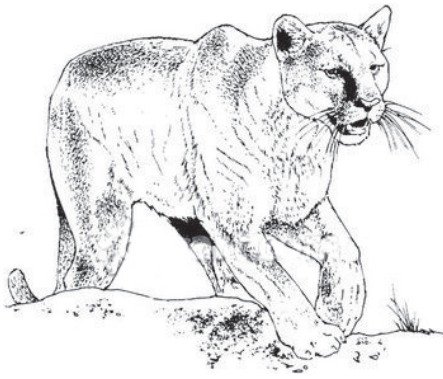


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OFFICE UPDATE

from Sharon M. Kennedy, Site Administrator



Welcome back to Incline Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year! Our student body of 200 students in grades six through 8 is eagerly attending classes with seventeen highly qualified teaching professionals, supported by ten classified workers. Our school may be small but we approach the school year with big goals.

We have met our target for participation for 8th grade students in higher level math. Forty five percent of this class is taking Algebra or Geometry, which meets the target set by Washoe County School

District for this year. We are making Pre-Algebra accessible to more 7th grade students through support offered during enrichment in anticipation of a higher target for next year.

Three teachers, the school counselor and I attended AVID training in San Diego this past summer. This program, Achievement Via Individual Determination, has a mission of closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. Students who are recommended for this program are those with academic potential, may be the first in their family to attend college, are historically underserved in four year colleges, from low income families, and/or present with other special circumstances. This is a college readiness program, not a remedial program and, as such, seeks to empower students and provide them with the skills to be successful in high school and then college. Incline HS currently has a successful AVID program into which we hope to feed eager and prepared students. In fact, we hope to institute many AVID strategies, such as the AVID organized binder and Cornell note taking, into classes school wide. In later newsletter submissions I hope to provide more information about this new class.

READING VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Incline Middle School is pleased to start our reading volunteer program. It will begin Tuesday, October 11th from 12:04-12:34. We will be having reading every day of the week except Wednesdays. Reading volunteers are paired up with students that can benefit from weekly reading aloud. If you would like to participate please send an email to Liz Harrell (lharrell@washoeschools.net) with a day that is best for you.

YEARBOOKS

IMS Yearbooks are for sale. The cost is \$30 or \$35 with a nameplate. Parents can write a check to IMS and the students can take the check to the library. Parents can also order online at www.balfour.com

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 10/3-10/7** October Break - NO SCHOOL
- 10/10** 7th Grade Great Basin Field Trip
- 10/11** Girls Basketball @ Sage Ridge 4pm
- 10/12** Jr. Booster Meeting 9:15am
Girls Basketball vs LTS @ IV Rec. Ctr. 3pm
- 10/14** Cross Country @ Eagle Valley 3pm
- 10/15** Girls' Basketball Tah Neva League
Championships @ Alder Creek
- 10/18** 25 7th Grade Students to UNR 9AM
Share Parent Preview Night
@ IMS 6-8:30PM
- 10/19** 6th Grade Great Basin Field Trip
- 10/21** 2PM Cross Country Championship
@ Kahle Community Center
Halloween Dance @ IMS 6:30-8:30pm
- 10/27** End of the Grading Period
Trail of Treats and Terror 5-8pm
- 10/28** Nevada Day - NO SCHOOL

NEW FOR 2011-2012

This year all home IHS games (e.g. football, soccer, volleyball, basketball) will be charging K-8 students \$3 for entry at the gate. The IHS Boosters is offering a new K-8 student pass for \$10. This pass will allow the student entry to all home games (excluding regional or championship games which IHS does not control entry to) for the entire school year. For families that become Boosters members (Champion level or above), multiple K-8 passes may be purchased (for family members only) at a discounted rate - \$5 each for the second and subsequent K-8 passes. To purchase a K-8 student pass, please contact Kathie Goldberg (kathie_goldberg@yahoo.com).

Jr. Booster Executive Committee:

PRESIDENT Kathie Goldberg
VICE PRESIDENT Dianne Severance
SECRETARY Debbie Larson
TREASURER Jayne Findlen / Sharon Schrage
MEMBER-AT-LARGE Joanne Devine

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■ PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to our new IMS families and welcome back to those of you that are returning! As always, we have an exciting year ahead of us!

The Jr. Boosters Club is a terrific parent support group for the middle school and we encourage all of you to participate and help out with our activities. I would like to invite all of you to join our organization. The membership dues are \$25 per family and all contributions go to the students of IMS. The membership drive is our only fundraiser and provides nearly ALL of the money we need to do what we do. Without contributions, the Jr. Boosters would not be able to sponsor events such as the Halloween Dance, Dad's Day, and the 8th grade celebration. Please consider joining even if you intend to never attend a meeting or volunteer your time – we need your financial support!

