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Indian Trail PTO News 2/21/2021

Pan{demic}cake Day - Thank You Families, Sponsors & Volunteers!

Thank you to Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices for Printing our Placemats

Click the Image Below for Printable Version of Our Pancake Day Placemat

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SPRINKLES
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INDIAN TRAIL PTO

Stay Safe. Eat Pancakes.

PAN {demic} CAKE DAY 2021

Thank you to our sponsors!

The Gunsbergs	Melissa and Jon Rubenstein
The Kassof Family	Jake and Josh DuBrow
Susie and Ira Berk (Grandparents of Oliver Merar)	Michael Cohen (Magid Glove & Safety)

Thank you to families that sponsored anonymously as well as those who supported meals for others.

Thank you for all you do!

Country Kitchen

Thank you Indian Trail families for participating in Pan{demic}cake Day 2021! We hope you enjoyed your pancakes and treats! Please **send us some photos** of your family enjoying your breakfast so we can include them in the yearbook (indiantrilyearbooks@gmail.com). Here are a [few of our photos](#) from the event.

Special thank you to the Dimitriou Family and [Country Kitchen](#) for hosting our Pancake Breakfast, [Chicago Mike's Ice Cream Co.](#) for providing delicious hot cocoa bombs and Amy Soifer's [Sassy Sweets Bake Shop](#) for providing yummy pancake cookies and cookie decorating kits!

Shout out to our incredible parent volunteers for donating their time to organize the event and help distribute meals and treats this morning - Shannon Johnson, Amy Gregor, Tonia Dimitriou, Dino Dimitriou, Jennifer Freeman, Jenny Butler, Stacey Kolthammer, Margaux Sayer, Julie Pedraza, Julie Schneiderman, Liz Kubicki & Heidi Sachs.

We Still Need Volunteers to Apply for 2021-22!

Thank you for submitting [this Google Form](#) to express interest in Exec Board and Committee Leadership positions. We still have many openings! No previous experience is necessary and these positions are a great way to stay in touch with what's going on at school. If you have any questions, please ask us at indiantrailpto@gmail.com.

Here are some open positions that may be unknown for newer parents as they are on hold this year:

Assemblies: Work with school principals to plan 2-3 student assemblies.

Creation Station: Work with teachers to turn student writing and illustrations into handmade books!

Disability Awareness: Help the school schedule volunteers for Disability Awareness Week lessons.

FUNd Run: Drum up excitement and participation for the 112 Foundation's Annual FUNd Run!

Service Club: Create service learning opportunities for Indian Trail students and their families.

STEAM: Assist Mrs. Grost with the STEAM program, typically occurring during lunch/recess.

Request: Update Your Classroom Teacher on PTO Website

Did your child switch between remote and hybrid or AM/PM? Please update your profile at www.indiantrailpto.org>My Account>My Students to reflect your child's current classroom teacher. Don't forget to click the "Save Students" button after you've made changes. This will ensure that your household appears on the correct class list in our directory app.

Yearbook Student Portraits

We recently learned that D112 schools, including Indian Trail, will not be hosting school picture days this year. Our PTO is still interested in creating a yearbook for students and are busy planning this effort, but we will need your help. Please be on the lookout for an email with instructions for taking a simple portrait headshot of your child, including submission details and deadlines. More to come soon!

Pop Up Flower Card Shop for Seniors - Indian Trail PTO Service Club

Help area seniors get through these wintery days by sending handmade pop up flower cards! [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the flower pop-up card video instruction page. MAIL or DROP OFF cards by March 1st (email stacey@kolthammer.org for address).



D112 Updates

- Please refer to this helpful [10 D112 Things to Know email](#) with updates on the calendar, teacher vaccinations, spring conferences, etc.
- D112 Equity and Inclusion Audit
 - **We need your voice!** North Shore School District 112 is in the process of conducting a district-wide Equity and Inclusion Audit in partnership with Public Consulting Group (PCG). An essential component of the audit process is hearing from multiple voices from across the district.
 - Your participation is needed as we work towards identifying and addressing practices, policies, and culture that contribute to inequities across our district. We are committed to doing the work to build spaces where staff, learners, and families are each valued, included, and supported for success.
 - Focus Groups will be held beginning February 22-26. Each focus group will be conducted virtually by PCG and will last approximately an hour. There will be separate focus groups for families, students, staff, board of education members, and administrators.
 - **Please use this form to select a focus group:** [Participacion de Foro en Español](#) / [English](#) Focus Group Sign-Up

Community Resources

Calling all students who care about the planet!



Join the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County and Seven Generations Ahead for a screening of the award-winning documentary *Microplastic Madness* followed by a panel discussion with Q&A highlighting what students and schools can do to tackle plastic pollution.

Thursday, February 25, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Microplastic Madness is the story of 56 fifth graders from Red Hook, Brooklyn – living on the frontline of the climate crisis – whose actions on plastic pollution morph into extraordinary leadership and scalable victories. Created to inspire kids, teachers, and policy makers alike, this is the spark needed to grow a youth-led Plastic Free Future movement in schools everywhere. Film run time: 76 minutes.

The panel will be moderated by **Cynthia Kanner**, Executive Director of the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County.

Speakers:

- **Debby Lee Cohen**, Co-Director & Producer, *Microplastic Madness*; Executive Director, Cafeteria Culture
- **Scott Kuykendall**, Water Resources Specialist, McHenry County Planning & Development
- **Jaclyn Wegner**, Director of Conservation Action, Shedd Aquarium

[Click HERE to register.](#)

[Click HERE to watch the trailer, find teacher resources, and learn about the movie impact campaign.](#)

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, March 1: No School - Emergency Day (Post Teacher 2nd Vaccination Date)**
- **Thursday, March 18: No School, Conferences 3:15-8:00 p.m**
- **Friday, March 19: No School, Conferences 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.