



## Director's Corner

### A message from Mrs. Chestnut

Each day your child enters IAAC with the desire to be a little smarter by the end of the day. This is a challenge that we hold sacred. Our teachers are constantly looking for new ways to improve the skill and craft of teaching. From 8:15am to the 4:00pm bell, our teachers are working very hard to provide opportunities and experiences for our students to learn the much needed skills to be successful in life.

Talk with your child about the importance of participating in the various activities in class. Encourage your child to take full advantage of the opportunities to get the knowledge he/she needs to improve. Also, be a good role model. Make sure your child is at school and on time every day. Show them the importance of preparation and punctuality.

Encourage your child to raise that hand and ask a question. There is no shame to say, "I don't understand. Could you go over that again?" It lets teachers know that your child is engaged. Teachers need this feedback to decide if they need to slow down, to start over, to try a different approach, or to forge ahead. Talk to your child about volunteering to read in class, to work a problem on the board, or to share an idea.

Learning, just as life, requires "doing" - doing classwork, doing homework, doing projects, doing reading assignments, and doing long division. An opportunity lost is an opportunity a student cannot get back.

When your child gets home each day, ask what he/she is "doing" in class. Hold them accountable for their daily work by showing you the fruits of their labor.

Years ago Nike had a slogan: "Just do it." The same applies to learning.

Let's continue to do great things at IAAC!

Best,

Natakie Chestnut



February 5<sup>th</sup> – Arts and Crafts with Mom 5:00-6:30 in the cafeteria

February 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> No School – Presidents Day Weekend

February 29<sup>th</sup> – Black History Month Assembly

### School Uniform

1. Khaki pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers (3" above knee or longer)
2. Hunter Green polo shirt (must be tucked in)
3. Sneakers or black/brown dress shoes.
4. Hunter Green sweater, vest, cardigan (optional)
5. Belt – brown or black (mandatory for boys, optional for girls)
6. No T-shirts (except under polo)
7. No jewelry (except small earrings for girls)
8. No boots, sandals or high-heeled shoes.
9. No sunglasses or sports hats.
10. Gym uniform should only be worn on gym days **black pants** and a **white** t-shirt

\*KG students are asked to leave a clean change of uniform clothes at school, in case of accidents.



## GET IN THE KNOW



Parents are encouraged to discuss the school's learning and behavior expectations with their child at the start of each school day. Expectations may be found in the Student/Parent Handbook. Please be sure to carefully review the handbook, sign the acknowledgement page and return it to school with your child. Also ask their child about their classroom procedures!

- These expectations, along with an overview of the school's approach to education, are included in the school's Student-Parent Handbook, which is distributed to every family upon their enrollment in the school.
- Parents can offer additional support by encouraging their children below Grade 4 to read every night, review vocabulary, or revise mental math.

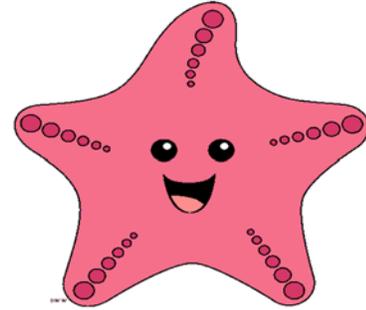
Parents can also help by providing children with a designated place to study at home and helping children develop a regular study routine.

### Academic Update

**Mr. Barnes – SUPERVISOR/AQC**

Check your child's yellow folders for a weekly pacing guide. This will allow you to see what your child is doing in each class throughout the week, as well as the following week.

We are starting our next term and want to make sure that our students are starting off the semester on the right foot. Third grade students are given diaries so check them each night for updated homework as well as test grades. Make sure you are helping your child study when they are home, we want them to achieve greatness!!



### Student Management News

Mrs. Ingram

STUDENT MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Congratulations to Ms. Dunn's and Ms. LaPatin's homeroom classes for reaching 50 star fish points. These points are awarded to the classes that exhibit outstanding behavior. Every time a homeroom reaches 50 points they are awarded a prize. The first 50 points they were given a pizza and movie party. We are excited to see which homeroom reaches 100 points next. Ask your child what their homeroom is doing to try and earn their starfish points!!!



February is black history month!! To celebrate, on February 29<sup>th</sup> IAAC is holding a talent show to showcase our student's knowledge and creativity. Classes will be doing either a song, dance, skit, poem, or rap which will incorporate pivotal moments in black history. Find out what your child's class is doing to prepare!!