

New Year's Resolutions

Many people take the time each New Year to make a resolution to do something better or to change the way they do things. Some of these are as simple as "I'm going to laugh more or I'm going on a diet."

For many, these resolutions fail. Why do they fail? Because we make a statement, or we wish to make the changes, but we do not have an action plan, a deadline, or even a backup plan to accomplish what we said we would do.

Sometimes our resolutions are unrealistic so we set ourselves and others up to fail. While our resolutions were made with the

best intentions, it takes much effort, organization, and determination to see them through.

Please take the time to make the resolution to help your child become the best student he/she can be each day that school is in session. Help them to have a place to do homework each night. Help them to set aside structured homework time while also saving time to relax and enjoy your family. Please help your child to see that education today, breeds successful careers and job opportunities in the future.

Happy New Year to all of our families.

Destruction of School Property

We would like to enlist the help of our students and our parents in keeping our school up and running. We are having problems with our students in the bathrooms. They are stuffing too much toilet paper, seat covers, and food down our toilets each day. Water bottles are being stuffed as well. Our soap containers are being emptied with the soap being smeared all over the walls, seats, sinks, and floors. Students throw their paper towels and toilet tissue on the floor rather than using the trash baskets.

We have our custodial and security crew working like crazy sanitizing the bathrooms on a regular basis.

We have put hundreds and hundreds of dollars out for plumbers and to replace soap dispensers, toilet seats, and paper towel dispensers as well.

We have begun to have our students mistreat the computers they are given to use each day. Some of the students are trying to determine how many times they can punch a laptop screen before it breaks. Others take the keys off and this renders the computer unusable.

Any acts of vandalism in the school will now result in the families being asked to pay for the damages that are done. Please have the discussion of respect for other's property with your children. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

1/1 - 1/3	Winter Break No School
1/6	Return to School
1/8	Family Literacy Night 6-8 p.m. Oakey
1/14	Family Math Night 6-8 p.m. Oakey
1/20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School
1/23	Family Science Night 6-8 p.m. Oakey

Reminder!

If you wish to visit your child's class, you must sign in at the front office, let the teacher know you are coming, and get a Visitor's Pass.

Also, you may not speak to another person's child concerning a disciplinary issue or event. If you are having problems, contact the office immediately.

Thank you!

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Accreditation Status

We are very pleased to announce again this year that Innovations has achieved full accreditation status with the Northwest Accreditation Commission.

Last year a team of accreditation visitors were in the building to see what we are doing and to speak with staff, students, and parents. They were very impressed with the achievement of our students and with the services/education that we provide. We were commended for doing a great job and cited as a school that is changing the face of education today.



Being an accredited school means that Innovations participates in a process of continual school improvement leading to greater student achievement. It also means that IICSN meets the accreditation standards for teaching and student learning, in leadership and organization, and in the development of a culture of continual school improvement.

It is a great honor for our school to reach this full accreditation status. We want to thank all of you for supporting us and providing feedback to help us to grow and develop.

Immunization

Having the proper immunizations for your children to enter and remain in school is a critical piece of student enrollment. When you take your child for his/her shots, please make sure that we get a current copy of these records for our reporting purposes.

If you have a child who will be entering the 7th grade next year, it is mandatory for him/her to have the TDAP shot to be in school. The law will not allow us to admit or keep your child without this shot. Please call Laurie at 216-4337 to find out more information and to find out where to go to get this shot for your child.

Thank you!

Testing Season Is Approaching

Once the students return to school, the testing preparation begins. Children who are second language students begin their yearly WIDA test almost immediately. The ACT begins in February for the 11th graders. SBAC exams will begin in March and continue through until May. These include all students in grades 3 - 8. End of Course Exams for the high school begin in April and May as well.

While our teachers prepare the students, it is critical that we get support from our families to ensure that students are on time and in school each day. If your child is at school, we can teach him/her. Please watch for testing calendars to come home, ask the teachers what you can do to help the students prepare, and make sure they are in school each day so we can help them through this time of year.

Thank you.