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The IUS Newsletter



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Incirlik Unit School



Dear Sponsor,

Re-registration for coming 2011-12 School Year

If your child will be returning for the coming 2011-12 school year, re-registration packets will be sent home with your child on the Monday following spring break, April 18. Please check your child's back pack to retrieve the packet, then follow the directions on the packet and return it to school by **Friday, April 29**.

Re-registration is critical as we organize our teachers for the coming school year. We want to ensure that we know your child is returning and will have appropriate classes ready.

For New Kindergarten Students

Registration for **new kindergarten** students will be **May 16 through 20**. Please come to our registration center located in the high school building in order to register your incoming kindergartner. Remember that your child **must be 5 years of age by September 1** in order to be eligible to register for kindergarten. You will need to bring:

A copy of the sponsor's orders

Your child's birth certificate

Your child's shot records

New Sure Start Students

We will be taking applications for entrance into our **Sure Start** program beginning **on May 16**. Application packets will be available at both the main office and at the Registration Center. Please let me know if you have questions.

Terry

TERRY A. GREENE Ph.D.
Principal
Incirlik Unit School

[Apr. 18:](#) Instruction resumes. Begin 4th quarter.

[Apr. 20:](#) SAC meeting, HS Media Center, 1500.

[Apr. 22:](#) Early dismissal 11:15. ES/MS/HS Parent Conferences.

[Apr. 27:](#) Camp Read-a-Lot Literacy Night. ES Bldg. 17-1900.

[Apr. 28-30:](#) Incirlik @ Ankara ASA Tournament.

[Apr. 29:](#) Early dismissal 11:15. Teacher training day on differentiated instruction.

[May 6:](#) Student Council HS Movie Night. HS courtyard. TBA.

[May 7:](#) SAT HS Media Center, 0830.

[May 09-13:](#) Spirit Week and pep rally, May 13.

[May 13-14:](#) Ankara @ Incirlik.

[May 14:](#) HS Prom. TBA.

[May 17:](#) HS/MS Spring Concert. TBA.

[May 17-22:](#) Soccer Championships, Germany.

[May 18:](#) SAC meeting, HS Media Center, 1500.

[May 20:](#) Half-day instruction. Dismissal 11:15. CSI preparation.

[May 21:](#) Relay for Life. TBA.

[May 25-29:](#) Softball Championships, Germany.

[May 30:](#) Memorial Day. Federal Holiday. No instruction.

[Special Note:](#)

[June 16:](#) Last day of school for students.

[Aug. 29:](#) First day of school for students.

IUS Summer Enrichment Program for K-8th



It's time to talk about our IUS summer enrichment program. **The program is open to Kindergarten through 8th grade students of “currently enrolled, space-required (category 1) DoDEA students.** DoDEA does not authorize dual enrollment—that is, students who are educated in a private school or host nation school and have no intention in enrolling in a DoDEA school for their primary education.

The program begins on June 27, 2011 and ends on July 22, 2011—the class meets daily from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. This half-day summer enrichment program is a supplemental extension of the DoDEA curriculum and standards—it is NOT a redial program.

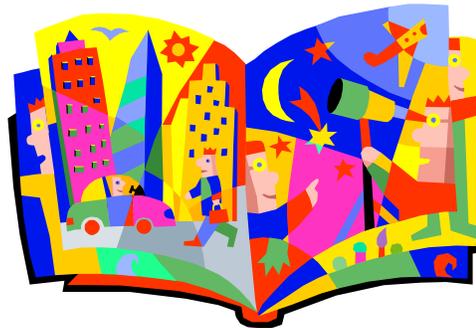
There is an attendance policy—students who are registered must attend on a regular basis except for illness and emergencies. If students do not attend on a regular basis, installation commanders will be notified.

The student application as well as additional information about the program have been sent as attachments on our daily Parent Bulletin.

All applications must be completed and returned to our main office by April 20, 2011 at 12:00 noon—NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Please do not hesitate to contact me for comments or questions!

