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From the Principal

Mustang Families,

Indian Trails Middle School has had a fantastic start to the 2019-2020 school year. We are happy to announce that for the third year in a row Indian Trails has earned the School of Excellence distinction from the state of Florida Department of Education. As we begin a new year of learning, we hope that each of our scholars is reflecting on lessons from the past and setting goals for the future. We look forward to providing all of our scholars with the opportunity to continually enhance the valuable skills that will allow them to reach the highest levels of both personal and academic success for many years to come.

Our sports teams continue their drive toward excellence, and exemplify the commitment of every Mustang to always do what is right, do your best, and treat others the way you want to be treated. Our cross-country team, led by Coach Hoover, is enjoying tremendous success during training sessions and on race days! Our girls' volleyball team continues to make our school proud as amazing ambassadors of sportsmanship and athleticism, led by the example of Coach Russell.

Communication is instrumental in providing a quality education. Please follow us on Twitter, @ITMSMUSTANGS, and check out our website, itmsmustangs.com, for the latest information. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's professional educators or grade-level teams. Our staff cares for your student and will work to return your calls and answer emails in a timely manner. As always, please feel free to communicate with any of our administrative staff so we can ensure excellent customer service.

At Indian Trails, we live by the motto of the Big 3- "Do What is Right, Do Your Best, Treat Others the Way You Want to be Treated." When the Big 3 is modeled within the home and school together, we are able to uplift others, inspire greatness, and become successful.

Respectfully,

Paul Peacock

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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"

Welcome

New Faces at ITMS

We have some new faculty and staff around the Indian Trails campus. We would like to introduce scholars and parents to the new professionals at our school. Please help us make them feel welcome!

Mrs. Dean is the newest addition to our Language Arts Department. She is teaching 7th-grade Intensive Reading and 8th-grade Language Arts. She is also heading up this year's Yearbook Club. She is a recent graduate of FCGU and an alumna of Flagler County schools.

Mrs. Williams is a new face in our Math Department. She is teaching 7th-grade Advanced Math. She brings with her many years of experience across many different math subjects, from Algebra to Calculus and everything in between.

Mrs. Russi has also joined our team of outstanding math Professional Educators. She has taught for over 25 years, and taught everything from 1st grade to 10th grade. She is teaching both 8th-grade Math and Algebra to our scholars.

Ms. Zeng is our new Chorus and Theater teacher. She came to us from Champion Elementary in Volusia county. She has studied a variety of instruments including piano, voice, and guitar. The scholars have enjoyed her energy and creativity in both of her classes and we look forward to future performances from our chorus!

Mrs. Sims is Indian Trails' resident Spanish teacher. She is a veteran Spanish teacher, with 18 years of teaching at FPC and Florida Virtual School. Mrs. Sims' husband, Dusty, is a familiar face in Flagler county and now works at the Florida Department of Education. Their children are also part of the Flagler family.

We have also added some new faces to our Student Services team. Mrs. Kim Turner has joined us in the Dean's Office. Mrs. Turner has worked in the county for many years, most recently at FPC. Ms. Madison Kelly is our new 8th-grade Guidance Counselor.

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Mrs. Collindres Wins Big at FPS

Over the summer, fifteen ITMS Future Problem Solvers traveled to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst for Future Problem Solving International Competition. The Community Problem Solving Team, SKILLS (Searching to Keep Independent Living and Life Skills) ended up in 4th Place in their division.



Their teacher and coach, Mrs. Colindres, also competed in the Adult Magic Writing Division for Global Issues Problem Solving. Mrs. Colindres won first place and was named International Champion. Congratulations, Mrs. Colindres, on the amazing accomplishments of your students and your personal victory as well!

School Advisory Council Meeting (SAC)

What is School Advisory Council (SAC)? SAC is a team of people representing various segments of the community—parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/ industry professionals, and other interested community members. The purpose of SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation (developing and evaluating) of the results of the school improvement plan. Additionally, SAC receives funds to be used at the discretion of the School Advisory Committee, and a portion of this money should be used for implementing the school improvement plan.

Please join us on Thursday, October 3rd from 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the Indian Trails Spark.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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ITMS Sports

Mustang Sports Corner

ITMS Boys Cross Country Team Goes Undefeated for the 2019 season! Justin Gilliam won and broke the 3k school record again, running a 10:31. Also placing in the top 6 were: Brenin Striplin 2nd, Jack Moberly 4th, Fionn Daly 6th, Isabella Tarsitano 5th, and Maria Phillips 6th.



Pal Sports

ITMS is offering a wide range of middle school athletics programs in collaboration with the Police Athletic League. The fall sports offered will be Cross Country (boys and girls) and Girls Volleyball. Winter sports being offered will be Basketball (Boys and Girls), Cheerleading, and Soccer. Track and Field will be offered in the spring. Sign up information is available at <https://www.flaglersheriffspal.org/>.



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ITMS Chorus and Band

ITMS Chorus combines Chorus 1 and 2 to create our Choral Ensemble which focuses on the development of comprehensive choral musicianship through performance experience. With multiple performances throughout the year, this ensemble aims to build self-confidence, vocal technique, and the skills to becoming a well-rounded musician. Our performances will include a concert with Matanzas High School's chorus, a winter concert, and a spring concert!

The ITMS Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands kicked off the school year with their annual Fall Concert on October 3rd. The bands performed many different styles of music and featured numerous solos with the Jazz Band.

Beginning Band members held their Demonstration Concert on October 10th to show off their newly acquired skills. Parents were invited "on stage" to get an up-close look at what our student musicians do in class each day.



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Monday, November 11th

Wednesday, November 13th

Monday, November 25th – Friday, November 29th
(If needed, Hurricane make-up days November 25th – 27th)

Monday, December 2nd

Thursday, December 19th

Friday, December 20th

(If needed, Hurricane make-up day)

Monday, December 23rd – Friday, January 3rd

Monday, January 6th

Veteran's Day-No School

Progress Reports – Second Quarter

Thanksgiving Break-No School

School Resumes

End of Second Quarter/Semester

Teacher Workday-No School

Winter Break-No School

School Resumes – Start of Second Semester