

MONTHLY REPORT

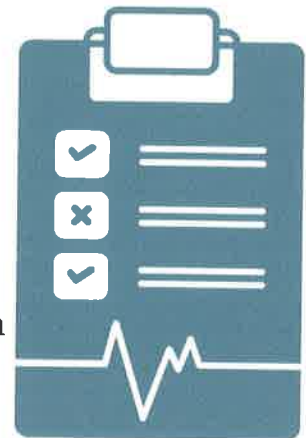
The latest news and updates from W.W. Irby Elementary School



From the Principal's Desk:

Parents/Guardians,

On Tuesday, February 9th, Irby Elementary will be conducting our yearly Health Screenings on all of our 1st grade classroom students that are Brick and Mortar. This screening will include their vision, hearing, and height/weight/BMI. We will be sending home a Health Screening Report for your review. Florida Statutes Florida Administrative Code 64F-6.003 requires that School Health Services staff conduct the following health screenings for specific groups of students according to grade level. If you would like to decline this screening for your child, then please call Nurse Mindy at 386-462-5002 ext 2802. If your child has had a recent physical, within the last 6 months, please have your pediatrician/physician send this to our school so we can input this information in your child's records. Our fax number is 888-527-8125.



If you are a parent of a digital academy student, please call our office to inform us if your child will be attending this Health Screening Event. Health screenings for Digital Academy students will take place on Wednesday, February 10th, by appointment only. Please call the clinic to inform us if your Digital Academy child will be participating in this event, or if you would like to decline this screening for your child. Thank you for all of your cooperation.

Mrs. Floyd
Principal

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Irby's Citizen of the Month for December: Evalee Sapp



Evalee is an outstanding 2nd grader who loves her family and enjoys going to school. In her free time she enjoys playing with her friends and riding her bike. Her favorite subjects in school are math and reading and she aspires to become a police officer when she is older. Congratulations Evalee!

PTA NEWS

Birthday Marquee: For just \$10, you can have your child's name and birthday displayed on the school marquee. Reserve your spot by going to: <https://irby-elementary-pta.square.site/>

PTA Meeting:
Be sure to join us for our next PTA meeting on February 2nd at 6:30pm. A virtual meeting link will be sent out closer to the event. All are welcome!

Be sure to check out our PTA on Instagram, YouTube, and FaceBook!



Beginning 2/1, "Valentine Grams" may be purchased by students and parents for \$1. They will include an assortment of festive goodies, sure to brighten anyone's day! Parents wishing to make a purchase should visit the front office. The last day to make purchases will be Tuesday, February 9th. "Valentine Grams" will be delivered to homerooms on 2/12.

Ways to Help Your Child Develop Empathy



Empathy is the ability to understand and respect the perspective of others or to walk in another's shoes. A child's sense of empathy appear early in life. However, it needs to be constantly nurtured so that children grow up to be kind and compassionate towards others. Let's look at some specific ways to help your child build strong lasting relationships.

- Teach children about feelings. By teaching children about positive or negative feelings, it helps them to connect feeling words to their emotions.
- Give your child responsibilities. By giving your child age-appropriate responsibilities, like looking after a pet, they are learning to be responsible and tend to learn to think about others
- Examine your values, discuss diversity, model, and encourage empathy for others. When children see you respond to situations with empathy, they will internalize those behaviors and learn to do the same.
- Read fiction stories to or with your child. This provides a great opportunity to have a conversation and help your child learn to understand and empathize with different perspectives.



Curriculum Spotlight

Kindergarten

Welcome February! The new month finds kindergarten focusing and digging deeper into the phonics skills g, e, j, and w. The sight words we will be learning are do, your, use, how, will, up, into, has, time, make, each, green, yellow, blue, red. Please reinforce these sight words at home and ensure your child masters them each week. Our reading skills we will review are sequence, cause and effect, and character.

This month brings with it an event of huge excitement in kindergarten -- the 100th day of school!! This year the 100th day falls on February 12th. Parents are asked to help their child assemble a collection of 100 items. Items such as buttons, seeds, leaves, beans, cotton balls, beads, paperclips, trading cards, fingerprints, etc. can be collected. This is a fantastic activity to help foster creativity in your child. Please have your child bring in their 100th day collections any time prior to the 100th day.



Second Grade

Second grade is rocking and rolling! This month in phonics, we are focusing on vowel teams, such as /ai/, /oa/, /ee/, and /ie/. In reading we are diving into Text Features, Images in Text and hitting the nonfiction books! In the wonderful world of numbers, our math skills are being put to the test. We are learning how to add and subtract three-digit numbers. In science, we are moving on to Energy and Forces and Motion. In Social Studies, we are learning all about immigration, as well as, diving into Black History Month. We are so proud of the growth our students are making. Keep Soaring High!!