Terry Greene
676-3109



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Mark your calendars!

**Camp Read-a-Lot:
Family Literacy Night
Wednesday, April 27th
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Come & Go stations open from 5:00-7:00

***Book Fair, Live Jazz Music, Reading, Food,
& Family Fun!***

*Volunteers needed to host this special event. Please contact
Ms. T. at 6-3299*

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A Note from the Nurse

Dear Parents,

Scoliosis Screening is Here!

Scoliosis is a sideways curvature of the spine that occurs most often during the growth spurt just before puberty. Scoliosis may lead to serious back problems as people age, which is one reason why we screen for it in school.

All students 5th grade through 12th grade have been or will be screened. During screenings the boys and girls will be screened in separate buildings. I will be screening the girls, and a male volunteer from the PT department at the clinic will be screening the boys. There will be parent volunteers to help keep the assembly line going. The rooms will be set up to offer as much privacy during the screening as possible. Because the tops of the hips and the spine must be visualized, students will be asked to wear or bring their gym shorts. Girls will be screened in sports bras and gym shorts.

Parents of students that do not pass the screening will be contacted and instructed to obtain further evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at x8231.

Monday, April 25--6th and 12th grades

Wednesday, April 27th--7th and 8th grades

J. S. RN
676-8231



IUS Continuous School Improvement in Action *A Note from the HS Counselor—D. C.*

ACT- SAT

The final administration of the **SAT** here at IUS will be May 7th. If you did not pre-register for this exam by April 8th then you have the option of taking the June 4 administration at Tarsus American College in Tarsus. Please see Mr. C. if you are interested in the Tarsus option.



The final administration of the **ACT** at IUS will be June 11th with a registration deadline of May 6th. Please see Mr. C. for registration information.

Both the **SAT** and the **ACT** will be available next school year as well.

AP Testing

For all students taking **AP** courses, here at IUS, the testing week will be May 2-6. All AP tests, for courses offered here at IUS, will begin at 8am on the dates shown below:

AP Chemistry	May 2
AP Computer	May 3
AP Calculus	May 4
AP English Lit/Comp	May 5
AP US History	May 6

Taking the exam is a requirement to receive the weighted grades. The tests are graded on a scale of 1-5. Scores of 3 and above could be considered for earning college credit from universities. Please contact Mr. C. at 676-5001 if you have any questions.

Military families —Tutors Available Online

Get help from a professional tutor anytime you need it, for FREE. Tutors are online 24/7 and eligible military families in the Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force can take advantage of this military family program to get help with more than 16 subjects. Tutoring help is available for K-12 and College level. Go to this link to sign up and get started:

<http://www.tutor.com/military>



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News From Sure Start—Dr. L. S.*

Dear Diggerman,

Thank you for our visit. We like the little one and the big, bigger one. The best one is the balloon thing. When we get big, we want to drive a backhoe or a street sweeper or a dump truck.

Thank you,

Sure Start



“Down by the Bay...”—A. T.

April is such a fun month with all the poetry! The classes had some  laughs and enjoyed writing their own ending to the rhyme “Down by the Bay”. One second grade class decided on “Did you ever see an alligator carrying a refrigerator down by the bay?” It was quite a mouthful to say but creative! Students will listen to more poetry while they eat their lunch in the library for “Poetry Picnic”. This a relaxing time of poetry, food and friends.

The next Golden Ticket drawing for Middle School students is coming up and these lucky winners will get to stuff their faces with a pizza  party! Contest starts again right after the drawing so if you’re in Middle School- get yourself to the library as much as possible!

Another reading incentive starting this month is “Scholastic Reading Counts Contest”. Upper grade students will be competing against other classrooms to see who can accumulate the most reading counts points by the end of May. Students will select and read the books of their choice and then take the corresponding Scholastic Reading Counts quiz. Different books are worth different points, but every point counts! 



Camp Read-a-Lot: Family Literacy Night is also in April on the 27th. U.S. will be hosting a family night with **Food, Jazz Music, Games, Reading & Family FUN!** Hope to see you there from 5:00-7:00!

