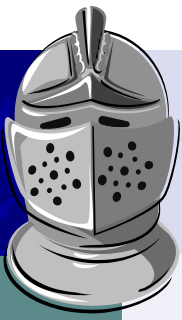


Knighly News

A PUBLICATION OF THE INGLEWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PTSA OF SAMMAMISH, WASH.



FROM YOUR PTSA CO-PRESIDENTS

We've had another busy month. Friday, Oct. 16, was the first ASB dance. We had a great turnout for the "Black-out" dance. Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to chaperone, and sell tickets and concessions. Thanks to our Dance Chaperone Chairs Pam Pohl, Stephanie Owen and Denise Kelce-Pollis.

The ASB Magazine Drive has ended, but if you haven't bought or renewed your magazines, it isn't too late. Every little bit helps! The magazine drive helps fund such activities as Athletics, the 9th Grade Cruise, Talent Show and the Drama Production. A big thanks to Donna Madsen, our magazine drive chair, and her many volunteers who have counted money and helped hand out prizes.

If you're not aware, the PTSA publishes a Student Directory. All you need to do is join the PTSA and it's yours. It's an invaluable resource for student phone numbers, teacher e-mails and basic IJH information. Have your student stop by the IJH office to pick up a membership envelope. It's that easy. Currently, we're 5 percent below our membership goal. Help us reach our goal! Thanks to Tracy Updegrave, Kelley Winfield and their volunteers who have been counting money and entering all the membership data into our system.

We are currently looking for volunteers for our Homework Lunch program. Volunteers work with students during lunch time. Our busiest days are Mondays and Tuesdays. Homework Lunch is an academic support program that IJH implemented last year. Students in Homework Lunch are there because they have failed to complete their homework. The goal is for students to have a positive experience in Homework Lunch. To create this experience we provide academic support and guidance for students. Volunteers answer students' questions about Language Arts, Social Studies and Science. It is not critical that volunteers know the answers to the questions, but rather that they can guide students to find their own answers. Volun-

teers would also help find needed resources from within the school. During the 2008-2009 school year, working in Homework Lunch has been a positive experience for both students and adults. It is our goal to maintain that experience and support students. For more information, contact Volunteers Co-Vice Presidents [Becky Kleinknecht](#) or [Carlene Camera](#).



Are you looking to volunteer from home? We are looking for volunteers to make calls within the LWSD regarding the upcoming education levy. These calls would be made to people who have already indicated support for LWSD. You will have a set number of calls to make and will be provided with a script to use. All you need is a phone and a computer. You will be asking a short series of questions and recording the answers. The only requirement is that you attend a training session at **5 p.m. on Nov. 10 at Redmond High School** to learn the computer software that will enable you to make calls from home. For more information, contact Legislative Co-Chairs [Suzi Latham](#) or [Wendy Tihista](#).

Reflections is the PTSA-sponsored National Arts Contest. This year's theme is "Beauty is" Last year IJH had the most secondary-school entries in LWSD. We're hoping for a repeat this year! We have such talented students at IJH. The deadline for submissions was Oct. 30. Stay tuned for more information on our Reflections participants from Reflections Chair [Denise Snook](#).

~ [Lee Patzman](#) & [Suzanne Spinelli](#)

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PRINCIPAL'S POST



Inglewood continues to have a good school year. We had over 600 students attend our first dance, our athletic teams are doing very well, and student disciplinary referrals have been low even by IJHS standards. All of these are positive indicators, and I feel good about the student experience at Inglewood.

Even with all this success, we do face a difficult challenge. We have an unusually difficult flu season. In the last week or two we have had a substantial number of students absent. I am happy to report that we are recording fewer and fewer student absences as we move forward. If your son or daughter was absent, please know that their health and well-being is our first priority. They should concentrate on their recovery and try not to stress out about homework.

If your student is up to doing homework, please e-mail his/her teachers and arrange for homework pick-up. Many of the teachers at IJHS have a Web site or are able to e-mail documents directly to you and the

student. If you do need to pick up materials from the school we accommodate this with a homework basket in the main office.

Upon request, teachers will put materials in the homework basket in the main office. The materials will be labeled with your student's name. You may pick up the materials anytime the office is open. Please try to avoid going directly to the teacher's classroom as this presents a potential disruption of the learning environment.

If students do not feel well enough to complete work, please allow them the sleep and relaxation that they need. We will accommodate their illness when they return. This is a tough flu season; we will work with you to reduce your stress and the stress of students so that we can support their health and well-being.

As we move through the school year, please know that the first quarter ends on Nov. 5. Student grades are due from the teachers on Nov. 12. You should get first-quarter reports shortly after that.

Please know that the quarter grades are a progress report. Even our ninth-grade students' quarter grades are not recorded to transcript. Only the semester grades are permanently recorded. This means that your student has an opportunity to recover from a poor grade and slip from an excellent grade. I strongly suggest the use of StandardsScore (formerly Webgrader) to keep track of your student's day-to-day progress. You can access StandardsScore from lwsd.org.

Stay tuned and stay healthy!

~ [Tim Patterson](#)

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WORK FROM HOME!

