



Iroquois Middle School

April 2021
150 Colebrook Dr.
Rochester, N.Y. 14617
342-3450



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Iroquois Families:

We look forward to our return from Spring Break this year well-rested and ready to make a strong finish to this unique school year. Students will continue to engage in a number of rich and rigorous learning experiences this spring, and we are working hard to prepare some end-of-year milestone events in order to celebrate the progress your children have made this year. In addition, beginning this month students will return to daily outdoor recess and PE classes. We ask that you help us make recess a success by encouraging your children to dress appropriately for the changing weather with warm layers when it's cold and proper shoes for playing outdoors.

We have heard from many of you with questions about the possibility of a full re-opening this year. While no definitive decision about a full re-opening has been made yet, the district has put together a task force comprised of over 50 staff members and more than 20 parents to work on recommendations. The district is committed to making decisions based on what is truly best for your children and to putting their needs first. With this in mind, the task force is working to carefully plan any such return in order to ensure that it works best for students.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our faculty and staff for their hard work throughout this school year -- in particular for their flexibility, thoughtfulness, and resilience as we have worked to adapt to changing needs and circumstances. We continue to work together to keep student safety, learning, and engagement at the heart of all that we do.

Finally, I also want to thank you for your ongoing support for and collaboration with us here at school. We are committed to working with you in order to ensure the most successful outcomes for your children and we always welcome your comments and feedback along the way.

Sincerely,

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Principal, Iroquois Middle School
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School Directory

Principal

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Secretary

Mrs. Gail Clune

Health Office

Nurse: Mimi Buerkle

Iroquois office: 342-3450

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5

Return from Spring Break

April 26, 27, and 29

NY State Testing—ELA

More details to follow

IROQUOIS MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!



Order Online!

Price per book

ORDER EARLY & SAVE!

If ordered before 4/16 - \$11.00

If ordered 4/17 - 5-12 - \$12.00

<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/Iroquois2021>

Note: All orders must be placed online - NO Paper orders

School Lunch Menus

Please visit the link below to access our monthly lunch menus:

<http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/menus>

in case you did not see it on the Facebook page, USDA has said that all meals, breakfast and lunch, will be free to ALL students **through the end of the 20-21 school year**. Milk comes with all meals, but is still \$.50 if students purchase it without a meal.

News from the Health Office

Students entering 5th grade next year are required to have an updated physical and immunizations on file with the health office. Physical exams are to be dated no more than 1 year from the start of the first day of school!

Students entering 6th grade in September need a copy of a Tdap Booster. Please submit all vaccines before the start of school. Forms are available to download on the district website.

GENTLE REMINDERS:

- ▶ Please have your children bring a water bottle with them. It is helpful if it has their name on it. Staying hydrated especially during PE and Recess is strongly encouraged.
- ▶ Our building will not be open to students before 8:00 a.m. as there is no adult supervision.
- ▶ Child Pick up and Drop Off: Remember you need to show your driver's license when picking up your child early. When dropping off, parents no longer need to sign the student in. They can go to the Health Office and sign in and get a pass to go to class.



Helmer Nature Center

April Family Programs

All events REQUIRE Pre-Registration.

Contact Andrea Monahan (HelmerNatureCenter@gmail.com) or call Helmer Nature Center at 336-3035.



Chickadee Kids

Love birds? Do they always fly away before you can get a good look? Come to the Nature Center to get an introduction to birding for kids. Learn how to ID a bird before it gets away and then venture out on a bird walk, stopping at a few watching locations to use your new tricks. Our naturalist will be available to answer any questions. We can provide sanitary binoculars, but feel free to bring your own. Kids grades K – 3 with ONE adult per family. Pre-registration required.

DATE: Saturday, April 17

TIME: 10:00 AM

AGES: Children grades K-3, with ONE non-paying adult chaperone

PROGRAM FEE: \$5 per child

Insect Inspection



Come to the nature center to learn what exactly makes an insect an insect. Then, meet our Madagascar hissing cockroaches. After, we'll poke around and turn over some logs to discover what lives here at Helmer! Kids grades K – 6 with ONE adult per family. Pre-registration required.

DATE: Saturday, April 17

TIME: 1:30 PM

AGES: Children grades K-6, with ONE non-paying adult chaperone

PROGRAM FEE: \$5 per child

Earth Day Obstacle Course

Celebrate Earth Day weekend outside on our trails! Transverse Earth Day themed obstacles and learn something along the way. Pre-registration required. **Please note:** The obstacle course begins at 1 PM, but your group will be assigned a specific check-in time to ensure COVID safety on the course. Your check-in time will be based upon the number of people already registered when you sign up for the program.

DATE: Saturday, April 24

TIME: Starts at 1:00 PM, your group will be assigned a specific check-in time

AGES: School-Aged children

PRICE: \$5 per child with adult chaperone



Irondequoit Lions Club



62nd Annual

Easter Egg Hunt/ DRIVE THRU

When: Saturday – April 3rd 2021

**Where: Camp Eastman
1301 Lake Shore Blvd.**

Time: 9:00am Sharp

**THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID WE WILL
BE DOING A DRIVE THRU ONLY FOR
THE CANDY.**

**Lions will be collecting Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids at
this event**

