

# IMS BULLDOGS NEWSLETTER

May 8, 2026

IMS Families,

It has been an incredibly productive and high-energy week here at Ionia Middle School! We are officially wrapping up our final M-STEP assessments, and I want to commend our students for their focus and perseverance during this testing window. As we transition directly into our MAP (NWEA) testing kick-off, we ask that families continue to encourage their students to put forth their best effort. These assessments are vital tools that help us measure growth and ensure we are meeting every student's academic needs, so seeing them take pride in their work is truly rewarding.

Beyond the testing booklets, our classrooms have been buzzing with cultural appreciation and real-world application. In Spanish class, students took a break to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, learning about the history and traditions behind the holiday. Meanwhile, Mr. Grummet's computer class took a giant leap toward their futures. Students exploring various career paths and honing their interviewing skills had the unique privilege of sitting down for mock interviews with local employers. We would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to Mr. Kevin Grummet, Ms. Lucy Perez, Mr. Ryan Perry, and Probate Judge Mr. Sykes for volunteering their time to mentor our students in these essential life skills.



Our 6th-grade Outdoor Exploratory students also reached a major milestone this week. After months of carefully nursing salmon in their classroom, the students traveled down to the fairgrounds to complete the cycle and release the salmon into the wild. It was a beautiful way to see science in action! To cap off such a busy week, we are hosting an IMS Hangout after school today. This event provides our students with a positive outlet to simply relax, engage with their peers, and enjoy some well-deserved fun. It's been a fantastic week to be a Bulldog!

We are Hardworking, Encouraging, Respectful, and Owing it at IMS!

*Ryan E. Mitchell*

Ryan Mitchell, IMS Principal

**May 15** - PJ Pants Day & Fun Night

**May 22 & 25** - No School

**May 29** - Half Day

**June 1** - Half Day

**June 2** - Half Day, Last Day of School



**LUNCH MENU: May 11 - 15**

**Mon** Pepperoni Calzone

**Tues** Hot Dog

**Wed** Popcorn Chicken Bowl

**Thurs** Italian Deli Sandwich

**Fri** Pepperoni Pizza Stix

## BOLETÍN INFORMATIVO DE LOS BULLDOGS DE IMS

8 de mayo de 2026

Familias de IMS,

¡Ha sido una semana increíblemente productiva y llena de energía aquí en la Escuela Intermedia Ionia! Estamos finalizando oficialmente nuestras evaluaciones M-STEP y quiero felicitar a nuestros estudiantes por su concentración y perseverancia durante este período de pruebas. Al comenzar las pruebas MAP (NWEA), les pedimos a las familias que sigan animando a sus hijos a dar lo mejor de sí. Estas evaluaciones son herramientas vitales que nos ayudan a medir el progreso y asegurar que satisfacemos las necesidades académicas de cada estudiante, por lo que verlos enorgullecerse de su trabajo es realmente gratificante.

Más allá de los cuadernillos de evaluación, nuestras aulas han estado llenas de aprecio cultural y aplicaciones prácticas. En la clase de español, los estudiantes hicieron una pausa para celebrar el Cinco de Mayo, aprendiendo sobre la historia y las tradiciones de esta festividad. Mientras tanto, la clase de informática del Sr. Grummet dio un gran paso hacia su futuro. Los estudiantes que exploraban diversas trayectorias profesionales y perfeccionaban sus habilidades para las entrevistas tuvieron el privilegio único de participar en simulacros de entrevistas con empleadores locales. Queremos expresar nuestro sincero agradecimiento al Sr. Kevin Grummet, a la Sra. Lucy Pérez, al Sr. Ryan Perry y al Juez de Sucesiones Sr. Sykes por dedicar su tiempo como voluntarios para guiar a nuestros estudiantes en estas habilidades esenciales para la vida.



Nuestros alumnos de sexto grado del programa de exploración al aire libre también alcanzaron un hito importante esta semana. Después de meses cuidando salmones con esmero en su aula, los estudiantes viajaron al recinto ferial para completar el ciclo y liberarlos en su hábitat natural. ¡Fue una hermosa manera de ver la ciencia en acción! Para culminar una semana tan ajetreada, hoy organizamos una reunión informal después de clases. Este evento ofrece a nuestros estudiantes un espacio positivo para relajarse, interactuar con sus compañeros y disfrutar de un merecido descanso. ¡Ha sido una semana fantástica para ser un Bulldog!

¡En IMS somos trabajadores, motivadores, respetuosos y nos responsabilizamos de lo que hacemos!

