## Kindergarten Information Night 2025-2026

March 4, 2025



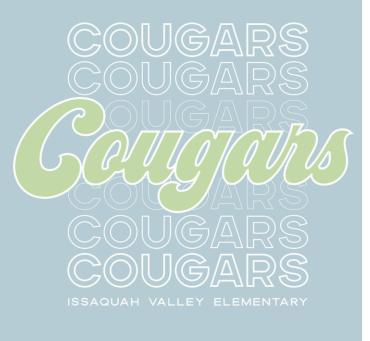


"I acknowledge that I am on the Indigenous Land of Coast Salish people who have reserved treaty rights to this land, specifically the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe (sdukwalbixw). I thank these caretakers of this land who have lived and continue to live here since time immemorial."

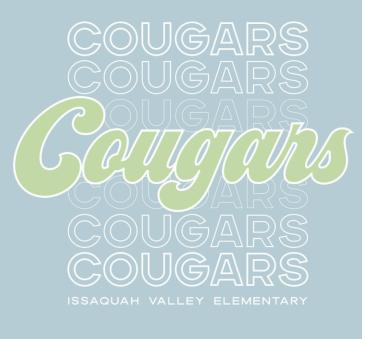


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## **AGENDA**



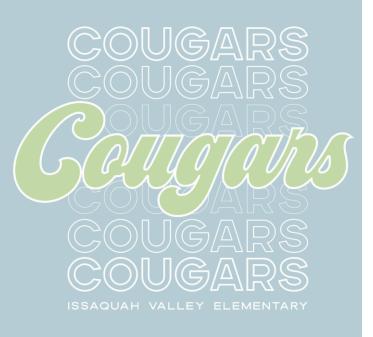
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## Team Members

- Vanessa Garcia- Principal
- Dana Hunter- Assistant Principal
- Liliana Medina- Family Partnership Liaison
- Wendee Fowler- Registrar
- Laura Burnett- Assistant to the Principal
- Ana Martin- School Nurse
- Darcy Wilson- PTA President

## **IVE Mission**



• We are a community focused on highquality learning and the social-emotional wellbeing of our students. We understand our students' individual strengths and needs as we prepare them to be global citizens.



# Welcome to Issaquah Valley (IVE)

Home of the Cougars!

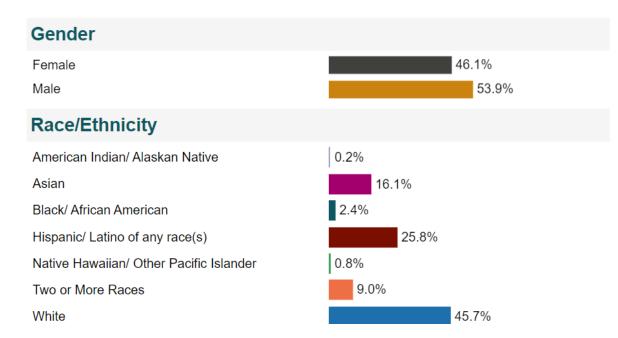
• Mascot: Cougar

• Colors: Blue, Green, and White





- About 650 students in grades K-5
- 32 classroom teachers
- Dual Language in grades K-5 (242 students)
- Mascot is the Cougar
- Spirit colors are blue and green
- Spirit day is Friday
- Diverse population
- 122 Multilingual Learners





Issaquah Valley Elementary

## Código De Puma

Sé Respetuoso Sé Responsable Sé Seguro

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Issaquah Valley Elementary

## Cougar Code

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe

BeKind

## Immunizations & Life-Threatening Health Conditions

for Students
New to the Issaquah School
District Including Incoming Kindergarten
Students

2025-2026



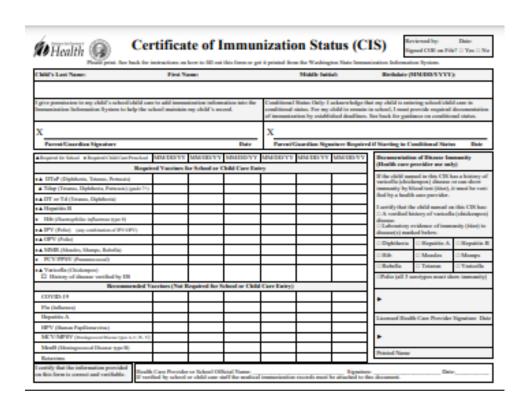
## **Medically Verified Immunization Records**

- Students new to the Issaquah School District and incoming Kindergarten students need to provide a medically verified immunization record at the time of registration.
- A medically verified record can come directly from the Washington State Immunization Information System (WAIIS).
- **The WAIIS** is the database for Washington State and is where medically verified immunization information is maintained. All parents have access to this site to print a validated Certificate of Immunization (**CIS**) for students. Health Care Practitioner offices also have this information for their families.



