



INDIANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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Reader of the Week:



Colton Milem



SCHOOL NEWS...

Iowa Assessments

Students will take Iowa Assessment tests over the course of several days (April 5 through April 17). One test will be given each day and will be administered within core classes. Iowa Assessments provide valuable information about the yearly academic growth of students. If your student will be absent for an extended period of time, please contact their grade level counselor to schedule make-ups.

New Look to ICSD Website

<http://www.indianola.k12.ia.us/>

Please click [Food Service](#) to select March menus.

Dates to Remember

April 16: No School

May 28: No School (Memorial Day)

June 1: Last Day of School

Black History Month Poster Contest Winners

Thank you to all students who participated in the Black History Month Poster Contest. We had a great response!

Congratulations to these students:

1st Place: Lizzy Orey

2nd Place: Karlyn Parkins

3rd Place: Sophie Waugh, Bella Newell, Anna Brandt, Jordyn Gripp, Preston Bily, and Lillian Kingkade



**ACTIVITY
INFO...**

Warren County Freestyle Wrestling Club

Students in grades 7th thru 12th who are interested in wrestling are invited to join the Warren County Freestyle Wrestling Club. Please go to the [Digital Backpack](#) to view the flyer with details.

Emerging Excellence

Congratulations to the participants listed below who attended the 2018 Emerging Excellence Event on March 6. Students attended a workshop and brought a work of art to discuss with a juror. They were scored on both their interview and artwork. Participants received a ribbon or medal for receiving a 1 or 2 rating. All artwork from this event is now on display at the middle school.

6th grade: Ceris Askelson, Carly Schettler, Annalise Duncan, Nichole Miller, Rian Crosson, Katie Kobylasz, Kaylee McGrew, Spencer Hughes, Eliza Nickell, AJ Miller, Grace Trotter, Bethany Wilson, Maggie Peterson, Carly Bruck, Katie Raffety, Keegan Tilly, Braden McKasson, Boston King.

7th grade: Sophie Waugh, Halie Gruwell, Cheyenne Glascock, Jordan Hodge, Kaitlyn Porter, Hope Overton, Madeline McFarland, Haylei Dillon, Katelyn Clendenen, Norah Leuwerke, Justice Manley, Kenzie Leutzinger.

8th grade: Evelyynn Huntley, Riley McKenzie, Olivia Blanchard, Alexis Carroll, Hannah Kociolek.

Indianola Athletic Boosters

We started the year with a lofty goal of 600 Indianola Athletic Booster members. We are now at 615! Are you a member yet? It is easy to become one. Please go to www.indianolaathletics.com now to support our athletes, coaches, and programs. They depend on IABC to fund everything from uniforms to equipment & much more.

Cheerleader Tryouts for 8th Graders

Practices for students interested in trying out for high school cheerleading will be held April 2, 3, and 5. Tryouts will be held April 6 and 7.

Time and location will be determined and announced to students when they become available.

Sports Officials Needed

The Indianola Athletic Department is encouraging your involvement. Our goal is to increase the number of local athletic sports officials in all activities. In recent years, the number of sports officials has decreased in the area. Indianola High School and the middle school have had concerns related to finding officials to officiate games. We are requesting your help in developing a pool of new, quality officials for Indianola and our surrounding communities so that our student athletes have the best possible game experience.

Sports officiating is a great way to get involved. Whether you want to earn extra income, support a particular activity, or just have extra time on your hands that you want to fill, please consider becoming an athletic official. ICSD prides itself on providing a solid athletic program. We are looking for motivated people with a passion for sports to join our efforts.

Please read the information below to see how you can become a licensed athletic official in the state of Iowa.

