

IMS PTA President's Notes



On behalf of the PTA board we welcome everyone to the 2009-2010 school year. I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer. The PTA has been busy working hard at getting the year off to a great start. Thank you to all who attended Open House. Many of you have already joined the PTA but if you haven't joined already there is still time.

At IMS students are our first priority. Their needs and concerns are our needs and concerns. Our goal is to have a well-round relationship with the students, parents, grandparents, friends and our staff and faculty at IMS.

If I can help you in any way please do not hesitate to call me at 652-6529.

Thank you,

Cindy Darling PTA president
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2009-2010 PTA Board

- President: Cindy Darling
- 1st Vice President: Michelle Browning
- 2nd Vice president: Lynda Pierce
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- Rec. Secretary: Marsha Massey
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- VIE: Nicole Childres
- Hospitality: Erin Wells
Kathy Marshall
- Newsletter: vacant
- Reflections: Jennifer Cericola
- Cultural Arts: Lita Slaughter

Recording Secretary



Hi, my name is Marsha Massey and I am pleased to serve as the secretary for the IMS PTA board. The secretary is responsible for maintaining the historical records of our PTA unit. This includes but is not limited to accurately recording all business transacted by the association and the executive board and providing meeting minutes for approval at the following meeting; maintaining the current membership list; and determining if a quorum is present for both an executive board meeting as well as for a general membership meeting when a vote is required.

Once again I look forward to serving the parents, teachers and students at IMS. If you have any questions or comments I can be reached at MASSEYFAMILY@COX.NET.

VOLUNTEER IN EDUCATION



Volunteers are always welcome and needed at IMS to make our school successful. There are numerous opportunities for you to become involved. Please take a few minutes to fill out the PTA Survey found on the website for IMS. Follow these simple steps: Go to <http://www.independencems.vbschools.com/>.

In the tool bar going down the left hand side of the page click on PTA. Go down to the middle of the page and fill out the Volunteer sheet in the blue and white column. DONE!!

Let us take it from there.

Remember when you help out keep track of your hours by filling in the log book which is located in the foyer near the main office.

Thanks a bunch!

Nicole Childress

REFLECTIONS



The theme for the National PTA Reflections Program for 2009-2010 is "Beauty is..." Applications can be found in the main office.

The categories are: **Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Music, Film/Video, and Dance Grades K-12.**



Please encourage your children to participate; there is a bit of artistic talent in all of us!



From the Treasurer

I am Tracey Bailey, your PTA treasurer. The treasurer is responsible for the proper accounting of the receipts and disbursements of funds raised for our children's enrichment. Your PTA operates within a budget that is created annually and approved by your executive board and the general membership. If monies are not approved in the budget, they do not get spent. There is always a budget copy available on the bulletin board at the cafeteria entrance.

Tracey Bailey
IMS PTA Treasurer

The Independence Middle School PTA is challenging all staff, parents, parents and caregivers to join the PTA!

Please fill out the form below. There are many ways to help your students PTA.

Part I Membership. Only \$5.00 per member. Anyone can join.

Part II Eagle Dollars. Donations to help support the IMS PTA are always welcome.

Part III Volunteering. There are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the school.

JOIN THE PTA & PARTICIPATE IN THE EAGLE DOLLARS FUND!

I. MEMBERSHIP

IMS PTA membership is only \$5 per member. \$2.50 (mandate) will go to the State and National PTA. The difference will support the IMS PTA. Membership is open to all who want to support your child's education and welfare. Help IMS fund the many activities and scholarships planned for the 2009-10 school year. Join today – parents/guardians, grandparents, students, and friends!

II. THE Eagle Dollars

We invite you to invest in honor of your IMS student. This is a **one-time fundraiser** opportunity! If every one of the 1247 IMS students is sponsored with a \$10 pledge, the Eagle Dollars will successfully fund the PTA's 2009-10 operating budget *with no selling required!* 100% of your donation is tax deductible. 100% of your donation goes to IMS and its PTA.