*Ryan E. Mitchell*

Ryan Mitchell, director de IMS

**15 de mayo** - Día de pijamas y noche divertida

**22 y 25 de mayo** - No hay clases

**29 de mayo** - Medio día

**1 de junio** - Medio día

**2 de junio** - Medio día, último día de clases



**MENÚ DEL ALMUERZO: 11 al 15 de mayo**

**Lunes** Calzone de pepperoni

**Martes** Perrito caliente

**Miércoles** Tazón de pollo frito

**Jueves** Sándwich italiano

**Viernes** Palitos de pizza de pepperoni

# Release the Salmon!

This Wednesday our students were able to release the salmon we have spent the past semester raising. We started the day with students releasing 85 salmon into the Grand River. After the release students were divided into groups where they went through three different stations.



One of the stations was led by our partners at the Ionia Soil Conservation District. At that station the students practiced casting with a game of backyard bass as well as making their own fishing lures.

Another station was ran by our very own Mrs. Audra Leland and a member of the DNR. During their time with Mrs. Leland the students created Gyo-taku, fish prints, and played the Great Swim game. This game is a reenactment of the life cycle of a salmon and the perils they face on their journey to spawn and continue their species. The game is a wonderful model, showing students how difficult it is for salmon to survive to adulthood, spawning age and the importance of species preservation through mass production of eggs.



The final station was led by Mrs. Tracy Page from the DNR. During this station, students were catching and identifying macroinvertebrates in the Grand River. Students put on waders and worked their way into the Grand River, all while collecting marco samples with their nets. While some students were in waders collecting, other students were on the shore using their observation skills and dichotomous keys to identify the type of macros found. They found dragonfly and mayfly nymphs as well as small fish and even a crayfish! The day was a huge success, students had a fun time learning and working in the beautiful natural settings that is their hometown. We hope through this experience students will continue their outdoor exploration journey and become stewards for their natural spaces.



IMS PTG PRESENTS

# GLOW

*Fun Night*

MAY 15TH • 6 PM - 8 PM

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ALL CURRENT 5<sup>TH</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN!

**DANCING ♦ CONCESSIONS ♦ GLOW SWAG**

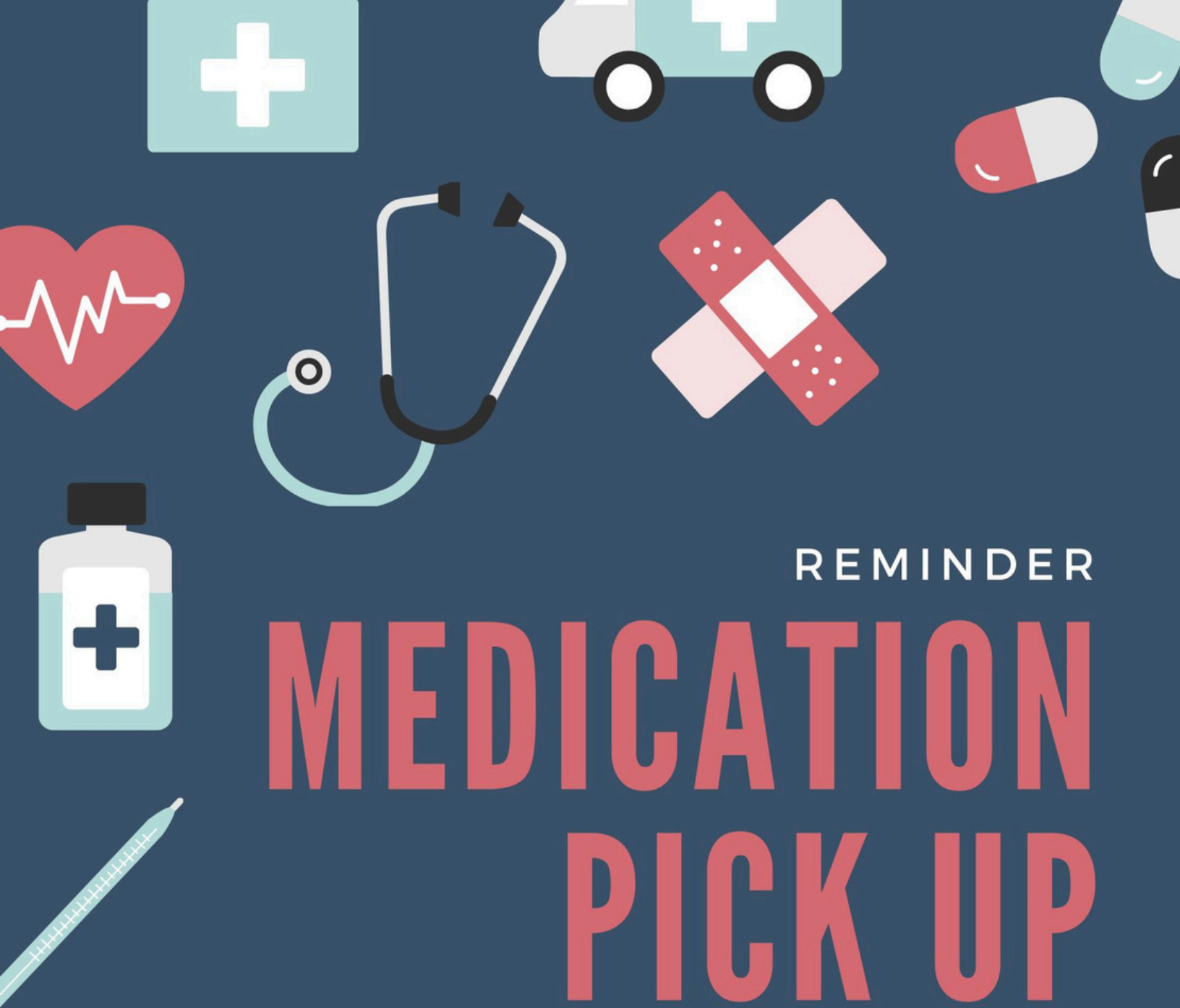
IONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

