



# INDIAN HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2021



School Closed for Students /  
Professional Day for Staff  
Feb. 12

School Closed /  
Presidents Day  
Feb. 15



*Presidents Day*



Last Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period  
Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Report Cards can be viewed online  
Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> after 4PM

**BOE Meeting**

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00

Indian Hill School



# Principal's Message

“  
Education is  
the most **POWERFUL**  
**WEAPON**  
which **you** can use  
to **change**  
the **WORLD**  
-Nelson Mandela

It is so hard to believe that we are halfway through our school year and beginning the third marking period! I want to take a minute to thank all of our teachers and staff for their continued hard work and dedication as we transitioned to a full day schedule. It is obvious that our students are enjoying seeing their teachers and peers every day and are truly benefiting from a full program of instruction. Our teachers' efforts are commendable and I am so proud of the work that we are doing during such a challenging time. I want to thank the parents for their continued support and appreciation for our hard working teachers. A friendly note or compliment during these unprecedented times goes a very long way!

Although this school year has been anything but “normal”, we continue to try to provide opportunities for our students to engage in extra-curricular activities. To that end, Ms. Brennan will be organizing a virtual Talent Show. We are calling on all of our highly talented Indian Hill students to participate. If you are interested, please visit Ms. Brennan's classroom for more details. I want to thank Mrs. McCarthy and Ms. Nigro for their continued efforts with our band and chorus students. They are doing amazing things with your children both virtually and in person. I would also like to highlight our amazing efforts from our student council representatives, supervised by Mrs. Nicole Bayers. Their continued assistance for our local charities, Food Banks, and Bridges program is commendable. Thank you to all the families that donate not only their time but also their generosity. It does not go unnoticed by those in need.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate all of our Hornets of the Month these past 4 months! I am so proud of their efforts, not only academically but the amazing character that they are exhibiting in their classes and around the building. A big thank you to our school counselor, Mrs. Jennings, for her continued efforts in supporting our staff and students with the social emotional support that everyone can use during this time.

I wish you all continued health and safety and please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. ~Lisa Vitale

## PLG NEWS

PLG Meeting -  
All Parents are encouraged to attend!

Topic: PLG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 2021  
Time: Feb 4, 2021 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/91871982081>

Meeting ID: 918 7198 2081  
Passcode: 318677

### **One Hope Fundraiser February 1-15, 2021**

Dear Parents, Families and Friends of Indian Hill Students ~  
During these most uncertain and challenging times, we would like you to know that we continue to do everything we can to support our amazing and resilient students, as well as our extraordinary teachers, administrators and faculty members!  
Each and every purchase made through One Hope, gifts our Parent Liaison Group a remarkable 10% of the total sale ~ plus other incentives and rewards.  
We thank you in advance for your generous purchase (which will be delivered right to your doorstep!!!) - and cheers to you and the new year!  
Most Sincerely,  
*Meagan*  
Meagan Solomon Rodgers  
PLG President  
2019-2020  
2020-2021

**Valentine's Day** ~ Sweet Treat for every student

**Patricia's of Holmdel Fundraiser**  
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

**Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser**  
Wednesday, February 24, 2021

**Gertrude Hawke Candy Fundraiser - Today through February 22, 2021**



## 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

Students participated in geography related trivia fun at Indian Hill recently. (Unfortunately, the "official" Bee was cancelled, but that didn't stop us from enjoying some interesting geography knowledge in our own fun way!) Thanks Mrs. D'Amato for telling us about the "Weird but True" facts for our Geography Week! Thank you to all of our Social Studies teachers for their part in supporting our curiosity in geography!

### **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 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 third meet of the Continental Math League will be completed in math class during the month of February. 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!**

## Counseling Corner Tip:

Build more gratitude into your day with the HappyFeed App. Add three positive things into the App each day to help focus on positive thinking.

Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. DePalma