# Acceptable Immunization Documentation Includes ONE of the Following:

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the (WAIIS)
- A physical copy of the State CIS form with a healthcare provider signature.
- A physical copy of the CIS with accompanying medical immunization records from a healthcare provider verified and signed by school staff
- A CIS printed from MyIR.
   Wa.myir.net



## Required Immunizations for New Students

- 2 MMR's (measles, mumps and rubella) given in the appropriate time frames
- 5 doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis) given in the appropriate time frames
- 2 doses of varicella given in the appropriate time frames
- 4 doses of polio (IPV) given in a specific time frames
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B, given in the appropriate time frames
- 1 Tdap for students 7th grade and above
- Vaccines against COVID-19 are not required for school attendance.



# 30 Day Conditional Status from the First Day of Attendance no Longer in Effect

Students will need a completed CIS or Certificate of Exemption (COE) on file at school before the first day of attendance.

If students are missing doses, they will need to get all the doses they are eligible to receive before starting school. They can then attend school in a Conditional Status until the minimum valid date of the next vaccine is reached. They then have 30 calendar days to turn in documentation of having received the dose. This continues on until all vaccines have been administered and documented.



## **Example**

- If a child has all their immunizations except the 2-dose MMR series, and they get dose 1 of the MMR the day before school starts and it is documented with the school that day, the child can enter school because...
  - Dose 2 of the MMR cannot be given until 28 days after the first dose.
  - Beginning on day 29 after the first dose, the child has 30 days to get MMR dose #2.



## MY CHILD IS NOT 5 YEARS OLD YET...

Children can receive their school immunizations at age 4. Contact your healthcare provider to schedule your appointment.



# We are moving from another state and cannot find our immunization records. Now what?



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 Immunization records from another state's immunization registry are accepted as medically verified records.

#### OR

 Call your provider in the state you moved from and have them send the immunization records directly to the school either by fax or by email.

# We are moving from another country and cannot find our child's immunization records. What do we do?

- Immunizations verified by the Immigration Dept are accepted
- If possible, contact the provider in your first country via email or phone to have them send you the records
- Get established with a provider in this country. They can order lab titers to be drawn which will determine if your child has immunity to the different diseases.



## WHERE CAN I GET MY CHILD IMMUNIZED?

- Your healthcare provider
- WithinReach, Family Health Hotline: 800-322-2588

http://www.withinreachwa.org/

 Community Health Access Program: 206-284-0331 or 800-756-5437

https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/locations/health-insurance/access-and-outreach/community-health-access-program.aspx



## SUMMARY of IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

- Your student may register for school, but MAY NOT attend school until provider-verified immunizations have been received and validated by the school nurse.
- The child must have all immunizations they are eligible to receive prior to starting school.
- Or there is a **Certificate of Exemption** on file signed by the parent AND the licensed healthcare provider.



# Please Notify the School if your Child has a Life-Threatening Health Condition such as:

- A severe allergy for which an epinephrine auto injector device (Epipen™) has been prescribed.
- Diabetes
- Severe asthma
- A seizure disorder
- A cardiac condition
- Adrenal Insufficiency
- Other conditions of concern



# Why does the school need to know if my child has one of these conditions?

- If your child has a life-threatening condition, WA state law says there
  must be an emergency care plan and any associated medication in
  place in the school building before the child can attend school.
- This is to keep the student safe in the event they experience a medical emergency during the school day.
- If your child has a life-threatening condition, please contact the school nurse in your child's school before the student attends.



