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Congratulations on a stellar year, Trojans! You have achieved so much this school year, and now the finish line is in sight. With only 16 days to go, now is the time to dig deep - don't let up until that final bell rings. We have plenty of events planned to celebrate your hard work, but let's take care of business first: meet those deadlines, turn in those last assignments, and finish your assessments with confidence. Enjoy every moment of your current grade level because these days go by fast! Whether you're heading to 7th grade, 8th grade, or starting your high school journey, we know you're going to do great things. Let's finish strong, Trojans!

MOTHER'S DAY

On May 10, 2026 this year, we will celebrate all the mother's in our lives. Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May, each and every year. The INN crew wants to take a moment to honor the incredible mothers, grandmothers, and maternal figures, who shape our lives every day. Whether they're cheering from the sidelines at our games, helping with homework late into the night, teaching us in the classroom, or simply offering a listening ear, mothers deserve our gratitude and recognition. This Mother's Day, let's celebrate the love, strength, and dedication that mothers bring to our families and our community here at Ingleside.

FATHER'S DAY IN JUNE

In June the third Sunday of the month is when we celebrate Father's Day. This Father's Day the INN crew wants to take a moment to recognize our school community celebrates the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who inspire and support us. From coaching our teams to lending a hand with projects to teaching us in the classrooms, dads play a vital role in our lives.

NURSE PARDO

May is Food Allergy Awareness Month. About 33 million Americans have food allergies — that's about 1 in 13 children, or roughly 2 students in a typical classroom.

While many foods can cause allergic reactions, the nine most common food allergens are:

1. Peanuts
2. Tree nuts (for example: coconut, almond)
3. Dairy
4. Eggs
5. Fish
6. Shellfish
7. Soy
8. Sesame (added January 2023)
9. Gluten

Food allergy symptoms can include stomach pain or vomiting, skin rash, trouble breathing, headache, and itching. The first step in managing a food allergy is avoiding the trigger and speaking up about it. Some people also carry an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen) or other life-saving devices in case they accidentally eat an allergen.

To keep classmates safe:

- Don't share food unless you know it's safe for everyone.
- Avoid cross-contamination (for example, using the same utensils for different foods).
- Learn the signs of an allergic reaction and what to do in an emergency.

If you, a friend, or a family member develops a food allergy, take time to learn about it. Knowing the symptoms, making careful food choices, and being ready to help in an emergency shows you care and can make a big difference.

HAVE A GREAT DAY TROJANS, AND REMEMBER UR-IT!



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NP4H ELITE

This May, we're celebrating a year of meaningful growth through our NP4H program! Each month, our school community focused on a different character trait that helped us build a kinder, more respectful environment.

Here's what we accomplished together:

- Kindness reminded us that small gestures make a big difference
- Thankfulness taught us to appreciate each other and our community
- Friendship strengthened the bonds between classmates and grades
- Respect helped us value differences and treat everyone with dignity
- Love showed us how to care for one another genuinely
- Courage inspired us to stand up for what's right
- Determination empowered us to persevere through challenges and never give up

From inclusive lunch tables to peer mentoring, from acts of service to standing against bullying—our students have truly embodied these values throughout the year. These monthly themes aren't just lessons; they're part of who we are as a school.

As we head into summer, we encourage you to carry these character traits with you. There's always a place for kindness, respect, courage, and determination—in our school and beyond.



OFFICER SHANE TO THE RESCUE



This year, I have shared with you many topics to guide, educate, and lead you down the right path to make good decisions with every newsletter article...

Let's see how much you recall. At the beginning of the year was my SRO introduction. How many of you remember at least three roles I have here at school and three expectations I have for students who attend Ingleside? Another topic covered this year was social media. Why do students act differently online than they do in person? Do you? Remember, everything you post online lasts forever, even if you delete it. I discussed why teenagers vape and the dangers of addiction. Which is why it is so important to be confident in yourself, to have a positive peer group, good values, know it's okay to say 'No', and realize self-medication is never a good solution. On a softer note, I have discussed how important structure and routine is to build a foundation for success. Good habits lead to positive outcomes. Remember to always respect yourself and respect each other.

Summer is a great time to have fun and relax, but stay productive, never stop learning, be healthy, try reading a book, and please stay out of trouble.

To all the 8th graders out there, I wish you the best as you begin your High School journey.

To all the 6th and 7th grade students, I look forward to seeing you all next school year.

Have a great summer!
~SRO Shane

8TH GRADE END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

8th graders get excited because we have some really fun activities planned out for this May. Some of our activities include a day at Sun Splash, our own Ingleside year end party and we have promotion. These fun activities do not take away from our Ingleside expectations. To be eligible for the YEP and sun splash you must have only 1 F or better, you can not be suspended that quarter and you can not have more than 5 unexcused tardies. To participate in the promotion you just need to not be suspended during the time of promotion!