Mail to IMS PTA, 4370 Dunstan Lane VBVA 23455, send in with your child or deliver to front office.

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Complete Parts I, II & III and return to IMS.

PART I. MEMBERSHIP. We wish to support the PTA with the following memberships.

Remember, parents/guardians, grandparents, family & friends may join.

Member Names

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Part I Total: ___ members x \$5 = \$ ___

PART II. Eagle Dollars. Our family wishes to contribute to the Eagle Dollars Fund at the following level (check one).

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|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 (business) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ ___ |

Part I Total (membership) \$ _____
Part II Total (Eagle \$'s) +\$ _____
Grand total = \$ _____

Make check's payable to IMS PTA.
 Thank you!

PART III. VOLUNTEERING. I/We wish to support the PTA by volunteering in the following area(s).

Remember, parents/guardians, grandparents, family & friends may help.

"I/We would like to volunteer occasionally!" (Please check all those that interest you. Thank You in Advance!)

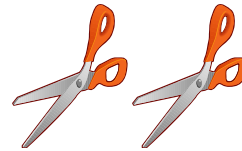
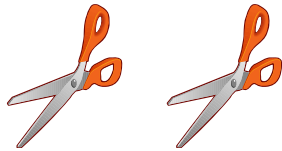
- ___ Baking
- ___ Donating Soda, Candy, Snacks, etc.
- ___ Assisting with Dances
- ___ Helping with Concessions
- ___ Hall Monitor for Student Testing
- ___ Help with Bingo
- ___ Becoming a Committee Member
- ___ Other

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please understand any and all help is appreciated. Every little bit helps to make your child's experience at IMS memorable and contributes to his/her EDUCATION!



CALLING ALL SCISSORS!

Looking for ways to help Independence Middle School earn money and items for instructional use? Then get those scissors ready and start cutting out items such as Box Tops for Education, Campbell's UPC symbols, and Tyson's Chicken Labels. Simply turn them into the plastic set of drawers located just outside the main office. More information about each particular program follows:

1. Box Tops For Education: TWO WAYS TO EARN CASH....



BOX TOPS COUPONS

Find Box Tops coupons on hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10 cents for our school. Our school then sends them to Box Tops for Education and is able to earn cash twice each year. Box Tops will send a check to our school for each Box Tops coupon redeemed. Our school goal this year is \$1128.00.

BOX TOPS MARKET PLACE:

Sign up Online at the Box Tops website (www.btfe.com) to support our school and see where to shop at over 70 retail stores who help support us! Then shop online at these stores (connect through the Box Tops web site) and our school earns cash in varying amounts, sometimes up to 8% of your purchase. The amount will be automatically donated back to our school, up to \$20,000 each year, with no additional cost to you.

2. Campbell's Labels for Education Program: simply cut out and return the UPC symbol (or lids from juice products) from Campbell's products. Our school then redeems these labels for items such as sports equipment or art supplies. Last year we earned over 3,000 labels!



3. Tyson's Project A+ Labels: each label from Tyson's chicken products can be redeemed for 24 cents! We earned over \$30 from Tyson's last school year.

4. Farm Fresh 1 2 3-4 in the Community: An additional program we participate in is the Farm Fresh 1 2 3-4 in The Community. When you shop at Farm Fresh simply save your receipts dated September 2 – May 31 and drop them off in the plastic set of drawers located outside the main office. These receipts can then be redeemed for items such as digital cameras, camcorders, books, and various sporting equipment. We earned over \$54,819 in receipts last year which helped us earn some great things!

We truly do appreciate everyone's assistance in bringing in these particular items mentioned above. It leads to the success of our programs and greatly benefits the students here at Independence Middle School. If you have any further questions about any of them please contact Kellie Jordan at Independence Middle School. 648-4600 ext. 70016.

