



The Irwin Inquirer

Our vision is to become a model of excellence in the education of gifted and talented students.

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Join Us for a Sweet Celebration

The Father/Daughter Dance will be held Friday, February 6, 7:00–9:00pm and we are working feverishly to ensure our young ladies and their escorts have a great time in “Candy Land!”

Start practicing your best dance moves for the Annual Dance Competition. And make sure you are looking your best for a portrait from Moments in Time Photography. Doors will open at 6:15pm for photos.

The cost for the dance is \$20 per father and daughter, \$10 for each additional daughter. You can pay by check, cash, or at [The Owl Store](#) online. Details and registration forms were sent home in last week’s Thursday folders. If you have misplaced your registration form you can download it from the Irwin PTA website: IrwinPTA.org. **Please be sure to return your registration form by February 3.**



We are also still in need of volunteers for a variety of different roles. Please visit [Sign Up Genius](#) to see the opportunities available to help ensure a lovely evening.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Friday, January 30	Men of Irwin Monthly Meeting, 8:00am
Friday, January 30	January Birthday Celebrations, 3:30pm
Tuesday, February 3	Fun Run Planning Meeting, 2:30pm, Parent Room
Thursday, February 5	Class Picture Day
Thursday, February 5	SLT Meeting, 4:45pm
Friday, February 6	Men of Irwin, Lunch with Dad
Friday, February 6	Father/Daughter Dance, 7:00pm
Friday, February 13	Teacher Workday
Friday, February 16	Teacher Workday
Wednesday, February 18	Monthly Staff Breakfast, Hosted by 1st Grade, 8:00am

Find event details in articles in this newsletter or check the Irwin PTA [Google Calendar](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Volunteer at the Father/Daughter Dance Friday, February 6.**

Sign up to volunteer at the Father / Daughter Dance:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aa4ac23abfa7-2015

- **The Literacy Team is still in need of volunteers.** We still need volunteers in the Media Center and to help Ms. Bailey with other projects. Head up to the front desk and tell them you're there to help. Contact volunteers@irwinpta.org with questions.




Let Me Run inspires boys through the power of running to be courageous enough to be themselves, to build healthy relationships, and to live an active life. We are attempting to start a Let Me Run team at Irwin this spring. We will need two or three additional coaches to cover practice times (afternoons after school—days TBA). Please contact LetMeRun@irwinpta.org if interested.

NOTES FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

- Use the Remind app to be notified of volunteer opportunities throughout the year. www.remind.com/join/iacpta or text @IACPTA to (704)918-1271.
- To ensure we are able to track volunteer hours please be sure to select the volunteer option when you sign in at school.
- All adults volunteering at Irwin with students must complete the online volunteer registration and screening at: www.cmsvolunteers.com/volunteer.php.

—Yolanda Gilliam, IAC membership chair/volunteer coordinator

Stay Connected with the Irwin PTA

CALENDAR: Irwin PTA Calendar dates can be found on the irwinpta.org website. You can change the display of the calendar with the tabs in the upper right corner or add this to your own Google calendar with the  button in the bottom right corner.

The calendar can be accessed directly from your computer or smartphone.

Please use the following address to access your calendar from other applications. You can copy and paste this into any calendar product that supports the *iCal* format.

<https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/ridfkn0idgrmukaa8ril1den3c%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

Or use the following address to access our calendar in any web browser: ow.ly/C5ljF

FACEBOOK: Go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/irwinpta and click "JOIN GROUP" in order to receive Facebook messages.

TWITTER: Follow [@IrwinPTA](https://twitter.com/IrwinPTA)

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The next Irwin Inquirer will be published on February 11. If you have announcements you would like to have included in the next issue, please contact Lisa Newell at lweedmannewell@gmail.com. **All materials must be emailed by February 5.**



Are you interested in serving on the PTA board?

Now that half the 2014–2015 school year is behind us, we need to start thinking about next year. We are responsible for continuing the legacy of the Irwin PTA! Our PTA provides key functions to the school: volunteer, financial, and community support. **Family engagement in education is essential to the success of our school.** Great things have been done so far...let's make sure we keep involved so great things can be done in the years ahead!

We are now recruiting parents to serve as PTA Board Members for the 2015–2016 school year. The positions are: President, Vice President Maroon, Vice President Gold, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please email nominating@irwinpta.org for details.

—Patricia Mate, nominating committee chair

Parent Room Enhancement

The parent room has been refreshed!! The efforts of a body of parents have allowed us to create a warm and inviting space for all of our Irwin parents and their families. **Huge thanks goes to our Teacher and Staff Appreciation Team** which provided the leadership to accomplish this enhancement.

We now have a parent room that allows you the opportunity to host book clubs, meetings or just quiet time as you wait for dismissal. A separate key will be available at the front desk to allow access to the room.

**Please feel free to stop by for our grand reveal on Friday, January 30.
We will be open for business during the following hours:**

**8:15 am to 9:30 am
11:15 am to 12:30 pm
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Light refreshments will be available and spirit wear can be purchased.
We look forward to seeing you on Friday!

Don't Forget...Fun Run Planning Meeting

There will be a Fun Run planning meeting on Tuesday, February 3 at 2:30pm in the Parent Room for anyone interested in being involved in next year's Fun Run. Please come and give us your thoughts, ideas, and energy!