## **Nurse Contact Information**

- Ana Martin
- martina@issaquah.wednet.edu
- •425-837-6607



## **Questions?**



### 2025-26 Incoming Kindergarten Registration

It is an exciting time of year as the Issaquah School District begins to reach out to our community in preparation of welcoming the incoming Kindergarten at their neighborhood school. The Issaquah School District offers full day Kindergarten at no cost to all students. If you have a child who will be a kindergartener for the 2025-2026, please visit the ISD New Student Enrollment website. Students who are turning 5 years old by August 31, 2025, are eligible for enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year.

Schools plan to meet with incoming Kindergarten families in February and March 2025. Schools will share this information in their electronic bulletins and on their website. Connect with your neighborhood school for more details about that meeting. This meeting will prepare families to complete the online registration. Registration begins March 12, 2025. Please visit the **ISD New Student Enrollment website** to begin your incoming kindergartner's registration. Once the online portion is complete, you will work with your neighborhood school to complete the enrollment process. *If you cannot access the online application, please call or visit your neighborhood school for assistance.* 

Please Note: Students in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program, SLP Program, Early Childhood
 Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP), Transition to Kindergarten (TK) and those previously evaluated by
 Special Services (ex. Childfind) must still complete the online kindergarten enrollment process to register for
 kindergarten. Please start the process as though you are a new student to the Issaquah School District.

School offices are open from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to assist you. Please note for your convenience, arrival and dismissal times are very high traffic times for the school office. Picking up or submitting required documents at this time may result in longer wait times.

All incoming kindergartners are registering at their neighborhood school. The Issaquah School District doesn't allow for families to choose the school their students attend. Your neighborhood school is determined by your home address.

<u>Don't know your neighborhood school</u>? The ISD Transportation Department will be able to assist you in identifying your neighborhood school. Contact **Transportation** (email) **Transportation-Enews@issaquah.wednet.edu** or (phone) 425-837-6330.

For more information about kindergarten, visit our Kindergarten FAQ webpage.

Kindergarten registration



## REGISTRATION

- Students who are turning 5 years old by August 31, 2025, are eligible for enrollment for 2025-2026 school year.
- Registration is online some items will need to be brought to the school.
- Documents that need to be turned in, please make an appointment, or if you have questions, please contact our Registrar: Wendee Fowler (425-837-6600) or <a href="mailto:fowlerw@issaquah.wednet.edu">fowlerw@issaquah.wednet.edu</a>
- Registration begins: March 12th



## Things to remember

- To enroll a student in kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year, a child must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2025.
- A half day, morning kindergarten option will be available for families. Half day kindergarten students may still ride the bus in the morning. However, parents or guardians will be responsible for picking their child up at the end of the three-hour, half-day morning session.
- Required Documentation: Parents/Guardians are required to provide, and return, the following documents to their neighborhood school to finish the registration process:
  - 1. Parent identification
  - 2. Proof of birth date (birth certificate or passport)
  - 3. PSE Bill no older than 30 days.
  - 4. ONE of the following:
    - Home purchase papers or property tax statement
    - Lease/Rental agreement (original) on company letterhead.
    - Notarized verification of proof of residency
- You have successfully completed the kindergarten registration process when the online registration is completed and your neighborhood school has received all required
  documents.





#### 2025-2026 District Calendar

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Aug 28:	First Day of School
Sept 1:	Labor Day

No school for students or staff

Sept 3:	First day of school for
	kindergarten students

Oct 17:	Teacher Work Day
	No school for students

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	No school for students or staff

lov 26-28:	Thanksgiving holiday	
	No school for students or staff	

TBD:	Elementary	conferences

Dec 22-Jan 2:	First Winter Break
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Jan 19:	Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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lan 26:	Teacher Work Day
	No school for students

Feb 16:	Presidents Day

Feb 17-20:	Second Winter Break

No school for students or staff	ff
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March 13:	**No School (1st Weathe

Make-up Day)	
No school for students or staff	

first WEATHER MAKE-UP Day

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No school for students or staff

May 25: Memorial Day

No school for students or staff

June 17: Last day of school June 19: Juneteenth

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER MAKE-UP DAYS

\*\* If school is closed during the school year due to inclement weather, March 13th will be the first make up day. Additional school days will be added to the school calendar in June as needed.

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## Dual Language Program at IVE

- The Dual Language Program is offered at IVE
- Priority registration is given to siblings of students already within the Dual Language Program and those living within the IVE attendance area.
- We accept applications throughout the elementary years, but in order to fully benefit from the program, it is best when students begin in kindergarten.
- We ask that families commit to remaining in the program throughout the elementary years.



