

# IPTO

ITASCA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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



## December Events

- 2 January newsletter entries  
DUE to  
[aldevalk@yahoo.com](mailto:aldevalk@yahoo.com)
- 8 IPTO Bake Sale at the 2nd  
Grade Winter Music  
Program 7:00PM @  
Peacock
- 15 IPTO Bake Sale at  
Kindergarten Winter Music  
Program 6:30PM @  
Peacock
- 16 Benson and Franzen  
Holiday Parties

**December 19- January 2  
No School: Winter Break  
Classes Resume Jan. 3**

## December Hot Lunch

Benson/Franzen

Fridays: Dec. 2, 9

Peacock

Tuesdays: Dec. 6, 13,

Fridays: Dec. 2, 9, 16

## New on the Website this Month

- 2nd Grade/Kindergarten Bake  
Sale Information
- Questions for the Itasca Board  
of Education
- New Hot Lunch Order Form

## President's Letter

Mark your calendars for the next IPTO Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00PM in Benson's Media Center. We are hosting a discussion with our District #10 Board of Education members and Mr. Craig Benes, Superintendent. If you have questions for the Board of Education, please consider filling out the form that is posted online and/or attending to ask questions directly. This is one meeting you don't want to miss! Remember that we offer free, onsite babysitting during all IPTO meetings.

We have many events right after the holiday break. Mark your calendars for the IPTO Mother/Son Bowl in January and the Father/Daughter Dinner Dance in February. Benson's Kids Teach Too and Franzen's Education Fair will follow soon after around spring break. It's going to be a busy 2017!

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered recently and/or supported the IPTO fundraisers! You make a difference!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact any of the IPTO Board members, or you

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The IPTO Board wishes all of our school families a very happy and joyful holiday season! Have a wonderful winter break!

Lisa Ciccio

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# Important News

## Holiday Party Times

Holiday parties will take place at Benson and Franzen on Friday, December 16. Times are as follows:

### Benson:

AM E.C., K-Prep & Kindergarten: 10:30-11:15AM

PM E.C., Kindergarten & all 1st & 2nd grade classes:

2:00-2:45PM

### Franzen:

1:00-2:00PM

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The IPTO has been very busy since the beginning of the year and we'd like to pause to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for their hard work.

Whether it's helping with fundraising, hot lunches, book fairs, classroom parties or "behind the scenes," YOU are what makes our IPTO so successful!

If you are looking to get more involved with your child's school, we can help! There are many ongoing opportunities as well as special events that need volunteers. Contact any IPTO board member to find out how to get involved!

## Coming Up Next Month:

- Mother/Son Bowl 1/29/17

## Holiday Bake Sale

Volunteers are needed for the bake sales at the 2nd grade holiday program on December 8 and the Kindergarten holiday program on December 15. If you are interested in donating baked goods or volunteering your time during the sales, please see the flyer in the virtual backpack (coming soon!) for more information. To volunteer your time or baking skills contact Monica Jacklow at [mjacklow@att.net](mailto:mjacklow@att.net).

## Mother/Son Bowl

Dig out your bowling shoes! Mother/Son Bowl is coming up on Sunday, January 29 at Stardust Bowl in Addison. Registration and payment for the Mother/Son Bowl is DUE to school by January 6th. This event includes bowling, lunch, raffles and more. The committee is in need of volunteers (especially dads) for the day of the event. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Eileen Ellenbecker at [eileen12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eileen12@sbcglobal.net) or Denise Fezekas at [denisefezekas@yahoo.com](mailto:denisefezekas@yahoo.com). This event is only for Benson and Franzen boys accompanied by a mother or adult.

## Sunny D Label UPDATE

Thanks to everyone's help and efforts we were able to collect enough Sunny D labels for every single K-7 teacher at Benson, Franzen and Peacock to receive 20 free books! Thank you so much for everyone's effort and willingness to make this happen! According to the official rules, books are supposed to be shipped March/April timeframe. Thank you to the hot lunch committees and their work on this. Most of the labels we

collected were through hot lunch. They were a tremendous help and this program would not be a success without their efforts. Please let us know if there are any questions or concerns about this program. We look forward to giving our teachers new books in the spring!

## Box Tops, Campbell's, Tyson Label CONTEST!

The rules are simple. Whichever classroom turns in the most Box Tops, Campbell's, and Tyson labels will win a prize. Just send in your trimmed Box Tops, Campbell's and Tyson labels with your child, separating the three different kinds. PLEASE keep in mind that trimmed labels save us money on postage too. The contest dates are as follows:

- **BENSON:** January 24-27
- **FRANZEN:** Jan. 31-Feb. 3
- **PEACOCK:** February 7-10

## Hot Lunch - UPDATE

The next hot lunch order form will be coming home soon.

**Orders will be due FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH. No late orders will be accepted.**

Please check backpacks and folders for the list of upcoming dates and menu items. A HUGE thank you to all of our awesome hot lunch volunteers for all of your time and hard work this year. The students wouldn't be able to enjoy hot lunches without you!