



INDIAN HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



December 2018

12/21 - 4-hour session
1:25 dismissal

12/24 - 1/1 - Winter Break

1/2 - Return to School



WINTER CONCERT

Dec. 18th @ 7:00 PM
Holmdel High School Auditorium



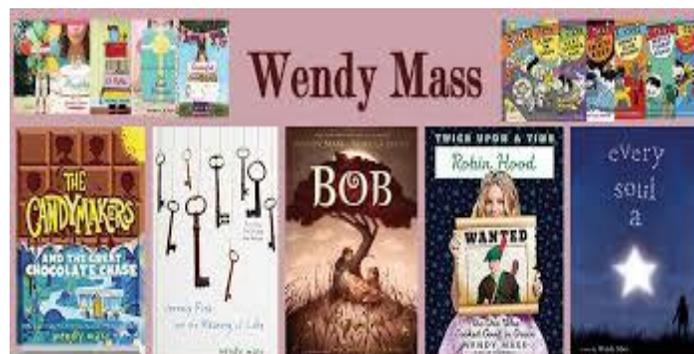
BOE Meeting

12/19 @ 8:00
Satz School



News from the Media Center:

The author Wendy Mass will be visiting our school on January 8, 2019. Please visit the Circulation desk for books by the author and books similar in style / theme. Stay tuned for details about the writing contest, eating lunch with the author and book signing procedures.



Principal's Message

"The job of an educator is to teach students to see vitality in themselves"

Joseph Campbell

As the calendar year comes to a close, I would like to reflect on all the amazing things our staff and students have been engaging in over the past few months. I have observed amazing lessons by our staff, an incredible performance by our students in the fall play, a veteran's Day celebration that honored our armed forces, and the list goes on and on...

The holiday season is a time of year when we like to show our gratitude and give back to the community. One way we are giving back is through our Indian Hill Giving Tree. Our Indian Hill Student Council, the PLC, and Bridges are teaming up and collecting gifts that will be distributed to over 400 local families. The Giving Tree is located in the front hallway outside the main office and will be running through December 12th. We thank all our community members and families who have given so generously.

In an effort to continue to support our Character Education Initiatives as well as spread kindness throughout our building, we are excited to announce that we will be running a two week Gratitude Campaign through the "Look for the Good" project. This inspiring program will begin sometime in the next few months and all students and staff will be invited to participate. We encourage you to join in too! This program was a huge success last year and hope that the students and staff will embrace it again!! More information will follow ...

To celebrate the Arts, our winter concert will be held on December 18th in the High School Auditorium at 7:00. This will include our Beginners Band and our grade 5/6 Band and Chorus. We hope you can all attend as we look forward to an amazing performance directed by Mrs. McCarthy and Dr. Riso.

To our 6th grade parents, we would like to assist your child's transition to Satz as much as possible. To that end, we will be distributing locks to our 6th grade students sometime in January. Cost for the locks and details will be provided as we get closer to the distribution, however, the purpose is to alleviate some of the anxiety the children feel when they enter a new building and their middle school years.

I want to wish you all in advance a very healthy and happy holiday season and look forward to many more exciting things to come in the upcoming year!!



Indian Hill Student Council, PLG, and BRIDGES are teaming up again to bring you our Indian Hill Giving Tree! All gifts collected will be distributed to over 400 local families.

- **Select** an ornament from the Giving Tree.
- **Purchase** the gift, or a similar type of gift
- **Leave** your unwrapped gift under the tree, in the Giving Tree bin.
- **Feel good** about yourself, because you helped make someone else's day bright!

The toy, book, and gift card drive will run from

November 16-December 12

Donations will be picked up the morning of **December 12**.

Thank you! 



Below is a listing of upcoming contests offered to Indian Hill students. Students should feel free to contact Ms. Bradley during homeroom in rm. #236 to gather more information about these contests.

National Geography Bee

Good luck to all of our students for the upcoming 2019 Geo Bee!