### Kindergarten Readiness

#### Independence and Health Skills to Develop Before Starting School

- ✓ Uses the toilet, washes hands, and blows nose independently
- ✓ Packs backpack and puts on coat and shoes independently
- ✓ Opens snack and food containers and eats independently
- ✓ Start a consistent bedtime and morning routine before school starts



All children grow at their own pace. They all have unique strengths and skills to work on!

Use this as a guide to identify opportunities to learn and grow. Students will continue to work on these skills in kindergarten!

#### Social and Emotional Development

- ☐ Shares ideas and takes turns
- □ Names or identifies feelings
- □ Keeps trying when things feel hard and asks for help, if needed
- ☐ Suggests solutions to problems

#### Language and Communication

- Uses words to express wants, needs, thoughts, and feelings
- ☐ Remembers and retells an experience
- □ Takes turns in conversations
- ☐ Follows one and two-step directions

If you have concerns about your child, talk to your preschool teacher, pediatrician, or contact Issaquah ChildFind at 425-837-7197. For other questions, contact our Early Learning Dept. at belshawd@issaquah.wednet.edu ar 425-837-7096.

#### **Early Literacy**

- □ Enjoys stories and knows how to turn pages in a book
- ☐ Knows some letters and letter sounds
- ☐ Writes the letters in their first name
- Claps syllables in words and engages



☐ Holds a pencil with 3-point finger grip

#### Mathematical Thinking

- ☐ Counts I0 items accurately
- $\hfill \square$  Knows basic colors and shapes
- ☐ Sorts objects in different ways
- Compares quantities and uses words such as "more" and "less"

## **Kinder Readiness**



## How can I help my child prepare for kindergarten?

#### Get to Know Your School

- Check your school website and sign up for e-news! Take your child to welcome events or to play on the playground.
- Walk to the bus stop before the first day so your child gets familiar with the routine. Attend the Bus Ride-along event in August!
- In August, attend Meet the Teacher and Family Connection Meeting. We can't wait to meet everyone!

#### Be Ready for the School Day

- Help your child build independence and master these skills before school.
  - Using the bathroom independently
  - Washing hands –make sure to scrub for about 20 seconds!
  - Opening food containers and eating lunch within 20 minutes, without prompting
  - Putting on footwear if they are unable to tie laces, slip-ons or Velcro are great!
  - Putting on a coat practice buttoning or zippering up
- Kids need energy to learn, play, and manage emotions. Ensure they are getting enough sleep (9-12 hours) and start their day with a nutritious breakfast.
- Consistent bedtime and morning routine get this started before school starts

#### Set Expectations

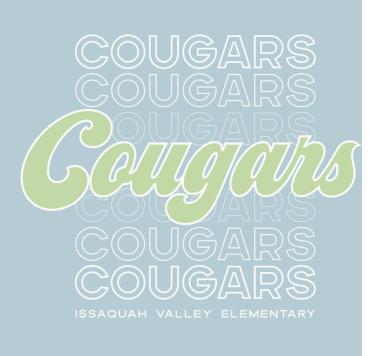
- Be a role model by showing your child a positive attitude about school and learning.
- Talk with your child about going to kindergarten and answer any guestions they might have.
- Talk about how you expect them to behave at school and the importance of respecting teachers, students, and other staff.

#### Practice Skills at Home

- Read to your child and tell stories daily—in English and/or your home language!
- Find the math in daily experiences (count, sort name shapes, compare object, etc.)! Count or sort toys, laundry, food items...anything and everywhere!
- Teach your child their full name and practice writing their first name.
- Use everyday situations to practice taking turns, sharing, and following routines.