Want to volunteer for Inglewood from your home? Volunteers are needed to make calls within the Lake Washington School District regarding an upcoming school levy. You will have a set number of calls to make and will be provided with a script to use. All you need is a phone and computer. You will NOT be asking for money or supporting a political candidate. You will be asking a short series of questions and recording them. The only requirement is that you attend a training session at **5 p.m. on Nov. 10 at Redmond High School** to learn the computer software that will enable you to make calls from your home and record them on the computer. Please contact Legislative Co-Chairs [Suzi Latham](#) or [Wendy Tihista](#) for more details.



9th Graders Can Play Sports at Eastlake!

Ninth-grade students at IJH may participate in two winter sports at Eastlake High School:

Boys Swim and Dive, and Gymnastics.

The first day of Gymnastics is **Monday, Nov. 9**, while Boys Swim and Dive begins **Monday, Nov. 16**. Eligibility begins **Nov. 2**. Eastlake's Bookkeeper/Athletic Office hours are before school and during both lunches ONLY.

BEFORE SUBMITTING THE ELIGIBILITY PACKET TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE, PLEASE CHECK THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE COMPLETED IN FULL. ATHLETES WILL NOT BE CLEARED IF THEY HAVE MISSING INFORMATION, FORMS AND/OR SIGNATURES.

- Completed gold **Interscholastic Athletics Registration** form
- Completed salmon **KINGCO Athletic Eligibility Information** form
- Completed blue **Athletics Emergency Info/Health History** form
- Completed green **Authorization for Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information for Student Athletes** form
- Completed white **"Sport Specific" Cautions and Responsibilities** form
- Completed yellow **Lystedt Law** form
- Current ASB Card
- Receipt showing payment of the \$275 Sports Fee

Eastlake High School winter sports not open to ninth-grade students are: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Wrestling. [Click here](#) for more information on Eastlake sports.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



UPCOMING EVENTS AT IJH

NOVEMBER

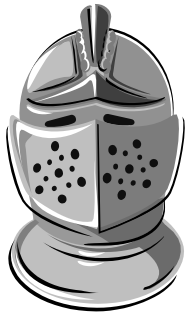
- 3 [7th-Grade Parent Book Group](#)
- 5 First Quarter Ends
- 10 [8th-Grade Parent Book Group](#)
- 11 NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day
- 12 PTSA Board Meeting 7-8:30 p.m.
- 12 First-Quarter Grades Due
- 25 Half Day
- 26-27 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving

For a complete list of PTSA- and IJH-related events for the school year, [click here](#). You may also visit the [IJH Web site](#).

Vote No on I-1033!

The WSPTA Board and more than 225 business organizations, health-care advocates, education associations and labor unions have come together to oppose I-1033 because of the devastating effect it would have on education and other social services. Vote NO on I-1033, and tell your friends and family members to do the same. **KING COUNTY VOTERS, please check [WSPTA's Advocacy Web site](#) about potential confusion resulting from the placement of I-1033 on the King County ballot.** Don't forget: Election Day is **Tuesday, Nov. 3**.

For more information about legislative issues, contact Inglewood PTSA Legislative Co-Chairs [Suzi Latham](#) and [Wendy Tihista](#).



'BLACK-OUT' DANCE IS SUCCESS!

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to chaperone IJH's first dance of the year on Friday, Oct. 16. The "Black-out" dance was filled with happy students, teachers and parents, as well as a lot of black and neon creative fashions. The next dance will be held on **Dec. 4**, with our remaining dances scheduled for **Feb. 19** and **May 14**. If you would like to chaperone one of our upcoming dances, please send your name, e-mail address, phone number and grade level of your child to [Pam Pohl](#).



~ Dance Chaperone Co-Chairs:
[Pam Pohl](#), [Stephanie Owen](#) & [Denise Kelce-Pollis](#)

Many thanks to our chaperones:

Maria Acosta	April Atwood	Beth Busacca
Carlene Camera	Jan Charleson	Stacy Cinderella
Tracy Coats	Stacy Cook	Stephanie Denton
Tamara DePorter	Becky DeVries-Wong	Lori Eberts
Lunura Hassinger	Danessa Lambdin	Diane Kharoufeh
Becky Kleinknecht	Jodey Lingg	Marcy McCauley
Angela Napier	Kim Robinson	Robert Salmond
Christie Speirs	John Speirs	Bettina Thrun
Kelly Van Horn	Kriss Wells	Steve Winfield
Kris Woerner		



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SNACKS NEEDED FOR HEALTH SCREENING

Our annual health screening, which covers vision, hearing and checks for scoliosis, is coming up on **Dec. 1**. It will be running all day long, as we try to get 1,200 kids through! Our volunteers have graciously agreed to give up several hours of their day to do these checks, and

some will have to be eating their lunch while there (shifts are 7:15-11 a.m. and 10:30-2 p.m.). If anyone would like to drop by a healthy snack for our volunteers, it would sure be appreciated! Examples are carrots, apple or orange slices, cheese and crackers, pita chips, or small bite-

sized sandwiches, etc. We will have water bottles available. Thanks to everyone who has already offered to volunteer, and thanks in advance to those willing to bring in a snack!

~ Health Screening Co-Chairs [Shannon Coleman](#) and [Michelle Palenscar](#)

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IJH QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Q: What is "Think Tank"??

A: Think Tank offers teacher-supervised support for assignments and homework on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Room 241.