# 8th Grade Celebration

Tuesday, June 2, 2026  
Celebration begins at 9:00 am  
Doors open at 8:30 am

Please join us to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students finishing middle school. Ice cream will be served after the presentation.





REMINDER

# MEDICATION PICK UP

IF YOU HAVE MEDICINE FOR YOUR  
CHILD AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE,  
PLEASE PICK THIS UP BY  
FRIDAY, JUNE 12.

MEDICATION NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 12 WILL  
BE DISPOSED OF BY IONIA DPS.

# 2026 Yearbook Delivery & Sales



When the books arrive from the publisher @ the end of May, the Yearbook Staff will deliver pre-paid orders to your student's HERO Classroom!

## DIDN'T MAKE A PURCHASE YET?

Special Sales Dates:

## BETWEEN NOW & 5/20

YOU CAN ORDER A YEARBOOK IN PERSON (ROOM 204)

cost: \$25 cash **OR**

check payable to: Ionia Public Schools

subject: Yearbook

## 6/2 8TH GRADE GOODBYE CELEBRATION & LAST DAY

The Yearbook Staff will have a table for purchase near the main office from 7:20 am to 10:53am

# 2026 Ionia Girls Basketball Summer Youth Camp June 3th-5th



**Grades:** 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th (use your current grade)

**Location:** Camp will be at **Ionia High School gym** from **10:30-12:30**

**Cost:** **\$35.00 - Make checks payable to Ionia Public Schools**  
\*Please include Girls Basketball Camp on the memo line.

**Camp Directors:** Laurie Hoppough, Varsity Basketball Coach  
[lhoppough@ioniaschools.org](mailto:lhoppough@ioniaschools.org) 616-527- 1720 - ext. 4428

Niki Williams, Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach  
[nwilliams@ioniaschools.org](mailto:nwilliams@ioniaschools.org) 616-527- 0040 - ext. 4249

Karine Walters, JV Basketball Coach  
[kwalters@ioniaschools.org](mailto:kwalters@ioniaschools.org) 616-527- 0040 - ext. 4188

**Registration Includes:**

- Personal Basketball
- Contests
- Fundamentals
- Varsity & JV players work camp

**Mail Registration and Check to:**

Laurie Hoppough  
Rather Elementary  
380 E Tuttle Rd  
Ionia, MI. 48846

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### Registration Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Current School: Rather Boyce Twin Rivers Emerson Jefferson SSPP MS

Emergency Contact Person : \_\_\_\_\_

Home/cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

IONIA HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE GROUP

PRESENTS



AROUND  
THE  
WORLD  
**IN 80  
DAYS**

Adapted by Mark Brown. From the novel by Jules Verne.

DIRECTOR  
LAURA THAXTON

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
TIM PETERSON

THURS MAY 7	7:00PM
FRI MAY 8	7:00PM
SAT MAY 9	7:00PM
SUN MAY 10	2:00PM

SCAN ME!



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**STUDENTS & SENIORS \$8    ADULTS \$10**  
TICKETS ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR!

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