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IUS Show Choir—R-E-S-P-E-C-T—J. P.



Thursday, March 24th, during seminar, the Elementary taught us all exactly what r-e-s-p-e-c-t means! A few select classes, such as Ms. R.'s, Ms. Z.'s, Ms. R.'s, and Mr. R.'s, prepared their own performances to showcase what they had learned about respect in their classes. Ms. R.'s class had made paintings and declared, "Respect the art!" But Ms. Z.'s class took a different approach and took turns passing the mic around while they shared a brief sentence on what respect meant to them.

Awards were also given out to the chosen Peace Ambassador's of the Elementary. These kindergarten to fifth grade students shined through and proved to the IUS faculty that they are capable of respecting, caring, and standing up for others.

For the grand finale, the second and third grade Show Choir asked everyone to stand up and sing, "Respect" by Aretha Franklin with them.



IUS Continuous School Improvement in Action Space Camp at Izmir—L. R.



A group of Mr. C.'s 7th and 8th graders will be embarking on a wonderful journey to Space Camp in Izmir, Turkey in May. Students busily bagged groceries and parents contributed to the sale of a potato bar as fundraisers.



To help bolster their knowledge while waiting for this great event, students have been studying the powers of force, speed, and velocity, as well as the dynamics of different types of waves.



Excitement is in the air. We want to thank Mr. C. for spearheading this wonderful event for our young aspiring scientists.

For more information access:

<http://www.spacecampturkey.com/eng/showreleases.asp?ID=4&page=news&sub=releases>



*Spring Fling *—B. P.*



On Friday, March 18th, after a long week of testing, students enjoyed the Spring Fling Dance, which was thrown by the freshman class. The decorations matched the theme of St. Patrick's Day and S. H., H. O., T. J., B. P., Mr. and Mrs. C. all stayed after school to put up the decorations and prepare the courtyard for later that evening. The dance was from seven to nine p.m. and it was held in the high school courtyard.

The freshman certainly had a twist to how they chose their king and queen of the dance; they had people put two names down and put it into a hat. When it was time to crown the king and queen of the dance, they pulled out the names and announced them. The king and the queen of the dance was none other than our own H. O. and T. A. Instead of the king and queen just having their full one song dance alone, the sponsors of the dance had their own idea. They had a three second dance, then the king and queen were to go find a different male or female and dance with them until everyone was dancing.



Video Teleconferencing for Art Students—R. E.

On April 28th in the afternoon (1:25 -2:15) a slot will be available for a Video Teleconference with the Smithsonian American Art Museum. The Art Club and Middle School art classes are invited to this teleconference. This is a rare opportunity to talk with a museum docent and view works of art from the Smithsonian.

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D. M. is Women's History Month Essay Winner

Women's History Month Essay contest winner for Incirlik was D. McG. To view her story on AFN you can access: <http://www.afneurope.net/>. Please congratulate D. if you see her and be proud that one of our own is in the news!

Music Mayhem!—D. M.



Tuesday night, March 22, promptly at 6:30, all of the music classes (Intermediate and Advanced band, Beginning band, Show Choir, and Jazz/ Rock Band) had fun performing for their parents, siblings, and faculty of IUS. The performance lasted about two hours and the crowd loved the songs.



“It was the best concert that IUS has done.

It was a blow-out,” senior A. B. said joyfully. Mr. B. also said, “There were some parts of the concert that could’ve been fixed, but overall, it was a success. I can’t wait for the concert in May”. Stay tuned for more music mayhem.



Honors Band and Choir—D. M.

On Sunday, March 27, two students from IUS, K. D. and A. M., ventured to Germany for Honors Band and Choir. Both students experienced a week of nothing but music and traveling, hopefully having a lot of fun while they did all this. A. excitedly says, “I was really excited to see my old friends from the Jazz Band seminar. I had tons of fun.” K. says just as happily, “I’m was super stoked for this trip!”

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Soccer—White vs. Blue—A. W.