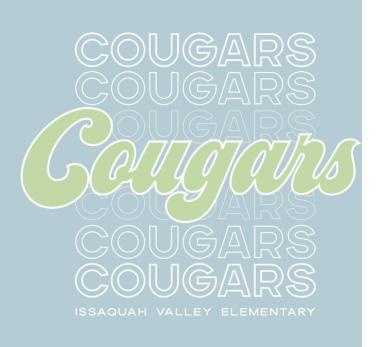


## School Schedule



- MTTHF- 9:15-3:40 pm
- Wed.- 9:15 -1:30 pm
- If walking or student drop-off; supervision begins at 9:00 am





9:10- students enter the building/breakfast available

9:15- school day begins

9:15-10:30- classroom

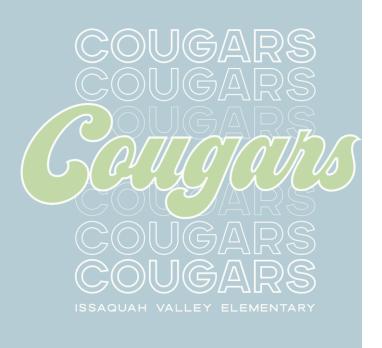
10:30-10:45- recess

10:45-12:30- classroom

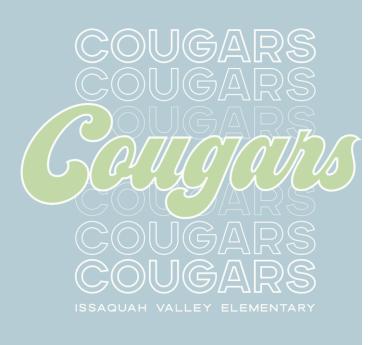
12:30-1:10- lunch/recess

1:10-3:40- classroom/specialist (music, library, PE)

## Kindergarten Screener



- After registration is complete the school will contact you for a screener (Reading and Math)
- You will need to bring your child to IVE at your scheduled time



## Family Connections Meeting

- August 28-Sept. 2 Kindergarten families will be invited to a family connection meeting with your child's teacher during the first 3 calendar school days. This meeting is required.
- September 3- First day of school for Kindergarteners

#### **Kindergarten Timeline 2025**

#### March 12: Kindergarten Registration Opens

 All incoming 2025 Kindergarten student needs to complete the ISD New Student Enrollment website

#### April 30: Kindergarten Registration due

#### Kindergarten screener for your child in March, April or May

- Your school will contact you
- · You go with your child to the screener
- The screener is reading and math (letters, sounds, numbers, counting and a few words)

#### March 12: Informational Event - Kindergarten families new to US public school system

- Information shared: Differences between US and other countries school systems / General classroom / Transportation / Lunch / On-site before and after school care programs
- Each elementary school will host a specific event to welcome kindergarten families.
- Presented by ISD Family Partnership staff in English, Spanish, and Chinese. Register for the event

#### August 12: "Come, ride along" on the Yellow School Bus - Optional 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Visit the ISD Kindergarten Transportation webpage to register

#### August

March

Online Registration is

required (ends April 30)

Route Information: New students registered in the ISD by August 1st will be able get route information by the end of August. Go to the ISD Transportation website for route information

#### Online Enrollment Verification - Aug 2025

 All Families with children registered in the ISD will need to complete this process via Skyward. Details to follow in E-News.

#### "Tools4Schools" - Optional

Issaquah Schools Foundation provides free backpacks and school supplies for families who need financial assistance. These are available at each school in August 2024. Use this link for information and to register: https://issaquahfoodbank.org/tools4school

#### September

Family Connection Meeting (Required) August 28 – First Day of School for grades 1-12 September 3 – First Day of School for Kindergarteners\*

\*August 28, 29 and September 2 – Kindergarten families are invited to a family connection meeting with your child's Kindergarten teacher during the first three school calendar days. This meeting is required.





## 2025 Kindergarten Ride Along INVITATION TO RIDE THE BUS

Being a kindergartner is exciting and full of new experiences! We would like to extend an invitation to you and your kindergartner to RIDE THE BIG YELLOW SCHOOL BUS. No matter what school your child will be attending, you will meet the bus at Issaquah High School. You can then enjoy a short bus ride around Issaquah and an introduction about bus safety procedures before returning to Issaquah High School.

- . Date: Tuesday, August 12th
- Time: 9:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m. Please arrive 10 min prior to your reservation time to check in. Buses leave promptly at your reservation time.
- Rides will leave every half hour starting at 9 a.m. with last ride leaving at 12:00 p.m.
- Where: Issaquah High School Parking Lot 700 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98027

How to reserve your spot: Go to the <u>District Kindergarten Transportation webpage</u> and click the reservation link.

