



# *Indian Mound Middle School*

## *October 2011*

### *Newsletter*



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## **Greetings from Aaron Tarnutzer**

If you ask an Indian Mound Middle School staff member how the start of the school year has been, you are likely to hear them say, "It is the best start we have ever had." While you might assume that this is something we say every year regardless of how the year starts, I can tell you with certainty there is something special about this year. In addition to the fact that this year we have the privilege of teaching YOUR wonderful children, there is one reason above all that explains what makes this year special. It relates to the phrase "you get what you give." From all of you as family members, to the students, and all of the staff, we began this year with a positive approach that we "gave" to one another. We came in with enthusiasm, our sense of humor, our wisdom, and our commitment to one another. In return, we "got" off to the most fun, exciting, and productive start to the school year. As a result of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and our motto:



We are celebrating the achievement, respect, responsibility, and empathy we see everyday. This positive approach is contagious and can not be denied.

Personally, I know this approach has made a difference for my family. For example, after we put my six year old son to bed on the first day of the school year he came down stairs and said he had to tell us something. He does not do this often so we knew it had to be important. He explained that at school his first grade teacher had told the class she had a secret that they could only tell their parents. She told them that the principal always gives her the nicest and hardest working kids with the best manners. As he told us about this "secret" it was clear to us how proud he was that he was one of these kids. Despite being the son of an Associate Principal, my son is not perfect. I can tell you that he now sees himself as hard working and kind and he will do whatever he can to live up to this identity. His teacher came into the year telling the class who they were and I know that this is exactly the class she has gotten in return.

As the excitement of the new school year and events such as Camp Timber Lee and Banner Day become memories, the positive culture we have built during the month of September will make this not only the best start to a school year, but the best school year we have ever had and all of us at IMMS promise to give you our best.

Aaron Tarnutzer  
IMMS Associate Principal

## MEET THE COUNSELORS



**Jill Runde** begins her 5th year as guidance counselor at Indian Mound Middle School bringing her unique brand of enthusiasm and style to assist the growth and well being of this year's 6th and 7th grade students. **Jim Kramer** begins his 20th year at IMMS, working with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, the 8th grade Tech Tools related arts class, and the 8th grade EGen elective computer class. In an effort to get to know the students better and be of the greatest resource to students, Jill and Jim move along with their student groups each year. Please feel free to contact them at 838-8980 with any questions or concerns.

## STUDENT COUNCIL IS OFF AND RUNNING

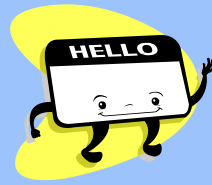


The IMMS Student Council's 2011/12 officers are:

Retta Hanson-Cook, Abdullah Hussaini, Saul Siegmann, Eann Potter and Jack Luessman.

The IMMS Student Council plans to offer service projects to benefit the school and community, sponsor dances and other fun activities, operate the school store, and much, much more. We are hard at work ushering in our wellness program's second year with Fuel Up to Play 60. Spirit week, Homecoming, Banner Day and the Wacky Olympics during the week of September 19th was a GREAT way to kick off the year in a high energy active way. The IMMS Student Council is teaming up with the National Dairy Council to plan wellness activities for the middle school students and families, so stay tuned for some fun and exciting ideas and activities! Our student leaders are full of fresh ideas to help make the IMMS Student Council an active, dynamic, and empowering experience for the benefit of the (five S's) students, staff, senior citizens, Student Council, and community (service). Mr. Kramer and the IMMS Student Council intend to make the 2011/12 school year the best with monthly themes, meetings, and activities. All IMMS students are encouraged to participate in Student Council as representatives and only need to complete and return their registration form and fee. Thursday after-school meetings provide the Student Council with the opportunity to do business and plan activities. A calendar of meeting topics and events as well as meeting minutes are available on Mr. Kramer's Weebly webpage. Students busy with other activities & sports are encouraged to participate as they are able and can check the Student Council website and/or blog to stay connected.

## 8th Grade Conferences



All 8th grade students will be conferencing with Mr. Kramer (their guidance counselor) this year to discuss their interests, career goals, high school course selection ideas, and other general school issues. Each quarter those 8th grade students in Tech Tools (related arts) will be conferencing with Mr. Kramer and parents will receive a follow-up letter with information covered in the conference. Please direct any questions to Mr. Kramer at 838-4676.

## SCHOOL DANCES



Student Council sponsored dances are lots of fun for all IMMS students (6-8)! Approximately every other month, IMMS students will have the opportunity to participate in a school dance. Here is a brief list of important information.

- All students are welcome to participate.
- Tickets may be purchased prior to the dance or at the door for \$4.00.
- The dances usually run from 3:20 – 5:30.
- Students MUST remain at the dance until 5:30 unless they have a parent note.
- Pizza (\$1.00), pop (\$.50), & other goodies are on sale for the students' enjoyment.
- Respectful and appropriate behavior is expected.

Please arrange transportation for your student's departure from the dance at 5:30. We want EVERYONE to come out and have fun dancing, hanging out with friends, eating pizza, checking out the game room or open gym, and just helping make IMMS the great place it is! Parent chaperons are always welcome and we promise to station you well away from your children. Just call Mr. Kramer at 838-4576 for more information.

OUR FIRST DANCE IS SCHEDULED FOR the week of Oct. 17TH!

*Attention All Timber-lee  
Parent Volunteers*



Thank you for your gift of time, patience, and talent as you helped the school staff guide this year's Timber-Lee outdoor education experience. IMMS guidance counselor, Jill Runde, loves to collect student photos and requests that you email or burn a disk of fun camp and student pictures for her collection. Thanks!

