



The Irwin Inquirer

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Are you a Wise Owl?

We are now **78%** of the way to our \$20,000 goal for the 2014–2015 school year! But please remember, in order to be a school of this caliber it takes all of us to ensure we sustain this level of excellence.

If you have not yet made a Wise Owl donation for this school year or if you would like to make an additional donation, you can donate **right now** online at the [Owl Store](#).



Please check one:
(return form to school)

Payment Options:
(thank you)

Are you a Wise Owl?

Help us reach our goal!

Wise Owl = Direct Donations

Want to know what Wise Owl Funds pay for?
Please visit www.irwinpta.org

Student Name(s) _____

Parent Name(s) _____

We'd like to give an initial or additional donation to the Wise Owl Fund:
 \$100 per student suggested donation
 Other Amount \$ _____

Submitted a Matching Gift request to my employer. www.irwinpta.org/matching-gifts-programs.html

We are not contributing to the Wise Owl Fund at this time.

Check or cash enclosed.
 Paid on-line at www.irwinpta.org
 We will stop by the Parent Room on Thursdays 8:45-9:15 AM to make our donation directly.

\$20,000



78%

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Thursday, March 26	Spirit Night, Nothing But Noodles, 1605 Elizabeth Avenue
Friday, March 27	Men of Irwin Monthly Meeting, 8:00am
Friday, March 27	March Birthday Celebration, 3:30pm
Monday, March 30	Deadline for submitting Yearbook Hoots and Photos
Tuesday, March 31	End of Quarter
Thursday, April 2	Spring Individual Photos
SPRING BREAK	
Friday, April 3 through Friday, April 10	

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



Mother/Son Event

Come enter the
World of Minecraft

Friday, April 17
7pm – 9pm
in our Irwin Gymnasium

Cost:
\$20 Mother/Son pair,
\$10 each additional son

See the [event flyer](#)
on the PTA website
for more details!

Recruiting for the 2015–2016 PTA

It's not too early to take action and make a commitment for the next school year!

The Irwin PTA needs your involvement! Our organization 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 accomplished so far at Irwin, with the help of the PTA; let's make sure we stay involved, so great things can be done going forward.

We are now recruiting PTA Board Members for the 2015–2016 school year. The Elected Officer positions are President, Vice President Maroon, Vice President Gold, Secretary, and Treasurer. The [EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION](#) is available for download from the Irwin PTA website.

There is also a need for people to serve in non-elected chair positions on our PTA Board. Your unique talents and skills can be put to use for the following PTA committees: Nominating, Audit, Advocacy, Fundraising, Membership, Community Partnerships, New Families, Men of Irwin, Communication, Spirit wear, School Store, Events, and Teacher and Staff Appreciation. We will also need to fill the positions of Assistant Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator.

If you have questions about any of these positions or other functions in the PTA, please feel free to reach out to Alan Hendrix (president@irwinpta.org), Yolanda Gilliam (volunteers@irwinpta.org), or Patricia Mate (nominating@irwinpta.org).


—Patricia Mate, nominating committee chair

*The deadline for
yearbook Hoots
and photos has
been extended to
Monday, March 30!*

*Submit your
Hoots online now.*

*Email your photos
to [IACyearbook@
gmail.com](mailto:IACyearbook@gmail.com) and be
sure to include
grade and event
information
in your message.*

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)

QUESTIONS: Don Schmit, communication@irwinpta.org

*A big **THANK YOU** to all of the Kindergarten parents and other Irwin parents who provided food, monetary donations or their time for the March Staff Breakfast which was held last Wednesday, March 18th! Without your participation this event would not have been possible. The staff loved and appreciated all the yummy food!*

*Thanks again!
Irwin Teacher and Staff Appreciation Committee*

Save the Date: April Staff Lunch

How about something different for April? Instead of hosting a Staff Breakfast this month, let's do **LUNCH!**

ALL Irwin families in all grades are invited to host the lunch for our wonderful teachers and staff. The lunch will be held Wednesday, April 15th from 11:00–1:00pm. More details and a Sign-Up Genius link will be sent next week. Please watch for an email.