On Friday March 18th, the IHS Football team held its first soccer game. The game was really a scrimmage between the Hodjas Blue team and the Hodjas White team. Even though the game didn't go on the record, the team members still played like it did. "The game was really fun and everyone seemed to be learning a lot," stated B. K.-U. The game also provided some challenges for the players, the field being the biggest. Not only was the field shorter than a normal one, it was also rock hard and extremely bumpy. "It was like running on concrete with huge holes in it," J. C. said after the game.

This game was just the beginning of the Hodjas' season. Coach A. said that they would try to get a game in every weekend. Next week the Hodjas will take on a Turkish men's team. "I think the game will be interesting since it will be the first game against people who aren't on our team. I actually think that we have a chance against them," stated A. A. With this next game, the Hodjas will have two games of experience under their belt. That is two small steps into a very big season.

For a special read on the soccer team access the following article:

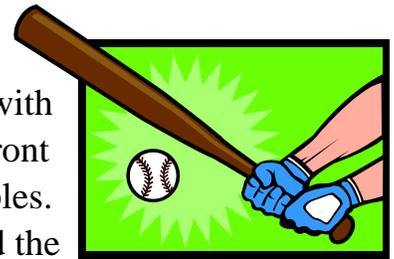
<http://www.stripes.com/sports/boys-girls-team-up-to-play-soccer-at-incirlik-1.139483#>



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Great Beginnings for Softball—A. M.

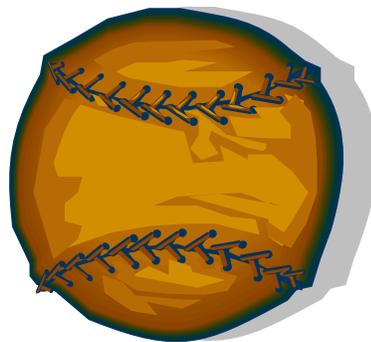
A grand total of 16 girls showed up to Freedom Park on Monday, March 14 for the first practice of softball season. The team started with the basics of throwing and running bases, with the veterans in the front demonstrating what to do while the beginners followed their examples. As the week progressed, so did the number of drills the coaches had the team go through.



Coach S. is very enthusiastic about the many talents the team has exhibited thus far. “We are very excited about softball this year. Our numbers are at an all time high. Every softball player is working very hard to help us follow up our exciting 2nd place finish from last year. We have four returning players and twelve girls that are new to the game. After one week I really believe we are more talented than last year. Hopefully we can put it all together.”

J. S., a new player, is enthusiastic about playing softball this year. “I am very excited for the season. So far the season has been a lot of fun. I can’t wait to go to Euros and bring home first this year!”

Every Friday the Lady Hodjas Softball Team will have a scrimmage against themselves till the first week of April, when they get on the actual field and start playing community members for more game experience.





Continuous School Improvement

DoDEA Mission: To provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

IUS Vision: To prepare students to become problem solvers and life long learners for an ever-changing world.

To Prepare Students - we are teaching, equipping, and providing multiple opportunities to be problem solvers and life long learners.

Problems Solvers - are independent decision makers who think critically and creatively.

Life Long Learners - have a passion for learning in and out of the classroom.

In an Ever Changing World - a society requiring its members to be more flexible and adaptable.

IUS Goals:

Goal 1: By June 2011, all students will increase performance targeted **Written Communication Skills** using instructional interventions implemented in all curricular areas as measured by the TN3 Language Arts subtest, PSAT Writing subtest and school-based assessments. The targeted skills are the organization of information for effective writing.

Goal 2: By June 2011, all students will increase performance on targeted **Critical Thinking Skills** using instructional interventions implemented in all curricular areas as measured by the TN3 Math subtests, PSAT Math subtest and school-based assessments. The targeted skills are the ability to extract and apply essential information in a variety of situations.

NCA Accreditation: Our accreditation took place May 4 - 6, 2010. We receive five commendations, as well as being referred to as the “Model School for Continuous School Improvement” and a “Model School Turn Around.”

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