The date for the year end party (YEP) is May 15th, The date for sun-splash is May 19th, and Promotion is May 22nd. Let's have fun and finish strong trojans! Remember you cant promote if you have a charge on your account.



SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

With the end of school approaching here at Ingleside, be mindful that you are still following our school expectations.

Some of our main expectations are no gum or eating in classes, Gum is not allowed on our campus in order to keep it clean. We don't want to find any gum around the campus. Food in the classroom is also not allowed to keep the classrooms clean.

Phones, airpods, and any other electronic device besides your school given computers, are also not allowed here at Ingleside Middle School. We have an Away For the Day policy in order to keep it a good learning environment for everyone. This is a gate to gate rule not bell to bell. Wearing the right and appropriate clothes is a must at school. We know that the weather is getting warmer Trojans, but we still need to be mindful of our dress code here at Ingleside. We have certain rules about how we dress. Your mid drift cannot be showing, and your shorts need to be school appropriate. We expect your computers to be fully charged when you come to school everyday. All of the expectations make our school a better place and they need to be followed!



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CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo is the anniversary of the 1862 victory by Mexican troops over invading French forces at the Battle of Puebla. This battle was a huge turning point in the war, and changed the outcome of the battle. The triumph over the better-equipped and much larger French troops was an enormous emotional boost for Mexican soldiers led by Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza. The typical foods eaten at Cinco de Mayo is eating tacos and drinking margaritas.

Some activities that you can do for this special Holiday include:

- Cinco de Mayo Crafts Competition.
- Cinco de Mayo Decorations.
- Cinco de Mayo Photo Booths.
- Mexican Music Fiesta.
- Piñatas.
- Taco Party.
- Pass the Sombrero.



SPRING ARIZONA RESTAURANT WEEK

Arizona's Spring Restaurant Week is right around the corner. This is an event that increases awareness of the many dining availability in the state. This week gives diners the opportunity to enjoy dinner for \$33, \$44, or \$55 per person or couple. Tickets are not required to participate in this event, but making reservations is highly recommended as availability within these restaurants fills up quickly. Menus vary, as this event brings together many diverse food cultures, and certain restaurants offer a drink along with the meal. Arizona Restaurant Week is making its return on Friday, May 15th through Sunday, May 24th. It will also be occurring from Friday, September 18th through Sunday, September 27th. The restaurants that are expected to participate for the 2026 Spring Arizona Restaurant week will be announced on Friday, May 1st. The Arizona Restaurant Association encourages citizens to reach out to restaurants you'd like to participate.

IMS USES IXL FOR ELA AND MATH

As you know IMS uses IXL for Math and ELA. IXL is a computer based program that provides individual learning for students. During advisory you are assigned a grade level skill on Tuesday it is Math and Thursday it is ELA. You should be scoring a smart score of 80 on these lessons. Throughout the week your arena needs to be entered and worked in as well as completing recommended lessons from your teachers. There should be NO I am done with all my IXL lessons as there are many skills in the software to work on.

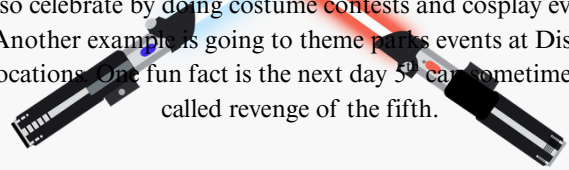


MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

May the fourth be with you is a holiday created by Star Wars fans to celebrate the popular franchise. "May the fourth be with you," is a catchphrase based off of a popular saying in Star Wars, "May the *force* be with you." On this day, people wear Star Wars costumes, watch the movies, share memes, and celebrate the movies. The phrase became popular online in the early 2000's and has grown into a worldwide celebration. Many theaters, stores, and websites now recognize it as a fun day for Star Wars fans.

Many fans celebrate this day by doing movie marathons. Fans also celebrate by doing costume contests and cosplay events.

Another example is going to theme parties events at Disney locations. One fun fact is the next day 5th can sometimes be called revenge of the fifth.



TARDY POLICY



Getting to classes on time is important. Here at Ingleside we have a tardy policy. Each class period teachers will track your tardies. When you reach 4 tardies per class period, lunch detention will be assigned to be served in the cafeteria. If you continue to be tardy to a certain class and it is a pattern, administration will be speaking to you as well as a parent conference. You can not learn if you are late to class.

MAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 1: CGP Expo

May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5: Final Choir Concert

May 6-8: CGP Field Trip

May 6: Early Release

May 8: Arcadia Grad Walk

May 11: 7th Grade Field Trip Odysea Aquarium (Hain's Class)

May 12: NP4H Lunch Event

May 13: NJHS Meeting/Community Service Logs Due

May 14: Spring Band and Orchestra Concert

May 14: Incoming 6th Grade Mixer

May 14: 7th Grade Field Trip Odysea Aquarium (Cermack's Class)

May 15: Algebra/Geo Tri Final

May 15: 8th Grade YEP

May 18: 8th Grade Collection of Computers

May 19: Waterpark 8th Grade

May 20-22: Early Release

May 22: Promotion/Last Day of School





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MAY FUN FACTS

- May is named after the Roman goddess Maia, the goddess of spring and growth.
- May 27, 1937 the Golden Gate Bridge opened.
- May is skin cancer awareness month, zombie awareness month, and national military awareness month.
- Coca-Cola was invented on May 8, 1886
- May babies between the 1st and the 21st and Taurus' sign (aka the bull), and May babies born after the 21st are Gemini's symbolized as the twins
- May is the third and final month of spring.
- May birthstone is the emerald which represents success and love.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a solemn national day of remembrance dedicated to honoring the U.S. service members who gave their lives in defense of the nation. Observed on the last Monday of May, it traces its origins to the post-Civil War era, when communities began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. Today, Memorial Day stands as a moment for Americans to pause, reflect, and recognize the profound sacrifice made by those who never returned home. Their courage and devotion to duty continue to safeguard the freedoms and values that define the United States.

Across the country, Memorial Day is marked by ceremonies, flag placements, moments of silence, and acts of remembrance that connect past generations to the present. It is also a time to support Gold Star families and acknowledge the enduring impact of loss carried by loved ones. While the long weekend often brings gatherings and traditions, the heart of Memorial Day remains a collective commitment to honor the fallen and ensure their legacy is never forgotten.

COUNSELOR CORNER

May is here, and the finish line is in sight! This is your time to stay focused, keep up the effort, and finish the school year strong. All the hard work you've put in matters. Continue to show up, turn things in, and do your best each day.

As the year comes to a close, take a moment to reflect on how much you've grown academically, socially, and personally. Be proud of your progress, and don't forget to show gratitude to the people who have supported you along the way.

With summer just around the corner, remember to take care of yourself and end the year on a positive note. If you need support, our doors are open and we are here to help. Let's finish strong and celebrate all you've accomplished!

LIBRARY SUMMER READING

Great news! Your access to SORA doesn't stop when school does. You can continue borrowing and reading all your favorite books throughout the entire summer. Download the SORA app on your device and keep that reading streak going!

Bonus: Don't miss the Scottsdale Public Library Summer Reading Challenge! It's a fun way to earn prizes and stay engaged with reading. Check it out here: <https://www.scottsdalelibrary.org/summer-reading>. Pre-registration begins May 1, 2026. The program runs June 1- July 20, 2026.

As school is coming to end for the academic school year, did you know you can continue to read.

Happy reading!

NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Each May, the United States observes National Military Appreciation Month, a time dedicated to honoring the courage, commitment, and sacrifice of the men and women who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces. Established by Congress in 1999, this month-long recognition invites the nation to reflect on the profound contributions of service members across all branches (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard). Their families who support them as well are recognized.

Throughout May, communities across the country pause to acknowledge the extraordinary responsibilities carried by those in uniform. Their service protects the freedoms, values, and security that define the American way of life. National Military Appreciation Month also highlights the resilience of military families, whose strength and support are essential to mission readiness and the well-being of service members.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Teacher appreciation week takes place during the second week in the month of May (May 4th through the 8th). It was created for us to come together in support of all educators who work for our students and communities. During this week teachers are usually showered with gift cards and gifts from students. These gifts from students could range from class supplies to thought-full gifts. If you are stuck on what to get your teacher here is some ideas: basic classroom supplies, coffee, and an extra snickers bar, or if you have Ms. O a Starbucks gift card. But you know what the best thing for teachers is being quiet and having basic respect for what they do. You can show respect by not talking in classes, doing your work, as well as turning in your work on time, but the biggest thing is not talking back and obey their rules. So that begs the question what are you going to get / do for your teachers?

HISTORIC EVENTS IN MAY

- May 5th 1821 Napoleon Bonaparte, died in exile
- May 3, 1841 New Zealand was declared a British Colony.
- May 5th, 1865 The first decoration was observed to decorate civil war soldiers graves becoming as what we know as memorial day.
- May 9th, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a decree making Mothers Day a thing.
- May 7th 1945 Nazi Germany surrendered to the allies.
- May 6th, 1954 Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes
- May 5th, 1961 Alan Shepard became the first american in space.