#### Information you will need to sign up:

- Parent/Guardian Name (First and Last Name)
- Student Name (Kindergarten student(s)- First and Last Name)
- · Contact email address
- Number of adults and number of students riding (limit of 5 riders per student)
- · School kindergarten student will attend in fall of 2025









When: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Where: Zoom – Presentations in English, Español and 普通話 Register for the event

Who: All parents and caregivers of incoming kindergarten students 2025-2026.

What: Information will include:

- Kindergarten preparedness
- general school day schedule (lunch and recess)
- classroom general information
- transportation
- immunization
- on-site before and after school care program
- differences between school systems in US vs some other countries

## The event is designed for families new to US public schools.

If you need interpretation in another language (한국어, 日本語, русский or Tiếng Việt) or have any questions, please contact Lorna Gilmour <u>gilmourl@Issaquah.wednet.edu</u>





## Welcome Families, My name is Liliana Medina, your Family Liaison.

I am part of the ISD Equity, Belonging and Family Partnership Department. We host information sessions for families with a wide variety of topics throughout the school year. <u>Family Partnerships</u> - Issaguah School District 411

If you need interpretation, we arrange to host these sessions in your preferred language.



#### Feel free to contact me.

medinal@Issaquah.wednet.edu

(425) 837-7142 - Office (425)331-9555 Text

Languages spoken: English, Spanish.

**Schools I support:** 

Clark, IVE, Sunset Issaquah Middle School Pacific Cascade Middle School Issaquah High School

### How can I help you?

- Help families understand school systems, policies, and procedures.
- Understand and use school tools such as Family Access, Canvas and Clever as you support your child.
- Navigate the school district website and resources.
- Support you in connecting with school and district staff.



## SCHOOL AGE CARE SERVING K-5 STUDENTS

The Before and After School Care Program (BASC) provides a positive environment for children to grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually under the guidance of our well-trained team. We offer diverse activities to meet the interests and skill levels of our participants, including STEM, cooperative games, community service learning, art, and cooking.

During out of school time, children will be able to access many areas of our schools, including the gym, playground, and multipurpose room. In addition to our well stocked club rooms, we provide a designated homework time, morning and afternoon snacks, family nights, enrichment activities, school break care, and summer day camps.



### Days of Operation

Monday – Friday

School break services are available through a separate registration process

#### **Program Hours**

6:30 AM - school start

School end - 6:30 PM

There is no care provided during the school day for ½ day kindergarten students.

Locations
All 16 I.S.D.
elementary schools

#### Registration Information

www.isd411.org

programs and services -> before and after school care

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Email

Michelle Morrison



## IVE PTA

Fun Things We Do:

- Trunk or treat
- Fun Run
- Art
- Science Fair
- BINGO
- Book Fair
- Staff Appreciation
- Yearbook
- Sprit Wear
- And so much more

Find us online! www.ivepta.org



Issaquah Valley Elementary PTA

## Get Involved!

### Join

Become a member!

### Volunteer

Chair a program
Volunteer for an event or program
Help in your child's classroom

## Participate

Attend PTA events as a family

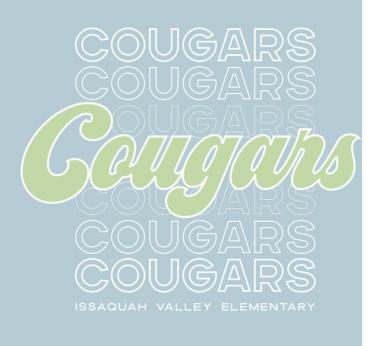
### **Fundraise**

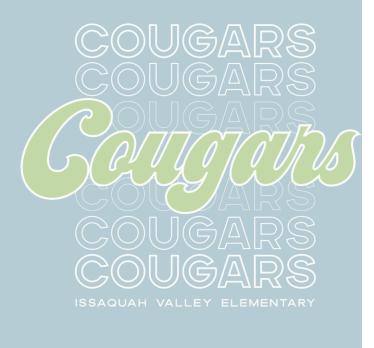
Our programs are funded by the generosity of our IVE families and business sponsors!



Issaquah Valley PTA

## Questions





## **School Tour**

- MPR
- Gym
- Music room
- Kindergarten Hallway/classroom
- Recess Area
- Bus drop-off/Student drop-off & pick-up

