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From the Principal

Mustang Families,

It is hard to believe that we are three quarters of the way done with the 2018-2019 school year. Next on the agenda will be our season of testing. Due to the diligence of both our Scholars and Professional Educators, I am confident that Indian Trails will continue to set the standard by which all other educational institutions are measured. In my nearly thirty years of working in the education profession, I have never experienced such a cohesive and dedicated staff as those currently working at Indian Trails. I truly believe your Scholars will reap the benefits of the seeds sown during their tenure at Indian Trails.

It has been said that luck is the residue of hard work and persistence. Our Scholars are prepared and I fully anticipate that our current student body will elevate the bar to new heights as they strive towards academic and personal goals. Having already experienced extreme success at the district and state level, we have now set our sights on becoming the premier learning organization in the nation. I am truly grateful for your consideration in placing your Scholars in our trust. I will continue to be dedicated to the success of each and every student placed in my charge.

Respectfully,

Paul Peacock

Principal

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Indian Trails Middle School

Vision

Indian Trails Middle School is committed to challenge, empower and inspire scholars to apply their knowledge, skills and creativity in order to achieve academic and personal success in an ever changing global community through innovative teaching, community involvement and the application of new technologies.

Mission

To provide high-quality, innovative instruction to our scholars in a safe environment.

Motto

The Big 3 -
Do What Is Right,
Do Your Best,
Treat Others the Way You Want to be Treated.

Flagler County School District Guiding Principles

Children First
Trust and Respect for All
Empower Others
Teamwork
Excellence, Quality, and Consistency
Commitment to Individual Needs
Get to "YES"

ITMS Best Buddies

Best Buddies Club is an organization that was organized by Anthony Shriver in 1989. In middle school, the Best Buddies Club operates as a student-run friendship club. The mission is to promote one-to-one friendships between students with and without disabilities. The purpose of Best Buddies is to foster natural friendships between two people.

At Indian Trails Middle School, there are 34 Best Buddy members who participate either during the school day and/or remain after school on Wednesdays. The afterschool program members collaborate together to develop activities for all of the members during the school day.

This school year the Best Buddies have enjoyed a Match Party to celebrate their friendship matches. During lunch, the club has planned themed social activities for the first Monday of the month. So far this school year we have had a pancake social, ice pop social and a decorate-a-cookie social. The club also brings social awareness to our school by campaigning during the month of March to "End the R Word" and in May the club will participate with all Northeast Florida schools and travel to Jacksonville Beach, Florida for the Best Buddy Walk.



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ITMS Creative Writing Club

ITMS Creative Writing Club has been very busy putting our thoughts in writing this year! Not only did our scholars complete their anthology submissions this year, but they also completed a partnership with an elementary school for Literacy Week.

Scholars took the opportunity to write short stories and poems about topics that interested them. Stories were about anything from aliens to manga. Scholars appreciated the opportunity to write at their leisure and about what they chose.

Our ITMS Scholars were also able to partner with K-3 students at Rymfire Elementary School. The children were able to Google Hangout with our club and share the ideas they would like to see in a story. Then our club was able to put those stories down on paper for the students at Rymfire to enjoy during their Literacy Week.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of the Creative Writing Club at ITMS. Scholars are so creative and seeing their work come to life is AWESOME!

One scholar I would like to highlight is Steph Lorincz.

Live

Stephanie Lorincz
ITMS, 8th Grade

Live your moment, live your life
You only get a chance this one time
Get the tickets, get the food
Do whatever you want to do
No one is stopping you
Only yourself
So, live your moment and live your life
Before you realize
That you might die

Never stop being creative!

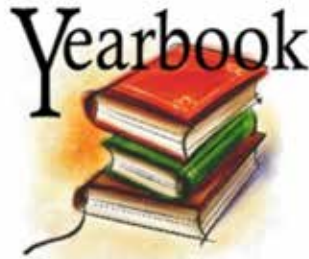
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ITMS

Josh Crews Creative Writing Club

Yearbook Sale

Please be sure to buy your yearbook so you can cherish all of your school memories. The pre-order cost is \$25.



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2018-2019 Testing Schedule — 2019 Spring Testing Dates

Testing Dates are Subject to Change Be sure to always stay tuned at www.itmsmustangs.com under the Guidance tab for testing dates.

ASSESSMENT	DATE	GR	NOTES
FSA ELA Writing	Tuesday, April 2	7/8	7 CBT 120 minutes 8 CBT 120 minutes
FSA ELA Reading	Wednesday, May 1 Grade 7 Reading Session 1 Grade 8 Reading Session 1	7/8	CBT 85 Minutes
FSA ELA Reading	Thursday, May 2 Grade 7 Reading Session 2 Grade 8 Reading Session 2	7/8	CBT 85 Minutes
State Science Assessment	Tuesday, May 7 Grade 8 Sessions 1 and 2	8	PBT 160 Minutes- 80 minutes each session
NGSSS Civics EOC	Thursday, May 9 Sessions 1 and 2	7	CBT 160 Minutes
US Hlstory CDF	Thursday, May 9	8	90 minutes
FSA Math (7,8), FSA EOCs Algebra, Geometry	Tuesday, May 14 Grade 7 Session 1 Grade 8 Session 1 Algebra Session 1 Geometry Session 1	7/8	CBT 60 Minutes Grades 7-8 CBT 90 Minutes Algebra and Geometry
FSA Math (7,8), FSA EOCs Algebra, Geometry	Wednesday, May 15 Grade 7 Session 2,3 Grade 8 Session 2,3 Algebra Session 2 Geometry Session 2	7/8	CBT 60 Minutes Grades 7-8 each session CBT 90 Minutes Algebra and Geometry

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ITMS Celebrates Black History Month

Indian Trails Mustang Scholars will be celebrating African American poets, historical figures, and pioneers during Black History Month. During Language Arts class, students will read and analyze poetry by authors such as Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Bennett, Claude McKay, and many more. Students will also be studying the lives and contributions of African American historical figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Frederick Douglas, and Claude Mckay. Our Mustang family member, Mrs. Thornton, has created a display housed in the front reception area chronicling the achievements of African American men and women who were pioneers in their respective fields.



Spanish Club Presents International Hispanic Festival

The Spanish Club and Mrs. Gilliam held the ITMS International Hispanic Festival on February 22, 2019 from 5:30p to 8:30pm. It was an amazing time for our Mustang Scholars and their families to celebrate Hispanic culture. There were samples of food, as well as student work representing art, literature, music, and history from many Hispanic countries.



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ITMS Musicians Shine

The Indian Trails Bands presented their annual Winter Concert on Thursday, December 13th. The evening featured the Beginning, Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands.

Beginning Band started off the concert by performing some holiday favorites. It was only their second time performing with all three classes combined, and their very first time playing music with more than one part. Jazz Band featured soloists Anya Fox and Ayden Stroupe, both on alto saxophone. Concert and Symphonic Bands both featured a mix of traditional band music and some holiday favorites. The bands wrapped everything up with a holiday sing-a-long complete with audience participation!

The Winter Concert is a wonderful way to bring the first half of the school year to a close. Thank you to Mr. Peacock for arranging the refreshments after the concert. Everyone enjoyed the cookies before heading home.