<http://www.iahsaa.org/officials/>

Registration Information

- [Online Registration Form for New and Re-Registered Officials](#) (*password required for re-registrants*) You need to have Javascript enabled in your browser to use this system.
- [Individual Officials Information](#) –(*password required*) Sportsmanship ratings, officials request form, online tests.
- [List of Registered Officials](#)
- [How to Become an Official](#)

General Information

- [2017-18 Officials Manual](#) (Clinic dates pg 9)
- [Guidelines for Officials](#)
- [Code of Ethics](#)
- [Order Form – Emblems and Books](#)

NFHS / NASO Information

- [NFHS Insurance Coverage](#)
- [NFHS Officials Membership Card](#)
- [NFHS / IHSAA Sportsmanship Card](#)
- [National Federation of State High School Associations \(NFHS\)](#)
- [National Association of Sports Officials](#)

Check Out the District Event Calendar

<http://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com/public/genie/206/school/645/>

Indianola Volleyball Practices

All Indianola girls in grades 3-8 are welcome to attend the Indianola Volleyball select practices listed below. Grades 3-6 will practice 6:30 – 7:45 p.m., and grades 6-8 will practice 7:45 – 9:00 p.m. Practices will be held in the high school's North gym.

Thursdays: March 8, 22, 29; April 5

Tuesdays: April 10, 24

Monday: April 16

Bulldog Girls Basketball Camp

As Drake Women's Basketball wraps up another successful season of playing in the NCAA Tournament, they are prepping for summer activities that include their popular camps. Please click on [Bulldog Girls Basketball Camp](#) for details and registration form.

Athletics

IMS Activities Schedule link: <http://www.littlehawkeyeconference.com>



GENERAL INFORMATION...

SmartSocial.com

Parents, SmartSocial.com is a website that contains concise and up-to-date information regarding how to keep your teen safe online. There are free blogs, webinars, and articles. You can sign up for weekly tips.

The company offers additional content at a cost. The intent of including this site in the newsletter isn't to promote that part of the company or to give them free advertising, however. The free content mentioned above has been very relevant, so the decision was made to share this resource with you.

Experience Agronomy Event

Iowa State University's Agronomy Club is hosting its 4th Annual Experience Agronomy Event on Saturday, April 7, at the ISU campus (Agronomy Hall). This event is for students in 4th thru 8th grades. Admission is \$5, and parents can attend for free with their child.

Go to [Digital Backpack](#) and select Experience Agronomy Event for details and the registration form.

School-Based Therapy Services

The Indianola School District has been working on providing additional supports to students, and we are happy to announce that we now have a new school-based therapy provider, Integrative Counseling Solutions. ICS provides mental health counseling with a licensed therapist for students at school. There currently is no wait list for services.

If you are interested in finding out more about school-based therapy, feel free to contact your student's grade-level counselor or you can contact Integrative Counseling Solutions at 515.267.1340. Students seek mental health services to help with issues such as depression, anxiety, grief, trauma, anger, ADD/ADHD, stress management, relationship issues, and more.

Heal House of Iowa

Heal House of Iowa is a group of volunteers, who have filed for non-profit status, committed to taking care of homeless individuals in Warren County and establishing a shelter in Indianola. Please click [Digital Backpack](#) to see the flyer with full details.

Backpacks 4 Hunger

No Child Goes Hungry over the Weekend

ALL students eligible for this program

Backpacks are filled with meals and snacks for the weekend and are sent home with students on Friday. The backpacks and contents are provided by donations from the Indianola community.

TO SIGN UP: Call 961-5755 or contact your student's school counselor.

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Indianola Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of age (except students), race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, creed or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities.

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of age (except students), race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, creed or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment in, its hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or Iowa Code § 280.3 is directed to contact:

504 Coordinator
Indianola Community School District
1304 East 2nd Avenue
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who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 and Iowa Code 280.3 (2007).

Anti-Bullying/Harassment (Ref. School Board Policy 104) Harassment and bullying of students and employees are against federal, state and local policy, and are not tolerated by the board. The board is committed to providing all students with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school community are treated with dignity and respect. To that end, the board has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to deal with incidents of bullying and harassment. Bullying and harassment of students by other students, by school employees, and by volunteers who have direct contact with students will not be tolerated in the school or school district. Concerns can be reported to the building administration by phone, email, or in person. Board Policy forms 04E1 and 104E2, along with additional bullying and harassment policy information can be obtained from the district website or from the main office.