
CORYDON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

January 15, 2016

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I hope all of you had a rest filled break. It appeared that the students were ready to come back. I know it is sometimes hard to get back into the old routine when they have had so much time off, but I hope they are ready for this semester!! We have a lot to accomplish to get them ready for the next grade level. Anything that you can do at home to help would be appreciated. If you need to get in touch with your child's teacher to see what areas of weakness needs the most attention please do not hesitate to call and set up a time to meet with them.

In February, March and April the students will be taking ISTEP and Acuity tests. Both tests will help determine how much progress your child has made this year.

Acuity testing starts on February 1st. Please contact your child's teacher for the exact schedule. The students will take the math and English language arts tests.

ISTEP+ tests will take place February 29th to March 11th and again April 18th to May 6th.

If you could please refrain from making doctor's appointments during these times it would be greatly appreciated. Also it is important that your child arrives at school on time for these tests. If a test has already begun we cannot interrupt to let the child go into class. They will have to sit in the office until the test is completed. Some tests are an hour long. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS DRESSED PROPERLY WHEN LEAVING THE HOUSE IN THE MORNING. MANY STUDENTS ARE COMING TO SCHOOL WITH NO COATS.

**SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH**

SCHOOL MESSAGING PROGRAM

This week, when we had our snow day, you should have received a text or voice mail. If you did not, then we do not have your current phone number on file. This service is going to be used in a variety of different ways: school closings, school delays, early dismissals and any other important information that we need to get out to you in a timely manner. If your phone number has changed since the beginning of the school year and you have not notified the school, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make the needed changes to our system.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

“Please Support Pennies for Patients!”

CIS students will be taking part in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients program from Monday, Feb. 8th-Monday, Feb. 22nd.

During this program, students will collect money to support LLS's mission: to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients.

CIS students will have collection boxes in each classroom. The classroom that collects the most money will receive a pizza party! We will also be setting up an online donation page. Any student that raises \$50 or more **online** will receive an LLS t-shirt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 18th - SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

Tuesday, January 19th - Boy's basketball game AWAY against Silver Creek

Thursday, January 21st - Boy's basketball game AWAY against North Harrison AT MORGAN ELEMENTARY

Tuesday, January 26th - Boy's basketball game HOME against Scribner. 5th grade game starts at 6:00 followed by the 6th grade game. **ALL students need to be picked up at 8:00**

Thursday, January 28th – Boy's basketball game AWAY at Crawford

Saturday, January 31st - Harrison County Boy's Basketball Tourney at CIS.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please note that if we have a 2 hour delay the bus will arrive at your house two hours later than usual.

INTERNET SAFETY

This is always a hot topic and one that affects the learning atmosphere of the school. We know that most of the students have access to the Internet at home to connect with friends and to express themselves through personal profiles. It is imperative that you teach your child about how to use the Internet safely. I have had staff and parents that have approached me regarding some of the students' profile pages and are astonished at the language being used and the pictures being shared. While you may monitor your child's page it doesn't mean that there are other parents who are doing so and your child can get the wrong image portrayed to others by who they are "talking" to.

Several years ago CIS was involved in a very scary situation. There were several students who were "friends" with a person who claimed they were new to the area and had not met anyone yet. The "talking" was very informal at first but then the mistake was made in giving out cell phone numbers and then the texting began. That was about the time that the police became involved and the person was not who they claimed to be. The students were safe as it was discovered early enough. When talking to the students their comments were: they seemed really nice; but they said they were new to the area and that they went to the high school so I was trying to be nice. When the parents were informed about what happened they were devastated. They were great parents and very involved with their children but they did not monitor their Internet and text messages as closely as they could have. My heart went out to them when they found out what was going on.

The above example did really happen. I was scared about what could have happened. These were students from Corydon that were involved in this situation and even though they did not engage in the exchanges at the school I still felt responsible.

The reason why I am sharing this story with you is that I don't want to have this happen to your child. Please monitor their internet connections. I have so many students say, just as the students mentioned above, that they are just friends with people they know. That is great, but what about their friends, do you know who they are friends with? How often do you check your child's text messages if they have that service on their phones? Do they delete the messages before you can see them?

Please take the time to be involved with your child and know what they are doing and who they are talking to.