Check out the Geo Bee website for practice questions.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/bee/study>

Around mid-December all students will take the qualifying test in their social studies class to determine the top 10 school finalists. The final round will be held on January 11th.

Monmouth County Historical Commission Essay Contest

5th grade students will create an essay during literacy class regarding Monmouth County's historical significance. Deadline is 2/1/19.

Academic Bowl

Looking ahead...Spring '19

5th-6th Grade...Put your academic talent to the test and tryout for the IHS 5th and 6th grade teams!

See Ms. Bradley in rm #236 for more details about this Jeopardy style competition held in Jackson, NJ.

Continental Math League

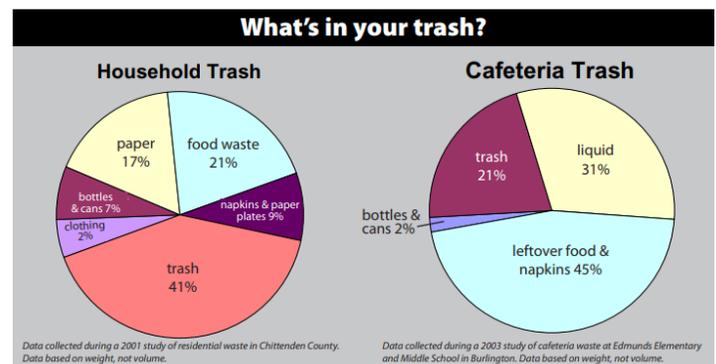
Meet #2 will be completed during math class sometime between 11/29 - 12/12
Good luck to all!

Indian Hill School Composting Initiative (2018-2019 School Year)

This year, students at Indian Hill will be participating in a new approach to recycling---through COMPOSTING! In the coming weeks, our students will be collecting compostable waste materials in the cafeteria during their regular scheduled lunch times. Students will be separating organic waste, recyclable material, and trash during meals in order to divert waste from the landfill and give useful materials another life. The compostable organic waste will be taken out into our courtyard and placed in several different types of composting machines, which include earth machines, tumblers, and a vermicompost tower. In these bins, the organic waste will be converted into compost, a nutrient rich soil that can be reused in places like our new garden bed, which will be also placed in our courtyard in the coming months. We are excited to explore this new learning opportunity with your children.

Composting is a valuable teaching tool!

When students take part in a hands-on composting program, they explore threads of relevance that connect a vast spectrum of studies, including environmental science, chemistry, sociology, economics, art, mathematics, and communication.



- Students learn to become responsible consumers by thinking about what happens to the waste they create once it disappears into a trash can.
- Composting provides an on-site tool for learning about community, the environment, and local systems of food production and waste disposal.
- Students can play an active role in improving their community's vitality and environment.
- The rot cycle provides a sound foundation of understanding that can lead to an interdisciplinary approach to natural resources.
- Compost education encourages children to use their senses and identify with natural processes.
- Children love to explore the natural world of biological food webs that exist out of sight, below the surface of the earth.

Composting practices can be taken from the classroom and utilized at home as well. We hope you will share in the excitement of this new program with us!

Kitchen Compost list



Food

Vegetable Scraps
Fruit Peels & Rinds
Washed Egg Shells

Paper Goods

Paper Towels
Paper Bags
Cardboard Egg Cartons
Newspaper
Coffee Filters
Paper Cups

Other Items

Houseplants
Hair
Feathers
Coffee Grounds
Tea Bags
Tea Grounds

PLG News

- Holiday Shoppe Dec. 4-7

- PLG Meeting Jan. 2

- Game and Activity Drive - Deadline Dec. 14

- PLG 2018-2019 Membership Drive

Your PLG membership supports our school community, provides donations to the school to enhance our children's educational experience and provides fun family activities! We need your support to make it happen. Family membership is only \$10 per family.

To increase our membership, the PLG is running a 100% membership drive from 12/3/18 to 3/29/18. Any Homeroom class that has 100% PLG membership for 2018-2019, all students in that Homeroom will receive a voucher for the school store!