



The Irwin Inquirer

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Lights, Camera, Action Figures!

Calling all Mothers / Mother Figures and Sons!! Be sure to purchase your tickets for the Mother Son Event, **Lights, Camera, Action Figures!** on Friday, March 18.

Click [here](#) to purchase ticket or complete the form on the [event flyer](#) and return it to the school. **The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, March 14.**

Wear your favorite superhero t-shirt and come prepared to enjoy a night of FUN with each other!



We still need moms without sons, dads, and staff to volunteer that night. Click this Sign-up genius link to sign up to volunteer TODAY!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044AA4AC23ABFA7-20161

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Thursday, Mar. 10	SLT Meeting, 4:45pm and PTA Meeting, 6:00pm
Friday, Mar. 11	Men of Irwin Lunch with Dad
Thursday, Mar. 17	March Staff Breakfast, 7:45am
Thursday, Mar. 17	Spring Individual Pictures
Friday, Mar. 18	Men of Irwin Monthly Meeting, 8:00am
Friday, Mar. 18	March Birthday Celebrations, 3:30pm
Friday, Mar. 18	Lights, Camera, Action Figures! Mother Son Event, 7:00pm
Friday, March 25 through Sunday, April 3 SPRING BREAK	

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



Teachers often ask parents to write encouraging letters for their students to read before taking End-of-Grade or other standardized tests. As parents, we often forget how much such a simple gesture can mean to our children. Huffington Post recently shared a similar note of encouragement that was written from a teacher to her third grade class:

These Tests Don't Define You

Teacher Lounge Makeover

Our teachers and staff were very appreciative of the loving upgrade to their lounge. A special thank you goes out to the Teacher and Staff Appreciation team, especially Lisa Stephenson and Sheree' Conner for their creative flair to this space. We are happy to demonstrate to our teachers how much we truly appreciate what they do for our children.

Before:



After:



Important Yearbook Deadlines!

Pick out those fantastic photos and send them to IACyearbook@gmail.com by **March 18, 2016**.

Hoots are free and the deadline is **Friday, March 25, 2016**. To request a Hoot, please fill out the online form at <http://goo.gl/forms/kITsRf8KQR>.

To order a yearbook, navigate to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> and enter Yearbook ID Code 11192216. Please enter your student's name during the order process. The deadline to order is **April 3, 2016**.

Questions? Please contact Eleanor Reali at IACyearbook@gmail.com.

Click to order your **YEARBOOK**

*Honesty
is the March
Character Trait.*

*Please support our
character education
program by having
discussions with your
children about ways
we can show honesty.*

*Below are some
questions to help
you start your
conversations.*

*What does honesty
mean?*

*What are some
benefits of being
honest?*

*What are the qualities
of an honest person?*

*Besides getting in
trouble, what are
some consequences of
not being honest?*

Let Me Run Registration Is Now Open

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 lifestyle. **All 4th and 5th grade boys are invited to join us for our spring season!**



Registration is now open at www.letmerun.org!

The team will meet after school, two days a week for seven weeks, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30–5:45. **Practice begins on Monday, March 21** and consists of the Unity Lap, a training run, proper stretching, and a lesson from our curriculum. Topics discussed include anger management, goal setting, perseverance, honesty, bullying and healthy lifestyle choices. The season culminates with the Let Me Run SpringFest 5k on Saturday morning, May 21. **We are always in need of enthusiastic parents to help coach our team and mentor our Let Me Run boys!**

Please contact LMR Charlotte Regional Director Lori Klingman (lori@letmerun.org) or the Irwin coaches (LetMeRun@irwinpta.org) for more information about the season, coaching our team, or to sponsor the team.

Congrats to our Odyssey of the Mind Team!

The Irwin Odyssey of the Mind Team placed third in the local OOM competition held March 5. Congratulations to team members Juliana Reali, Morgan Lee, Moriah Smith, Mercy Sweet, Harper Dawson, Kamryn Burton, and Alyssa Micheau. We are so proud of all your hard work!

Many thanks to coaches Paul Reali, Monique Dedeaux, Clay Barnhart, and Jaime Deming.





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The next issue of
the Irwin Inquirer
will be published on
March 23.

If you would like
to submit content for
the next issue, please
email materials to
Cindy Bilbrough at
cbilbrough@hotmail.com
by March 17.



March Staff Breakfast

Once a month, the Irwin PTA hosts a Staff Breakfast for the teachers, administrators and support personnel here at Irwin. For March, representatives from all grade levels are asked to "host." **The breakfast will be Thursday, March 17.** Let's show the staff how much we love and appreciate them!

Sign up to help or donate on Sign-Up Genius:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aa4ac23abfa7-march

STEM Summer Camps


We'd love to include your camp recommendations in future issues of the Irwin Inquirer! Email Cindy Bilbrough at cbilbrough@hotmail.com

Central Piedmont Community College's **STEM Summer Experience** offers half- and full-day camps for rising 4th graders and up. Camps are available at four campuses in and around Charlotte.

Camp Invention is back for 2016! Camps are available at schools throughout Charlotte for rising first through sixth graders. Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized, non-profit elementary enrichment program backed by the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Project Scientist Summer Academy Camp offers full-day camps for girls ages 4–12 at the UNC Charlotte Center City Campus. During each of six week-long camps, girls will learn from a tailored curriculum facilitated by highly skilled and credentialed educators, participate in hands-on experiments and field trips, and interact daily with female STEM role models from a variety of professional fields.

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/C5IjF

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)

QUESTIONS: Don Schmit, communication@irwinpta.org

ANNUAL MOTHER & SON EVENT

**CALLING ALL
SUPERHEROES!**

Hosted By *Irwin PTA*

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION FIGURES



Friday, March 18th

Time: 7pm – 9:30pm

Where: Irwin Gymnasium



Dance Party

Food

**Mother/Son
Dance
Contest**

**Mother/Son
Portraits
(Order Onsite
Begins @
6:15pm)**

**Superhero
Games**

**Prize
Giveaways**



**Registration
Deadline Monday,
March 14th**

Wear Your Favorite Superhero T-shirt
Cost: \$20 Mother/Son, \$10 Each Additional Son

**Capes will
be provided**

Disclaimer: Any Mother figure is welcome to accompany a boy (i.e. Grandmother, Aunt, etc.)

- ☐ Ticket for Female Figure and Son \$20
☐ Ticket for Additional Male \$10
Total: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

Pay Cash, Check, or Online.

Make Checks Payable to Irwin PTA

(Send to Class Teacher or PTA Drop Box)

Pay Online @ <http://owlstore.3dcartstores.com>

Please Print Legibly. Information Needed for Event Tickets.

Mother's Name: _____

Son's Name: _____

Additional Male Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email address: _____

Dance Contest Contestant: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Grade: _____

Grade: _____