Jr. Booster meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday morning of the month in the former home ec room at 9:15am. We try to hold these meetings to 60 - 90 minutes. At these meetings we discuss how we can support the school and students through various activities.

The monthly meeting schedule for the remainder of the year is:

October 12th, November 16th, December 12st, January 18th, February 15th, March 21st, April 18th and May 16th

I maintain an email list for distribution of Jr. Boosters and IMS news and information in addition to community information that gets passed on to me that I feel may be relevant to some of our IMS families. If you would like to be included on this email list, please send me an email (kathie_goldberg@yahoo.com).

The much-anticipated Halloween Dance is on Friday, October 21st. The dance will take place from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Thank you to Jeanette Martinez and Joy Strotz for again chairing this event! We need help decorating for the event as well as with providing refreshments for the kids and chaperoning the dance. Please contact me if you can help us out.

Take Dad (or Someone Special) to School Day is being held in conjunction with Incline Elementary School once again and will take place on Thursday, November 3rd. We hope to see lots of parents walking the halls with their students that day – just try not to get any tardies! Thank you to Shahin Lampe for chairing this event again this year!

We can't put on these events without the help of volunteers. Please let me know if you would like to help with any of these events and thank you if you have already volunteered.

Enjoy the beautiful Tahoe Fall season!

Kathie Goldberg

Jr. Boosters President

kathie_goldberg@yahoo.com

■ IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVITIES

- E-Directory Publication October
- E-Newsletters Monthly
- Halloween Dance October 21st
- Brown Bag Lunch w/ Supt. Morrison November 2nd at noon
- Take Dad/Special Person to School November 3rd
- School Spelling Bee January
- IAO Talent Show February 4th
- Science Fair February
- Star Follies April 28/29
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 7 - 11th
- 8th Grade Celebration June 13th
- ISAEF Golf Fundraiser June

■ USEFUL LINKS

Incline Middle School Jr. Boosters Club
imsboosters.org

Incline Schools Website
inlineschools.org

Infinite Campus
washoe.k12.nv.us/parents/infinite-campus

Incline High School
inclinehs.org

Incline After School Organization
inclineafterschool.org

Incline Schools Academic Excellence Foundation (ISAEF)
inclinevillageschools.com

Washoe County School District
washoe.k12.nv.us

Washoe County Library System
washoecountylibrary.us

North Lake Tahoe Bonanza
tahoebonanza.com

The Village Guide
villageguide.org

Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID)
ivgid.org

Incline Village Parks and Recreation
inclinerecreation.com

Arts For the Schools
artsfortheschools.org

eLearning Cafe
elearningcafes.org

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■ FROM THE COUNSELOR

Mary Blount

Lots of things will be going on around school in the next couple months. October is Bullying Prevention Month. We will be doing some school wide activities to raise awareness about this serious issue and give the students some strategies to help make Incline Middle School a bully-free place to learn. Tahoe Safe Alliance, formerly Tahoe Women's Services, will be doing their prevention presentations for all grade levels. The topic in 6th grade is Bullying/ Sexual Harassment Prevention, 7th grade: Domestic Violence/ Healthy Relationships, 8th grade: Sexual Assault/ Healthy Relationships. They will also do Cyber-Safety presentation for the whole school. If you have questions about these prevention programs there will be a parent preview presentation on Wednesday, 10/12 at 1:30. You may also contact me. I have an outline of the program.

The Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Team works regularly to help reinforce positive behavior throughout the school. This is an essential part of bully prevention. We are recognizing students who do the right thing all the time. On September 30th we had the first school wide incentive for students who had A's in behavior in all classes, fewer than 4 tardies and no detentions. These students were given an extra recess during our enrichment period in recognition of their exceptional behavior the first 6 weeks of school. This will be a monthly event focusing on different behaviors that make good students such as homework, grades and overall behavior. The video production class will also focus some of their daily announcements on the topic of bully prevention.

The counselor plays a big role in bully prevention. Statistics show that 6% of all people are truly bullies. The rest of the bully behavior at school comes from students reacting poorly to situations that are annoying and frustrating. I regularly meet with students to help them make good choices and solve conflicts with friends and classmates. Sometimes this is very effective and other times I need to involve the administration and parents. It is important that we all work together to make this a safe place for all students.

On another topic, The American Red Cross will once again be facilitating the Masters of Disaster Program. This program will be meeting once a week for 6-8 weeks starting the end of October. The program focuses on teaching students about the causes and effects of natural disasters and how to be prepared to deal with a disaster if it occurs in our town. It is a fun and informative program. Look for more information in the next couple weeks or contact bunkerl@nevada.redcross.org.

