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Mid November Updates

Dear Parents-Please see the following important mid-November updates! I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Erica L. Hoegh

Project Tomorrow Speak Up Survey

“Speak Up,” a national online research project facilitated by Project Tomorrow®, gives individuals the opportunity to share their viewpoints about key educational issues. Each year, findings are summarized and shared with national and state policymakers. Best of all, participating schools and districts can access their own results online, free of charge.

The Irvine Unified School District will use this important data to guide its continuous improvement efforts and strategic planning, so please speak up! The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and will be accessible through Friday, Dec. 18. Just click on the link below and type “survey2010” when asked for a password.

To begin the survey, please access this website: <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2009/>

Health Office

As the flu season has arrived, we are continually concerned about maintaining a healthy atmosphere in our classrooms to keep the children safe and healthy. Here are a few things that you can do to help us during flu season.

- Keep sick children at home. Individuals with influenza like illnesses (high fever, body aches, coughing, sore throat, respiratory congestion and in some cases diarrhea and vomiting) should remain home for at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100 degree F or higher) without the use of fever-reducing medications. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school **will be sent home**.
- If your child experiences influenza like symptoms, please contact your health care provider.
- Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water when possible, and cover their noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available).
- Good nutrition and proper hydration is of utmost importance.
- Please donate hand wipes and Clorox/Lysol type wipes for your child’s classroom (if you are able)
- For more information about flu and H1N1 and other health office guide lines please see the link on our homepage, www.iusd.org/wp. There is a green rectangle that links directly to all health services information.
- The proactive steps we are taking at Westpark such as installing hand sanitizer in all classrooms and throughout the school, encouraging kids to wash their hand and parents/guardians following through with IUSD-Health services guidelines will help to minimize the spreading of infectious diseases in our school environment. Thank you for your support

Loved Ones Day

Just a Reminder that Wednesday, November 25th is Loved Ones Day. Please contact your child’s teacher to see what particular activities are planned for your child’s classroom that day.

PTA School Spirit Wear

There have been many requests to order additional school spirit Zipper Hoodies. If you would like to order a Zipper Hoodie Sweatshirt, please email Bibi Laver at bibiana.laver@babybootcamp.com. There are some extra items from the fall Spirit Wear order available for purchase. If you would like to purchase any of the following please email Bibi as well.

T-shirts: youth med=4, youth large =3, Adult Sm=1, adult med= 1

Long Sleeve T's : youth large =2

Hooded Sweatshirts: youth Med. = 4, youth Lg= 2, Adult Med= 1

Zipper Hoodie: youth Small= 2, youth Med. =1, youth Lg. = 1

Thank you to Bibi for all of her work with Spirit Wear and remember to wear your Spirit Wear on Fridays! 😊

PTA/ACE Program

Many of you have been fortunate enough to have had your children participate in the ACE after school enrichment classes. These programs, such as Homework Club, Chess, Mad Scientist, Golf, etc. have provided valuable experiences for children afterschool. Ellie Partovi has been a wonderful ACE coordinator for us for two years but needs to step down this year. We are looking for a replacement for Ellie so that we can continue the program. Without a coordinator, we will be unable to run an ACE program beyond the current session. If you are interested in serving in this role, please contact PTA President, [Shireen Rogers](#) or me, [Erica Hoegh](#). Ellie has offered to help train a new volunteer.

IUSD Budget Watch

The State Budget Crisis continues to negatively affect public education. Please stay tuned to how it will affect IUSD's finances. See the link below for details. The IUSD School Board will consider recommended budget options for the 2010-2011 school year at its December 8, 2009 school board meeting. Stay in touch with critical budget information at the following website: http://www.iusd.org/budget_watch/index.html Updates will be maintained on our homepage at www.iusd.org/wp. Look for the blue rectangle for a direct link.

Juice it Up

Just a reminder that each Tuesday Juice it Up comes to the school to sell smoothies after school. The smoothies are a healthy treat meeting all IUSD and California food guidelines. Smoothies are \$3.00 and \$1.00 of each smoothie goes directly back to our student council!

Green Team

Thank you for continuing to support the Westpark Green Team by bringing in aluminum cans and plastic bottles to school! Thank you for supporting Westpark and IUSD. So far our efforts have brought in \$166.92 to Westpark-thanks to all!