

The Indian Hollow Primary News

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April 2019



Mr. Brian Simpson
Principal

Dear Indian Hollow Families,

In the upcoming months, great care and consideration will go into the placement decision of our present and incoming Indian Hollow students. Factors such as the strengths and weaknesses of the student, behavioral characteristics, reading level, overall ability, and the social/emotional needs of the child are taken into account, as well as the heterogeneity of the class. Classroom teachers, special area teachers and other school personnel who have knowledge of the students have input during the placement process.

Parent input is certainly considered when a child has unique needs and provisions that must be made to ensure proper placement. In most cases, the teacher and principal are aware of these needs; however, if there is a unique situation of which you believe we are not aware, please put it in writing and submit it to the principal's office **no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2019**. Please understand that requests of convenience, preference or specific staff cannot be granted because of our commitment to all children.

In addition, if a student's sibling has been previously placed with a teacher, a written request for an alternate placement will be honored. Final placement decisions are made by the principal based on individual and building concerns. Please be assured that every effort is made to place each child in an environment that is best suited to that child's learning style and needs.

Best Wishes,

Brian Simpson

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SITE BASED MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Site Based Management Team's Parent Representatives, Alexandra Bennis, Mary Hughes, Anna Kadian, and Kathleen Thayer are most interested in hearing from you. Please feel free to use the attached form for your communications.

BACKPACK NEWS

Backpack News is part of the District's "Go Green" effort! Flyers, letters, and newsletters are posted online rather than being sent home from school with children as part of the District's ongoing efforts to save paper, to reduce waste and costs, and to Go Green!

Look for the backpack icon on the Indian Hollow website and on the District website to read the latest Indian Hollow flyers and newsletters.

Click on the link below to check it out!

Related URL:

<http://www.commack.k12.ny.us/backpack/backpack.asp>

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION/ORIENTATION

On January 9 and 10, Kindergarten Registration was held. On May 3 and May 15, Indian Hollow will host a Kindergarten Orientation for incoming kindergarten students and their parents/guardians. At this point in time, all new registrants should have chosen their date. The orientation will include a parent orientation presented by Mr. Simpson, several staff members and our PTA President, Mrs. Reimann. While the parents are at their orientation, students will be treated to a classroom visit, library visit and a bus ride. No food will be served at these orientations.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

Children from households that meet Federal income guidelines are eligible for free or reduced price meals. To apply, complete an application which can be found on the District website. Go to "Our Schools," scroll down to "School Lunch Menus & Nutrition Information" where you will find the Free & Reduced Lunch Letter and Application. Complete the application, sign it, and return it to the school. All information is confidential.

LOST AND FOUND

All lost and found articles are placed in a container located in the lobby. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

STUDENT DROP OFF ZONE/CROSSWALK

Please remember that the *Drop Off Zone* is for children who are discharged from a car to walk onto the crosswalk. Children should exit from cars between 9:20 – 9:30 a.m. at any point along the sidewalk. The *Drop Off Zone* accommodates several cars at one time. Each car should follow the traffic flow and then pull away. At no time should the driver exit the car while in the *Drop Off Zone*. If you wish to escort your child to the crosswalk or to the front of the building, it is imperative that you park in a designated parking space.

For your own safety and the safety of your children, please use the crosswalk and do not walk between parked buses. It is important to model safety rules for our youngsters at all times.

WEB SITE

The Commack District's web site is:

<http://www.commack.k12.ny.us/>

Look for specific news about Indian Hollow and sign up for the District's email notification system.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6	IH Carnival 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	May 10	Spring Plant Sale
April 9	Bus Drill #3	May 14	IH/NR/BIS PTA Budget Presentation @ MSIS
April 9-11	Gr. 2 Cognitive Ability Test	May 15	Kindergarten Orientation (9:45 am)
April 11	SBMT Meeting (8:30 a.m.)	May 16	SBMT Meeting (8:30 a.m.)
April 11	PTA Meeting (9:45 a.m.)	May 16	PTA Meeting (9:45 a.m.)
April 11	IH Postal Service (IHPS) Ends	May 20	DIAL Screening
April 11	Gr. 1 Game Night 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	May 21	DIAL Screening
April 11	BOE Mtg. & Budget Adoption @ Hubbs 8:00 p.m.	May 21	BOE Budget Vote/Trustee Election 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. @ CMS & CHS
April 12	Spirit Day: Accountability	May 21	District Festival of the Arts K-12 @ CMS & CHS 4:00 pm -9:00 pm
April 15	“Log Off, Turn Off and Go Night”	May 22	DIAL Screening
April 19- 26	Spring Break	May 22	Silver Anniversary 4:00 p.m.
April 22	Earth Day	May 23	K Art, Music & Literature Showcase 10:00 a.m.
May 1	Gr. 2 Art, Music, & Literature Showcase 10:00 a.m.	May 24	SCHOOL CLOSED
May 2	Voter Registration @ CHS & CMS (9:00 a.m - 9:00 p.m)	May 27	SCHOOL CLOSED
May 3	Kindergarten Orientation (9:45 a.m.)	May 28	DIAL Screening
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week	May 31	Spirit Day: Attaining Pride
May 8	Voter Registration @ CHS & CMS (9:00 a.m - 9:00 p.m)	May 31	Field Day
May 9	Gr. 1 Art, Music & Literature Showcase 10:00 a.m.		
May 9	BOE Meeting & Budget Hearing @ Hubbs 8:00 p.m.		

Indian Hollow School Song

Dear Indian Hollow, we love you

Our hearts will ever be true.

We join our hands in friendship

Beneath the white and blue.

Within these halls of learning

Our glad young voices ring.

Eternal love and loyalty

To Indian Hollow we sing.

“A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child”. Anonymous

**Indian Hollow Site Based Management Team
Communication Form**



To: Parent Representatives: Alexandra Bennis, Mary Hughes, Anna Kadian, and Kathleen Thayer

From: _____ Contact Information: _____

Any Bright Ideas?

Please leave this form in the PTA school bus in the Main Office in an envelope labeled SBMT. One of the Parent Representatives will contact you. Thank you for your input.