

IPTO

ITASCA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Proudly serving Benson Primary, Franzen Intermediate, and Peacock Middle Schools



August Events

- 17 First Day of School
- 19 Peacock Picture Day
- 22 IPTO Welcoming Evening
7:00PM @ Benson
- 25 Franzen's Curriculum Night
6:30-8:00PM

Please join us at the

IPTO Welcome Evening

Monday, August 22

7:00PM @ Benson

Agenda

- IPTO Events/Committees will be highlighted
- Opportunity to sign up for co-chair or volunteer for IPTO Committees
- Classroom holiday parties sign up
- Children are always welcome at IPTO meetings.

New on the Website this Month:

- IPTO Newsletter Dates and Deadlines
- Franzen Book Fair Information

President's Letter

Welcome Back! The Itasca Parent Teacher Organization represents Benson, Franzen and Peacock Schools. The principal and teacher representative from each school attend every IPTO meeting with updates regarding their respective buildings and to answer any questions.

Parent volunteers are the backbone of the IPTO! Volunteering is an excellent way to make an impact on the educational experience for our students, meet new people, and have fun. No amount of time is too small! Please join us at the IPTO Welcome Night to receive more information on all open committees at all the schools.

Our fundraising goal this year will be school enrichments. Through the generosity of our families and friends who have participated in our fundraisers, the IPTO was able to give Benson, Franzen and Peacock each \$22,000.00. A list of purchases for each school is on the backside of the newsletter.

Please note that the IPTO is a 501(C)(3) charitable organization and all donations to the IPTO are tax deductible.

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As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact an IPTO Board member directly. We are looking forward to an exciting school year!

Regards,

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IPTO President

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Important News

School Technology Purchase

This summer, thanks to the generosity of school families and friends, the IPTO was able to fund a significant amount of school enrichments for our schools. Below is a list of purchases for each building.

- **Benson:** 18 iPads, 5 online subscriptions for student use, picnic table for staff, ceiling mounted projector and screen for gym/multipurpose room, USA state carpet for media center, Bose sound system, "Buddy Bench" banner
- **Franzen:** New media center tables and chairs, PE playground curriculum and stencil set, recess equipment and classroom activity kits
- **Peacock:** 2 Mimeo projectors, 2 Mimeo Teach units, 2 new scoreboards for gym, 2 large whiteboards, library projector, new cabinets for library

IPTO Meeting Dates

All meetings begin at 7:00PM in the Media Center of the designated school.

Thursday, Sept. 22 @ Franzen
Thursday, Nov. 3 @ Peacock
Thursday, Jan. 12 @ Benson

Coming Up Next Month:

- Peacock's Athletic Booster Dance - 9/9
- Franzen's Special Friends Day - 9/16
- IPTO Meeting @ Franzen - 9/22
- Benson's Special Friends Day - 9/23

Newsletter Information

For information on newsletter submissions, all due dates and online posting dates, please go to the IPTO tab on the District 10 website: www.itasca.k12.il.us. Questions can be directed to Anita DeValk at aldevalk@yahoo.com or 630.467.0513.

Curriculum Nights

Watch for more details on these very informative evenings. This is your opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet the teacher and other staff members and hear about what your students will be learning this year. Curriculum Nights for each school are as follows:

- Franzen: Aug. 25 @ 6:30PM
- Peacock: Sept. 1 @ 7:00PM
- Benson: Sept. 8 @ 6:30PM

Babysitting Available

Babysitting is available during our IPTO meetings throughout the school year. Please feel free to bring your children. This service is provided by the Peacock students earning their community service hours.

School Supply Kits

If you have any questions or concerns about the school supply kit you ordered, please contact Holly Fortuna at 630.773.3717.

Help Wanted: Book Fairs

Kick off the school year with some great books to read! The Benson, Franzen and Peacock Book Fairs need your help to be successful. Please note that Franzen's Book Fair is first on the calendar and they are in need of extra help during set-up on Aug. 19 and Curriculum Night on Aug. 25.

If you are able to volunteer your time to set-up, take down, and/or help with student sales, please contact the following people to volunteer:

- **Benson and Franzen:** Jen Keefe at jkeefe810@gmail.com
- **Peacock:** Virginia Ciaccio at gulloc@aol.com

Peacock Hot Lunch: Twice a Week?

Peacock Hot Lunch will take place every Tuesday this year. The IPTO would love to offer it on Fridays, too! To make this possible, we will need extra volunteer power! Peacock Hot Lunch has two shifts between 9am and 12:30pm. Volunteers have a rotating schedule to make the time commitment manageable for everyone. You do not have to be a Peacock parent to volunteer. In fact, this is a great way to become familiar with Peacock! If we are unable to gather enough help to support Fridays, Hot Lunch will only be offered on Tuesdays. For more information please attend our Welcome Night on Aug. 22 or contact Vittoria Carey at vcarey18@prodigy.net.