

Indian Lake Elementary PTO Welcome Letter

Every student benefits every day from the items and services funded by ILE PTO!

On behalf of the ILE Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), I want to welcome new families to the ILE community and say "welcome back" to all those returning for the 2015-16 school year! The ILE PTO is a volunteer organization made up of parents, teachers, administrators and support staff who are all dedicated to improving the educational experience for our children. We do this by helping to provide items and services that are not included in the school budget...and we can only do these things with your support!

Did you know???

ILE PTO has funded the school's computer lab since 1989 so that our students may learn the fundamental skills necessary for success in our increasingly high-tech world. The PTO funds all aspects of the lab including the computers, software, student work journals, related equipment, and the salary of the lab instructor, Mrs. Weddle. We're also happy to be able to fund the salary of the Reading Coach for the fourth year and we're very excited to have Mrs. Branch returning to fill the position!

Additionally, the PTO funds the lease of two school copiers, copy paper and toner (over \$13,000); again, this expense *is not* covered by the county. We will also continue to provide playground mulch, grade level printers, and start-up classroom necessities like paper towels, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, and other supplies.

To cover these and other facility and supply-related expenses, ILE PTO must conduct its annual fall and spring fundraisers. As a result of the great success achieved at both events last year, for this school year, we were able to additionally fund the purchase of 58 new computers (two per classroom in K-5th), 10 new computers for the mini lab, several new laptops and iPads, shelving buildout in special area pod, new tables in all kindergarten and 3rd grade classrooms, landscaping improvements and much more.

Great news!!!

This year, the PTO Board has again voted to keep dues down for the items and services below. While the actual costs for these items far exceed the amounts listed below, the level of success historically achieved by both the Warrior Walk and Pow Wow subsidize these costs. A portion of the costs, however, are covered by parents' contributions on Registration Day, as shown below:

<u>PTO Dues & Suggested Contributions</u>	
Computer Lab (approx. 35 hrs of instruction)	\$22.50
Copier Expenses	\$12.50
PTO Dues (one per family, please)	\$5.00
Total Suggested Contribution	\$40.00

Please reference ILE PTO Budget available at www.ileonline.org for a detailed summary of all expenses covered by the PTO.

We are so appreciative of all of our parents who provide not only financial support, but also volunteer invaluable hours of their time to ensure the presence of both the basic necessities and an enriched learning environment at ILE. Parental support, in collaboration with Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Shults, the teachers and staff, is what makes our school the premier elementary school in the county!

Please contact me or any of our committee chairs if you are interested in volunteering this year. Thank you and best wishes for an outstanding 2015-16 school year!

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