- May 6th 2023. His wife, Queen Consort Camilla, was also crowned.
- May 8th, 1945 Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day) marking the End of WWII.
- May 14th, 1948 Founding of the State of Israel
- May 1, 1931 Empire State Building dedicated in New York City
- May 6th, 2023 The coronation of King Charles III took place at Westminster Abbey



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SUMMER SCHOOL AT IMS

Trojan Academy will continue into the summer with an engaging two-week program running from **June 1 through June 17**, with no classes held on Fridays. Students will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of subjects on a rotating daily schedule that includes:

- Math with Mr. Curiel**
- Art with Ms. Devlin**
- Music with Mr. Jones**
- Cooking with Ms. Yurraspe**
- Physical Education/Pickleball with Mr. Scott**
- Forensics/Science/STEM with Dr. Slamowitz**

Classes were designed to support academic growth, creativity, and hands-on learning for all students.

All classes will take place at **Ingleside Middle School from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, with gates opening at **7:45 a.m.**, providing a focused half-day schedule that keeps students active, curious, and connected throughout the summer. This program offers a great balance of enrichment and fun, giving students a chance to build skills, discover new interests, and stay engaged during the break.

SUMMER MOVIE RELEASE

Animal Farm - This May first, *Animal Farm*, the rated PG movie is coming out to theaters. George Orwell published this book on August 17, 1945. This allegorical fable was inspired by the 1917 Russian Revolution. *Animal farm* explores the story showing power, hope, and covers the topic on how greed can destroy a society.

Toy Story 5 - On June 19, 2026 another movie to the Toy Story saga is being added. Toy story 5 still has the same characters, featuring Woody, Buzz Light year, Jessie, Forky, and more. This time in the movie, electronics are being introduced. The toys realize there is a problem with this, as playtime is being jeopardize.

Minions & Monsters- Universal pictures is coming out with another minions movie, *Minions and Monsters* on July 1, 2026. Happening in this movie, the minions go on a search to find the scary and frightening monsters.

NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

Each May, the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) leads the nation in celebrating National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, an observance dedicated to promoting the powerful benefits of regular physical activity. The initiative highlights how movement—whether walking, gardening, playing sports, or structured exercise—helps prevent chronic illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes while also improving sleep, reducing stress, and strengthening mental well-being. ODPHP emphasizes that physical activity is beneficial for people of all ages, abilities, and fitness levels, and encourages communities to use accessible tools like the Health Trackers, Apple Watch or other resources to help individuals build sustainable, enjoyable activity habits.

This month also underscores the broader social and emotional value of sports and movement, especially for youth and older adults. Participation in sports can improve focus, academic performance, self-esteem, and social connection for young people, while regular activity helps older adults maintain independence, mobility, and overall quality of life. ODPHP encourages organizations, schools, and families to spread awareness, share evidence-based resources, and inspire others to “Move in May” by integrating more activity into daily routines. Through nationwide engagement, National Physical Fitness and Sports Month serves as a reminder that staying active is one of the most effective ways to support long-term physical and mental health.

THINGS TO DO IN ARIZONA FOR SUMMER

Water Parks in Arizona: Hurrican Harbor Phoenix, Great Wolfe Lodge Scottsdale, Oasis Water Park Phoenix, Goldland Sunsplash Mesa, Waylon’s Water World Yuma.

Road Trips and Scenic Drives: Arizona is known for its summer road-trip destinations, including Flagstaff, Sedona, Prescott, Payson, and Williams, which offer cooler temperatures, pine forests, and mountain scenery, ideal for escaping the desert heat.

Classic Arizona Summer Adventures: Arizona’s official tourism site highlights outdoor adventure season, including hiking Papago Park’s red sandstone formations, biking McDowell Mountain trails, exploring Casa Grande attractions, and visiting Zuni Pueblo cultural sites. These experiences showcase Arizona’s unique landscapes and heritage.

Cool Weather Escapes in Northern Arizona: Northern Arizona is one of the best places to beat the summer heat, offering cooler temperatures, forests, lakes, and outdoor recreation. According to Arizona State Parks, destinations like Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Rockin’ River Ranch, and Red Rock State Park provide shaded trails, wildlife viewing, and river access for fishing and relaxation. Slide Rock State Park in Oak Creek Canyon offers a natural water slide, picnicking, and creek swimming—ideal for hot days. The White Mountains also provide cool temperatures, elk viewing, paddling, and fishing at Fool Hollow Lake and Lyman Lake.

I.D. AND SUSD POLICY

Did you know that the need to wear your student I.D. is not a school rule? In fact, your I.D. is actually part of the SUSD dress code. District policy or refuses to comply with wearing student I.D. card can lead to lunch detention, purchasing a new I.D. for \$5.00, or even invention from administration. The expectation is that all students and staff will wear their SUSD issued I.D.

each day. The Governing Board approved a \$5 replacement fee. All student IDs have a barcode that is used to scan for meals in the cafeteria and to check out books in the library. Safety is a top priority for the Scottsdale Unified School District. The district is committed to putting children first. You do not forget your phone at home so do not forget your I.D.



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