



TOP DOG!

Congratulations to our 39 Top Dogs that completed the challenge this year! These students showed they are IMS HEROs by completing activities that go above and beyond the classroom expectations. The activities are designed to enhance them as individuals and make contributions to their community. These ELITE students will be rewarded for their hard work with a free, overnight trip to Great Wolf Lodge April 16th and 17th.



The power of Hope. The skills to Cope.

Twenty-one sixth grade students were chosen to participate in IMS' fourth annual Reaching Higher Leadership class! Instructors Shannon Nevills and Sue Masengale are looking forward to the next five weeks as classes are underway! We would like to thank Laurie Palmer, Clair Rowland, Kim Schumacher, and Kelsey Ford for taking time out of their day to help with these classes!

Session 1-Discovering the Leader Within

- Students gained an understanding of what the Reaching Higher leadership course involves and how it can help prepare each student to succeed and reach their potential.
- Students met their mentors and identified what makes each of us unique!

Session 2-Developing Self-Awareness

- Students learned that negative messages from others can cause us to forget our value.
- Students also learned that positive past experiences and a growth mindset will help strengthen us and nothing should diminish our value!

Session 3-Purpose in Life--Setting Goals

- Students learned a process to goal setting and the importance of setting goals.
- Students also learned about accountability for self and others!

Athletics

Find all up to date athletic schedules @ ioniaathletics.org





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YEARBOOK

YEARBOOK's are on sale now!

The cost is \$14 per yearbook.

Orders can be placed online at: yearbookforever.com*

*There is a \$2.25 fee for online purchases.

Yearbooks can also be purchased with cash or check. Checks need to be written out to Ionia Middle School with yearbook in the memo line.

Yearbooks are delivered near the end of May.

If you have any questions, please contact our IMS Yearbook Advisor, Mrs. Walter, via email: rwalter@ioniaschools.org

As always, thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 13th **Winter Dance at IMS, 7-9:00 p.m.**
- March 14th Daddy Daughter Dance, 6-8:00 p.m.
- March 16th IPS Board Meeting at IHS, 7:00 p.m.
- March 18th ½ Day for Students, dismissed @ 10:53 a.m.
- March 19th Reaching Higher Graduation @ 5:30 p.m.
- March 31st Parent Teacher Conferences from 4:30-8:00 p.m.
- April 1st Parent Teacher Conferences from 4:30-8:30 p.m.
- April 3rd No School - Spring Break begins



Departmental Updates

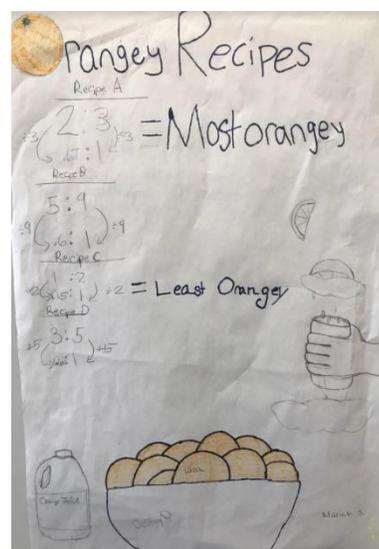
Social Studies

The IMS Social Studies department is integrating a new summarization technique to enhance our reading strategies that we use when teaching our curriculum. We are excited to give students an opportunity to improve their summarization skills. We have also been focusing on teaching geographic knowledge by having students practice locating states, countries, and civilizations in addition to the rest of the Social Studies content. Please encourage your student to use class time wisely and stay on top of their assignments so that they don't fall behind. It is much easier and more beneficial to stay caught up than it is to catch up later.

Mathematics

7th grade math students in Miss Spitzley's, Miss Havenstein's and Mr. Bowen's classes recently discovered strategies to help answer the question, "Which recipe is the most Orangey?" Students discovered how ratios, fractions, differences and percents can be used to compare quantities to make reasonable and mathematically sound decisions in a real life scenario.

"This is was a great activity as students collaborated in small teams to answer the focus question. It was great to see all the differing strategies being used by these 7th grade HERO's." ~ Miss Spitzley



Science

7th grade science has finished the Energy Unit and will be starting the Weather Unit.

Students will be trying to figure out what causes a storm by applying what they've learned about in our Matter and Energy Units.

8th Grade finished up their Life science unit and will be starting their Chemistry Unit.

Students will be applying what they've learned in 6th & 7th grade to figure out how food provides their bodies energy.

English

The ELA department is hard at work helping students get ready for the upcoming testing season. After Spring Break, 8th graders will be taking the PSAT, while the 6th and 7th graders will be taking the M-STEP. We have been practicing many different test taking strategies and brushing up on skills that will help our students feel more confident as they tackle these tests. Some of these activities include: studying PSAT vocabulary, using Text Summarization, utilizing the RACE strategy for short answers, eliminating answer choices, finding the BEST text evidence to support an answer, etc. As always, reading at home for 20 minutes a night is crucial for reading comprehension and exposure to new vocabulary. Thank you for your continued support with this!



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DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE 2020

**SATURDAY
MARCH 14TH, 2020**

6:00-8:00 PM

IONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

**For All Ionia Area Girls - 6th Grade and younger
\$10.00 per Gentleman & young lady and
\$1.00 for each additional young lady**

Admission Includes:

Entry into door prize give away

Face Painting (donation)

Dancing the night away!

Also available at a low cost:

Multiple photo stations & Concessions

**Any questions send an email to
Nicole Williams at nwilliams@ioniaschools.org
Event hosted by the Ionia Middle School**