First Grade

In ELA, we will continue working hard on learning our "sight words" so we can increase our fluency rate. Please continue to make sure that you read with your child nightly for a minimum of 15 minutes. Like we always say in 1st Grade, "The MORE you READ, the BETTER you get!" We will be learning to read and write words with a bunch of new sounds this month like ai, ay, ea, oa, ow, ie and igh in ELA as well. In ELA, we will also be learning the difference between literary and informational text. In MATH, we will continue to work on mastering comparing the place value of numbers 1-120, as well as, adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers. It's hard to believe that we will also be celebrating the 100th day of school this month!! We will continue studying "Properties of Matter" and then will move into a unit on "Force and Motion" in SCIENCE. Last, but definitely not least, we will be learning about "Black History", "Presidents Day", "National Monuments", "Heart Health" and "Dental Health" this month. The First Grade Teachers would like to thank you for your continued support!! Hope you have a wonderful Valentines Day!! :-) We wish you well!!! :-)



Skate Station Spirit Night

February 5th, 2021

5-7pm



FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Begin 2 nd Semester Black History Month	2 Groundhog Day PTA Meeting (Virtual) 6:30pm	3	4	5 Skate Station 5-7pm	6
	National School Counselors/Student Services Week					
7	8	9 Report Cards available via Skyward Family Access Health Screening Day	10	11	12 100 th Day of School	13
14	15 President's Day- No School	16 2 nd Grade Sealant Program	17	18	19 Jump Rope for Heart Event	20
21	22	23	24	25 School Advisory Council (SAC) 2:30pm	26	27



NEST NEWS



RESOURCES AND UPDATES FROM IRBY'S MEDIA CENTER

BLACK HOLLYWOOD:

"THEY GOTTA HAVE US"

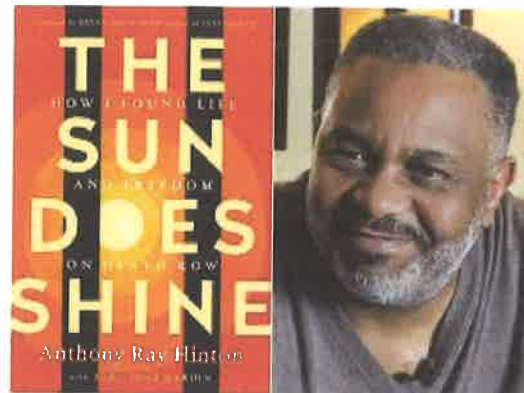
This Netflix Documentary traces the history of Black Cinema. A look at the pioneers and just in time for **Black History Month!**



EXPLORE THIS AMAZING DOCUMENTARY

PREVIEW HERE >

<https://youtu.be/9D5Dhk0LJBQ>



February Parent Book

Recommendation:

The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row by **Anthony Ray Hinton and Laura Love Hardin**

MEDIA PROMPTS:

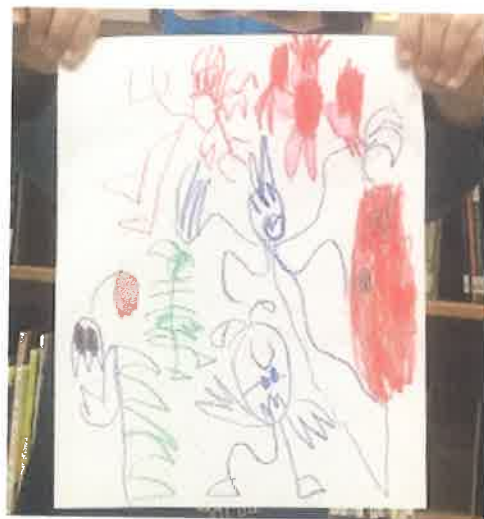
- Please check out the "FREE BOOK CART" in the teachers' lounge to build up your classroom library while you can!
- Reminder: Media classes will be receiving RIF books on their designated day instead of checking out a book.
- Check out Irby's Black History Month Collection on the Destiny Discovery Portal at:
<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/102723>

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT ON:

Irby student **Lloyd Holt II!**

He started a publication called: "Breaking News" that was read to his classmates in the Media Center.

We hope to hear more about the monsters, lava, and action that comes from a one-of-a-kind storyteller.



FEBRUARY CHARACTER TRAIT: **BE LOVING!**

WE TRULY LOVE THE DELICIOUS FOOD THAT OUR FOOD SERVICE STAFF COOKS EACH DAY!!!

THANK YOU!!!



Angie Stevens, Janet Jenkins, Gary Gainey, and Bud Borcharding

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YEARBOOK AD SPECIALS

Due date: March 5th, 2020

COMMUNITY
PARTNERS

- Full page: \$100
- Half page: \$60
- Quarter page: \$45
- Business card: \$35

FAMILY/STUDENT
PAGES

- Full page: \$80
- Half page: \$40
- Quarter page: \$20

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