focusing the eyes together; e.g., one eye is looking left and the other is looking right, or one eye is looking up and the other is looking down.

#### Nine Ways to Help Protect Your Vision

The best option is to keep your eyes as healthy as possible throughout your lifetime.

- Get a dilated eye exam.
- Know your family's eye health history.
- Eat right to protect your sight—in particular, eat plenty of dark leafy greens such as spinach, kale, or collard greens, and fish that is high in omega-3 fatty acids.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Wear protective eyewear when playing sports or doing activities around the home.
- Quit smoking or never start.
- Wear sunglasses that block 99%-100% of UVA and UVB radiation.
- Clean your hands and your contact lenses properly to avoid the risk of infection.
- Practice workplace eye safety.

#### "Let's Get Firefighter Fit"

The Indianapolis Fire Department will be holding its Firefighter for a Day Camp on June 18th, 19th or 20th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for children ages 6-12. Lunch is provided and the children will participate in firefighter activities and fire escape planning. Camp is held at the Warren Township Trustee Office located at 501 N Post Road. To register, visit<u>www.indy.gov/ifd</u> and click the registration form on the right side of the screen. For more information or to register via phone, call Lana at <u>317-327-6093</u>.





# Free Breakfast and Lunch to anyone 18 years old and younger!!! Sponsored by MSD Warren Township

June 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Monday-Friday)

(Closed Thursday, July 4th, 2013)

- Pleasant Run Elementary (Door #1-Main Entrance)

   1800 North Franklin Road, Indianapolis, IN 46219
- Liberty Park Elementary (Door #13) (12-1 PM June 3-June 14, 11-1 June 17-July 19)
  - o 8425 E. Raymond Street, Indianapolis, IN 46239
- Brookview Elementary (Door #13)
  - o 1550 N. Cumberland Road, Indianapolis, IN 46229
- Eastridge Elementary (Door #11)
  - o 10930 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46229
- Warren Central High School (Door #1-Main Entrance)
   9500 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46229
- The Caring Place (Family Life Center Building Main Entrance)
  - o 2901 North Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46219
- Church of Glory (Main Entrance)
  - o 100 South Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46219

## Lunch: 11:00am-1:00pm

Adult Meals also available: \$3.00 for lunch

If you have any questions concerning this flyer, please contact MSD of Warren Township Foodservice Department at 317-869-4381 or 317-869-4389.

"The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."



## Race to the Top . . . \$28.5 million

As you may know, Warren Township was recently awarded a federal Race to the Top grant for more than \$28.5 million to be spent over the next four years! Through three specific Projects, this additional funding will help Warren increase student achievement, provide greater opportunities for personalized learning, and ensure students' readiness for post-secondary college and career opportunities. Please read about Project 1 below, and watch for information about Projects 2 and 3 in upcoming newsletters.

Under Project 1, Warren will work with national experts to align our K-12 curriculum to Common Core State Standards. This new, rigorous curriculum will be supported by an increase in technology used in your student's school and classroom. Every student in 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will have a laptop to use during the school day. Warren is the first school district in Marion County to provide this opportunity to students! Kindergarten students will also have access to iPads in their classrooms. High-tech learning environments called Mediaplexes will be constructed at Creston, Raymond Park, and Stonybrook for use by 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. These Mediaplexes will be similar to the one constructed at Warren Central High School last year, and will be outfitted with computers, document cameras, and distance learning equipment to connect Warren students to learning opportunities all around the world! At WCHS, approximately 75 classrooms are being renovated to include ceiling mounted projectors and dry erase walls to encourage creativity and collaboration among students. Additionally, construction is taking place to make WCHS a completely wireless school!

Please contact your student's principal with any questions you have about the Race to the Top grant or specific projects. More information will be published in school newsletters and on the district website as we strive to meet our Race to the Top goals! Please visit us at www.warren.k12.in.us/race-to-the-top