



INDIAN HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2021



Jan. 1 - No School
New Year's Day

Jan. 12 - 1:25 dismissal
Jan. 13 - 1:25 dismissal
Jan. 14 - 1:25 dismissal
Jan. 15 - 1:25 dismissal

Jan. 18 - No School
MLK Jr. Day



BOE Meetings

Jan. 6 @ 5:30
Jan. 27 @ 7:00
Indian Hill School

Conference Schedule

Monday, January 11 – 6:00-8:00
Tuesday, January 12 – 2:10-3:30
Wednesday, January 13 – 2:10-3:30 & 6:00-8:00
Thursday, January, 14 – 2:10-3:30

Principal's Message

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays with their families and is staying safe and healthy. Looking forward to a better 2021...

Just a friendly reminder, conferences are scheduled to start next Monday and run through Thursday, January 14th:

Monday, January 11 - evening conferences from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12 - afternoon conferences from 2:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13 - afternoon conferences from 2:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13 - evening conferences from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 14 - afternoon conferences from 2:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

With the hybrid model being eliminated and the increase in student population, drop off in the morning can become very chaotic. It is highly suggested that students take the bus to school. However, if you choose to drop your child/ren off in the morning, please be advised that students will not be allowed to enter the building any earlier than 8:50. It would be appreciated that you follow the traffic patterns and pull all the way up when dropping off. This will assist us in preventing the backup that takes place on Holmdel Road. Any assistance you can provide our bus monitors in the morning would be greatly appreciated. Both entrances, door 37 and 34, have temperature scanners and can be used by all of our students. Please be patient as we continue to work through some of the obstacles that are occurring due to the increased student population. Our main concern is keeping your children safe and appropriately socially distanced. Looking forward to a safe and productive second half of our school year.

Warm regards,
Lisa Vitale

PLG NEWS

PLG Meeting Jan. 7 @ 9:30

Project Plus News



Below is a listing of upcoming contests offered to Indian Hill students. Students should feel free to contact Ms. Bradley during homeroom in Rm. #141 to gather more information about these contests.



National Geography Bee

Stay tuned for some geography related trivia fun coming to Indian Hill students in January!
(Unfortunately, The Bee was cancelled, but that won't stop us from enjoying some interesting geography tidbits in our own way!)

The 3M Young Scientist Challenge



The annual 3M Young Scientist Challenge invites students in grades 5-8 to submit a 1-2 minute video describing a unique solution to an everyday problem for the chance to win \$25,000 and an exclusive 3M Mentorship. Ten finalists will be chosen for their passion for science, spirit of innovation and ingenuity, and effective communication skills.

Click [here](#) for all the details:



Monmouth County Historical Commission Essay Contest

5th grade students will be creating an essay during literacy class regarding Monmouth County's historical significance.



Monmouth County Fair Housing Poster Contest

Please see Ms. Bradley in Room #141 for details about this exciting art contest.

Details forthcoming!



Academic Bowl Looking Ahead...Spring '21

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 #141 for more details about this Jeopardy style competition held in Jackson, NJ. (Should the Academic Bowl be cancelled, we will have a modified activity amongst ourselves at Indian Hill.)

Continental Math League



The first two meets of the Continental Math League will be completed during math class sometime between soon after our Holiday break. There are a few modifications to the competition this year, but we are grateful that this program is still being offered. :)

Good luck to all!

Online Meal Ordering

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for a meal ordering account?

- Register for an account on www.MyPaymentsPlus.com
 - To register you will need your child's name and student ID number
 - If you are already registered, you do not have to re-register
 - You can access My Payments Plus via the website or mobile app
 - Direct link to My Payments Plus can be found on the school district food services web page

How do I place an order for my child?

- Click on Events & Activities tab at the top of the homepage
 - Select Weekly Meal Selection
 - Select your child
 - Add to Cart
 - A form will pop up for you to make your selections for the week
 - Click save and complete
 - If you have multiple students, you will be able to easily move on to the next child
 - When you are finished, click checkout, proceed to check out and complete order
 - You will receive a confirmation number when completed
 - There is no fee associated with using the weekly meal selection

Why is my checkout total zero?

- We do not charge for meals through the My Payments Plus site.
 - Meals are rung up the day the meal is delivered to your child.
 - This avoids charges to your account in the event your child is absent or we are closed due to bad weather

When can I place my order?

- Online ordering is open from Thursday at 1:00 pm to Sunday at 11:59 pm each week

How does my child receive their meal?

- Elementary meals will be delivered directly to the classroom
 - Please provide your child's homeroom teacher's name and room # in your order form
 - Meals will be labeled with your child's name and meal selection

How can I see what will be on the menu prior to placing an order?

- Menus will be available to view ahead of time at <https://holmdelschools.nutrislice.com>

What comes with a lunch?

- Each meal comes with the entrée and beverage selected as well as the fruit and vegetable of the day

How can I go back to see what I ordered?

- At this time, you are unable to go back and check your order history
- MPP development team is currently working to make your form responses available

If you have any questions regarding the meal ordering system, please reach out to Lauren Wolsch at lwolsch@holmdelschools.org