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A Letter from Luft

Superintendent of Ira
ISD



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Already October!

Ira parents and families,
It is mind boggling to look up and see the calendar on the downhill half of October. We got here quick, it seems, but a great deal of important learning and fun experiences remain ahead for all of our kids. As we hit a halfway marker this semester, I wanted to ask for your help in a few areas:

Event Cleanups!

Most of you are likely aware that our junior class has traditionally been responsible for concessions and most parts of post-game clean-up at our athletic events. While that can be counted on, I want to encourage you to be very mindful of both you and your children's care for our facilities, especially in cleaning up trash and any messes/spills that may occur at any of our events. We want to take care of our facilities, but even more importantly, we want to be perceived as honorable guests when we are out of town at other schools' venues. As football rolls on (deeply into the fall is the plan!) and we creep into basketball season, please stop and take a look around before you head home! As the old adage goes, we need to teach our kids to "leave a place in better shape than how we found it."

Lost & Found



We have a large stockpile of jackets and other items that have been left on the playground or around school so far this year. Please help us help you by labelling any clothing or items that might be potentially lost during the school day. These items will be placed at the bus exit (Door 14) for students/parents to collect at the end of each school day over the next week, but after Friday, October 25, we will be donating these to community groups to distribute to those in need in town.

Sports Spotlight



TONIGHT IS A BIG BALLGAME FOR OUR FOOTBALL BOYS AS THEY TAKE ON A STATE-RANKED TEAM. WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE DOWN IN WESTBROOK FOR THE 7 PM KICKOFF! ALSO, IF YOU SEE THEM, PLEASE WISH GOOD LUCK TO CHLOE JUAREZ AND HAYDEN LUFT AS THEY HEAD TO THE METROPLEX TO REPRESENT OUR COMMUNITY IN THE REGION CROSS COUNTRY MEET TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

***Go Bulldogs!
Lets Whip
the
Wildcats!***

Free/Reduced Lunch

you may not realize this, but the information collected from free/reduced lunch applications goes much farther than just defining the cost of a student's lunch. Many federal programs, and in particular the cost to the district of tests such as the SAT and ACT are impacted by this data. In short, whether you qualify for free/reduced lunch or not, the district is required by the state to collect a form from every family enrolled, and Ira ISD can save money in a large array of areas simply by having these forms collected. Your information remains confidential and is simply submitted to the various programs that determine funding for us. We need your help!

Please complete the attached form if you have not yet and get that to us by **Wednesday, October 23 at the latest**. The Texas "snapshot" date for data submission is **Friday, October 25**. We give away dollars if we do not have all of these collected and submitted!

If you are unsure if your form has already been turned in, please call Brittney Lomax in the cafeteria office (325-572-2628 ext. 104) to confirm.



2024 Bond Election

Early voting begins Monday! Please be informed and show up at the polls. Our \$15 million dollar bond proposal as well as five school board seats are on the ballot. FieldTurf/Tarkett Construction will be here Monday night, October 21 in the Board Meeting House at 6 pm to present their most updated plans for Phase 2 (sports complex) of the bond proposal, and our staff and I will update everyone on Phase 3 (elementary gym, ag shop expansion, parking lot entry/exit additions, bus barn, and more) plans. Please plan to attend and bring your questions! Also, I will be hanging out at the front gate at our next varsity home game against Rotan next Friday, October 25th to answer any bond-related questions. Stop by and say hello!

**Please do not hesitate to to call, or reach out with
any questions! Go Bulldogs!**

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