■ OTIS SPUNKMEYER® COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER FOR IMS ORCHESTRA AND BAND

From Sept. 29, 2011 through Oct. 14, 2011 Incline Middle School 7th and 8th grade advanced band and orchestra students will be selling tubs of delicious Otis Spunkmeyer® cookie dough as its fundraiser. Money raised through this fundraiser will go to our spring tour to perform in a California based music contest.

Each tub of frozen Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough costs \$15 and makes about 36 cookies. Containing 0g trans fat, no partially hydrogenated oils, no added preservatives, and cage free eggs, you can feel good about stocking up! Choose from 13 cookie flavors in addition to Double Chocolate Sheet Brownies, Apple Coffee Cake and heat-and-serve Pretzels. View the fundraising products available at www.otisfundraisingideas.com/products.

Incline Middle School 7th and 8th grade advanced band and orchestra students will be taking orders, or you can place your order in the Incline Middle School office. Make checks payable to IMS BAND TRIP.

For more information, contact: John Mueller, Incline Middle School Music Director. 775-832-4220

■ ART IN ACTION

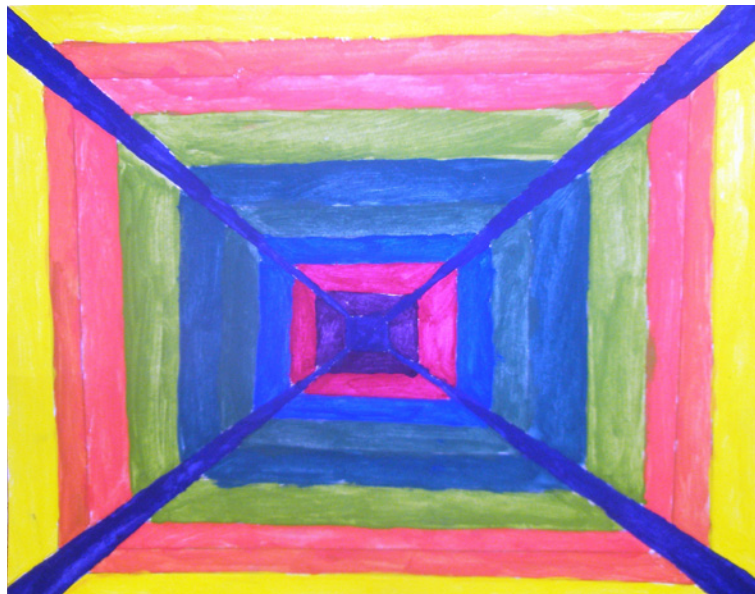
by **Conor Drewes**

More yellow! More red! More green! This type of conversation filled the room as students painted their latest project, an Abstract Geometric Painting. This project was based on the work of Frank Stella, who alternated two or more geometric shapes and painted them with a pre picked color scheme. We chose the colors from the color wheel. Tints and shades, complimentary colors, and analogous colors were several of our options. This project began with sketching our beginning shapes on newsprint and then having them approved by the art teacher, Ms. Gilbert. After this we drew our sketches on thicker, nicer railroad board. Next we placed masking tape on the lines we drew to create hard edges and straight lines when painting. We then painted the shapes we had lined with tape. We then removed the tape and repeated the process. The background was then painted with a color that would contrast with the other colors on the paper. Congratulations! You have just finished and Abstract Geometric painting!



By **Kira Porter**

By **Charlie Zedner**



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■ IVGID YOUTH PROGRAMS

IVGID Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

Grades: 6th - 12th

The YAC addresses issues of education, employment, recreation, youth development, volunteerism and leadership. This group is responsible for programs, events and initiatives that promote positive youth development and involvement in local schools, communities and governments. This is a great resume builder that will look excellent to employers and college admissions! All of your time with YAC will count towards your required volunteer hours as well. Please see our website for additional information.

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: October 12, November 9, December 14, January 2, February 8, March 14

Time: 4:30 pm

Fee: FREE

Location: Incline Recreation Center - Kid Zone Room

Trail of Treats & Terror

All Incline Trick-or-Treaters and their parents are welcome to join the quest by parking their mere mortal vehicles at the Incline Middle School (IMS) parking lot before walking the plank to "The Pirates of PCC" at the Donald W. Reynolds Community Non-Profit Center. You will then wind your way through the "Fantasy Forest" to "R.I.P" (Recreation in Peace) at the Recreation Center. Proceed along the carefree "Candy Lane" to "The Monster Mash Bash" at Lake Tahoe School. Continue with care through the "Talking Tree Forest" to "The Haunted Halls" of Sierra Nevada College. The Spooky Shuttle will return any survivors to their cars parked at the IMS parking lot. Come join the fun...we are dying to see you!

