

From the Desk of the ISD Superintendent

Dear ISD Community & Friends:

Here's what has been happening at ISD:

ISD tiger logo competition is happening now! Branding our school has been on my to-do list since I began at ISD. See website or Facebook page for more information.

ISD is pleased to announce that there is a strong possibility that boys basketball and girls volleyball will continue next school year. ISD will coop with ISVI to offer a swim team & wrestling! ISD Track will continued to be offered. All of this is due to increased student enrollment and student interest! I will send out a letter to everyone regarding sports for next year in the upcoming weeks.

Since the after-school activities at ISD have recently come under the microscope, I wanted to inform the Council of the additional opportunities provided to our students via our Recreation Department. Some of the activities include the following: Fingerspelling Bee, Makerspace, art club, drama club (in the works), Tigers Get Fit, Woodturners club, Jr.NAD, and Leo club, just to name a few. Our Rec. department also offers or is working out logistics to be able to offer the following for our students: MMA/Karate classes (still pending agreement with trainer) Camping for 4-8th graders, Harper Volleyball Tournament- TLP and HS teams will have tryouts soon (April 4th is the tournament), 9 Square in the air- Handmade for students (very popular), JRHS Girls Volleyball at Fitness World, open gym and swimming.

ISD Outreach Department received an award at the EDHI conference on March 5th! It was a beautiful key under glass representing the key role ISD Outreach plays in the lives of families with D/HH children across the state of Illinois. We are so proud of the Outreach staff.

State Fingerspelling Bee is April 23rd in Bloomington. Good Luck!

ISD Alumni, Jamal Garner, to participate in Pan Am Games.

Community ASL classes will be offered April 1st – May 6th in the HS Media Center.

Carolyn Eilering and I gave a presentation on ISD at the United Methodist Foundation in Springfield last week. The foundation is the Trustee for the Vae Futlz Trust. Vae Rose worked at ISD in the Evaluation Center Department for decades. She was a valued staff member that always put the needs of the ISD students first. She passed away in April of 2019. The foundation would like to support ISD and we are working together to further achieve Vae's mission in life.

CTE month was in February. JC Hatfield's woods class made a beautiful table that was raffled off. The raffle was a huge success bringing in about \$1500.!

Deb Gossrow so graciously donated two custom made golf carts to ISD in honor of her late husband. They are to be used for students with special needs, nursing emergencies and tours of the campus. Thanks Deb!!

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