Email: [jill\\_runde@mcfarland.k12.wi.us](mailto:jill_runde@mcfarland.k12.wi.us)

Phone: 838-4577

**Teacher Convention Days  
October 27th and 28th.  
NO SCHOOL**



**Great Camp!  
Great People!**



Unit VI students recently returned from their outdoor education experience. They spent three days and two nights at Timber-lee Christian Center located in East Troy, Wisconsin. They had 15 different classes; studying everything from canoeing and geology to leaf and insect classification. They also square danced and played capture the flag.

In addition to 146 sixth grade students, many IMMS staff went along on the adventure and we had more than 50 parents who were able to attend camp with their children. All people involved had a remarkable time! The parent volunteers were wonderful and truly made a positive impact on the success of our outdoor education experience.

Our sixth graders were very motivated and well behaved. They represented IMMS with the highest of standards and they made us all very proud to say we are from McFarland. This is a wonderful experience for our sixth graders and we hope to be able to continue with outdoor education for many more years to come.

## MAP Update

Hello IMMS Families,

The results from the fall MAP testing will not be sent home with your child in the fall. Your student's MAP test results will be mailed to you in the spring after the MAP spring testing concludes. If you have any questions, please contact our Guidance Assistant, Bridgette Tarpey, at 838-4500 ext. 4802.

Thank you,  
Dave Witte  
IMMS Principal

### Teacher Conferences:

Nov. 15th and 17th 4:00-7:00  
Feb. 20th and 21st 4:00-7:00

## Important Dates

Oct. 27th, 28th	No School
Nov. 4th	No School
	End of First Quarter
Nov. 7th	No School
Nov. 10th	Choir Concert 7:00PM
Nov. 15th, 17th	Family Teacher Conferences
Nov. 1st-22nd	Ms. Stokes P.E. Swim Unit
Nov. 23rd	Band Concerts: 7th Grade 7:00PM 8th Grade 8:00PM
Nov. 23th	Celebration Day
Nov. 24th, 25th	No School—Thanksgiving
Dec. 22nd—Jan 2nd	Winter Break

### October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Students are asked to wear pink on Wednesdays to show their support for this important cause.



## **McFarland Fire Department**

2011 Fire Prevention Week

**“Open House”**

**Fun for all ages!**

**Wednesday October 12, 2011**

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Special time for Senior Citizens starts at 5:30 pm

**Free Pig Roast, Demonstrations & Tours**



**“Sparky the Fire Dog”**

“Sparky the Fire Dog” was sponsored in 2002 by donations from the following:  
*Koch Petroleum, Dave Bisbee, FE Petro, UW Health, McFarland State Bank,  
American Family Insurance & Anonymous Donor*

**For more information contact:**  
**Deputy Chief Scott Miller**  
**608-838-3278**

Visit <http://www.firepreventionweek.org> or [www.NFPA.org](http://www.NFPA.org)



# MCFARLAND TRI-COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



What? Tri-County Boy's Basketball

Who? All 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

Fee & Registration? **\$130.00 (payable to McFarland Recreation)**

When? December to March

Practices? Twice a week.

Games? 16 games plus a tournament (games are on weekends)

Coaches? For this program to be successful, we need volunteer coaches. Please consider sharing your time.

Deadline? All fees and registration forms must be received by **Oct. 10**  
*Late registrants will only be accepted if additional players are needed.*

Questions? Contact: John Feldner 838-4532  
E-Mail: john\_feldner@mcfarland.k12.wi.us

**Information regarding games, times, tournaments, etc. can also be found at [www.mcfarlandbasketball.com](http://www.mcfarlandbasketball.com)**

All practices and home games will be at IMMS or Waubesa. The league is comprised from surrounding communities. The purpose of the program is to provide a positive environment for boys to improve their basketball skills and have fun. Please detach and return the form below.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Grade: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Jersey Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Youth Medium-Adult XL available)

Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Yes! I am willing to coach. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: **McFarland Recreation  
McFarland High School  
5101 Farwell St.  
McFarland, WI 53558**

Starts November 7th, Sign Up Today!

# Monona Grove/McFarland Youth Wrestling

*"Take it to the Mat"*



Attention future grapplers! Want to participate in a sport that will improve your focus, self-confidence and determination? Join the newly formed Monona Grove Youth Wrestling Club and learn some life long skills while having fun! The Youth Wrestling Club is being instructed by former UW Badger wrestler Randy Becker and is appropriate for all skill levels. This club is for boys and girls in Kindergarten - 8th grade. Practices will be held at Nichols School in Monona on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Cost includes practice time and a T-Shirt. If your child wishes to participate in USA Wrestling tournaments, there is an additional fee to purchase a USA Wrestling card from the club.

The Club season runs from November 7th, 2011 - February 29th, 2012

Monday practice is from 6:00—7:00 pm for grades K-2 and 6:00—7:45 pm for grades 3-8

Wednesday evening practice is from 6:00 - 7:00 pm for grades K-2 and 6:00-7:30 pm for grades 3-8

Wrestling shoes and headgear are highly recommended. Learn more about the MG Youth Wrestling Club at

<http://sites.google.com/site/mgyouthwrestling/Home>



## Wrestling Builds

- Core Strength/Stamina
- Character
- Speed & Agility
- Body Awareness
- Confidence
- Mental Toughness

## MG Youth Wrestling Club

Nichols School Gym, Monona

Mondays & Wednesdays November 7th - February 29th

(No wrestling on 11/23, 12/21, 12/26)

Cost: \$50

Grades - Kindergarten - 8th grade

## Monona Parks & Recreation

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<http://www.mymonona.com>

Register online at <http://activenet.active.com/cityofmonona>