Date: Thursday, October 27th

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Fee: FREE

Location: Donald W. Reynolds Community Non-Profit Center, Recreation Center Lobby, Lake Tahoe School & Sierra Nevada College

We are looking for volunteers to help us with games at the Recreation Center part of the Trail (it will count towards your required volunteer hours).

Incline Village Parks and Recreation - 980 Incline Way, Incline Village, NV 89451 www.inclinerecreation.com

Recreation Center/Host Desk (775) 832-1300, Parks & Rec Counter (775) 832-1310, Sports Office (775) 832-1322

Youth, Teens & Family Special Events (775) 832-1301, Incline Tennis Center (775) 832-1235, Recreation Center Pool (775) 832-1321

■ INCLINE AFTER-SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The **Talent Show** is Saturday February 4th at Incline High School Theatre with doors opening at 6 pm. Last year's performance was sold out and the talent was, once again, incredible. This is the most entertaining live performance in Incline Village and it's an honor to invite your talented youth to start setting up personal auditions with Kathie Goldberg and Scott Vaughan. I'm confident that this year's performance will be inspired and long remembered.

Incline's Middle School **Mountain Bike "Fall Down Hill" Team** just ended their season on the Friday prior to October break. And once again, no broken bones or serious injuries were suffered. This was a record year for both students and adult supervisors with over 20 Middle Schooler's from Incline Village participating in the world famous "Chinese Downhill." This name is not new, but just modified from the "Chinese Camprail" which is a 150 + year old trail the immigrant Chinese workers used to get between the mill by Mill Creek and their campground near where the North Flume and the "Chinesse Downhill" intersect.

Indoor Soccer will start on Monday November 14th at Incline Recreation Center at 2:30 for IMS students who have good citizenship in school and permission to participate from thier parents. Middle School students are invited to Friday matches that include Incline High School students.

■ SPORTS CENTER

Cross Country

The Incline Middle School cross country team is running down the 2011 season. The season began at Whittell, followed by meets at North Tahoe, Incline Village, and South Tahoe.

The first Tah-Neva competition took place on the Whittell Warrior Warpath. The course proved to be a spectacular challenge with several water crossings and steep hills. Team veterans such as Owen Graffis, Nelson Bedient, Brandon Herhusky, Samantha Lampe, Stephanie Homola, and Jeremy Goldberg posted top finishes and personal records. Newcomers, including Ryan Eppolito, Joshua Lewis, Conor Devine, Arantza Alcantara, Mia Bibolet, and Blaise Bibolet, proved to be valuable assets to the team. The real surprise was the team of 6/7 grade girls. Young runners Kate Rye, Rachael Homla, Molly Racich, Kayla Smothers, and Hope Schirling stepped out as a dominant force.

The second meet of the season took place at North Tahoe. Through the hills and dust, Samantha Lampe emerged to claim a definitive first place finish. "I just kept thinking, 'Keep going. Keep going.' Every time I thought about the finish line, I made my pace a little bit faster." Sami said. Other top finishers included Kate Rye, Ryan Eppolito, Owen Graffis, and Joshua Lewis. "This is an amazing group of athletes." said Coach Barth. "Everyone is extremely focused and goal oriented."

Incline Middle School hosted the 3rd cross country meet of the season with many athletes posting top finishes and personal records. "The athletes are continually improving." said Coach Barth. "The team is really looking forward to the championship meet."

Most recently, the cross country team competed on the notoriously hilly South Tahoe course. Known as the "Retro" meet, students pounded the hillsides in costume for a day of fun and finishes. Medal finishes were awarded to Owen Graffis, Ryan Eppolito, Josh Lewis, and Kate Rye. According to Coach Campbell and Coach Barth, Mia Bibolet and Brandon Herhusky won the "best costume" award.

After fall break, the team will reconvene to compete at Eagle Valley and the Tah-Neva Championships. Best wishes to the IMS cross country team as they complete a memorable season. Go Mountain Lions!

Girls Basketball

The 2011 8th Grade girls basketball team is a highly skilled group of players consisting of 5 players that have been playing organized basketball leagues and occasional tournaments together since the 5th grade.

The team is off to an undefeated 5-0 start with no opponents coming within 15 points of them.

The girls have a goal of completing the Tah-Neva D-1 league with an 8-0 record and competing hard in the upcoming Tah-Neva tournament that will take place on October 15th at Alder Creek Middle School.

Team members include Arely Camacho, Kira Porter, Hadyne Schuft, Annika Hansen, Briana Barraza, Zaira Padilla, Mia Severance, Viridiana Lucero and Ki-eshia Marcum.

Coach Shane Goddard