*Thank you in advance for your participation!
Irwin PTA Teacher and Staff Appreciation Committee*

Attention Men of Irwin!

Please review the information for the upcoming Men of Irwin initiatives. We need your support for these upcoming events.

- **Friday, March 27— Men of Irwin meeting, 8:00–8:45am, Media Center**
- **Monday, April 20 – Thursday, April 24—Book Fair from 8:45am–3:30pm**
MOI members are needed to set up and break down for the book fair. More information to come...
- **Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 25—Lunch with Dad Week**
- **Friday, April 17—Mother/Son Event, 7:00–9:00pm**
Please email me at derrick.anderson20@gmail.com if you are able to assist with the event. (For example: set-up, food, assist with games, cleaning up, etc.)
- **Friday, April 24— Men of Irwin meeting, 8:00–8:45am, Media Center**

*Thanks,
Derrick Anderson
Men of Irwin, Chair*

Character Hats Still Needed for the Spring Concert

Mrs. Johnson and the students are hard at work preparing for the Spring Concert. In order to portray the various characters featured in the concert, they are in need of a variety of hats. **If you have hats that could be borrowed or skills that could be utilized for making hats for the production**, please sign up using the Sign-Up Genius link below. Hats can be dropped off in the Music Room by April 15 and will be returned after the concert.

Many thanks to those who have signed up already!



www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084da8a72eab9-irwin



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PTA Website:
www.irwinpta.org

The next Irwin Inquirer will be published on April 15 (the Wednesday after Spring Break). If you have announcements you would like to have included in the next issue, please contact Lisa Newell at lweedmannewell@gmail.com. **All materials should be emailed by April 3.**



Congratulations to our Irwin Inquirer Trivia winner, Angie Munoz!*

She has won a Starbucks gift card valued at \$15. **You** could be our next winner...read the Irwin Inquirer and find the trivia question on our [PTA Facebook](#) group or [PTA Twitter](#). *winner determined by random.org

Volunteer Opportunities

- **The Mother/Son Event will be held on Friday, April 17.** We will need help with the set-up, breakdown and everything in between. Your support is essential for the success of this evening. Please volunteer to help staff this milestone event. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aa4ac23abfa7-20152>
- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, May 7.** We will need four volunteers per classroom and several floaters, 10:45am–2:00pm. Take a shift or two to say “Thank You” to our awesome teachers and staff. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aa4ac23abfa7-teacher>
- **The Literacy Team is still in need of volunteers.** Leveled Literacy volunteers needed to unpack and organize books. Please contact volunteers@irwinpta.org for more information and detailed instructions for this task.
- **Irwin Online Store Assistant Manager**—We are looking for someone with basic web design skills to help with the online store. This volunteer will work closely with the current Online Store Manager (OSM) for the remainder of this school year and transition into role of Online Store Manager for the 2015–16 academic year. For more information contact Vipul Shah at OSM@irwinpta.org.

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.
- Does your employer grant paid time off for volunteering? Contact your HR department to inquire about your volunteer policy.

—Yolanda Gilliam, IAC membership chair/volunteer coordinator

Spring Raffle to Raise Funds for Technology

The Irwin PTA is excited to be holding a Spring Raffle! In order to help raise funds to purchase a [Promethean Board](#) for the Technology classroom and provide the support that our teachers and kids deserve, **we need the assistance of ALL Irwin families!**

Details and 5 tickets to sell/purchase will be coming home in Thursday folders this week. The drawing will be held at the spring concert on April 24. Some of the prizes include: US Whitewater Center—Adult All Sport Passes, Hornets Basketball tickets gift certificate, an iPad Mini, a massage gift certificate, a dinner certificate, an American Girl gift certificate, Charlotte Knights tickets and a \$100 cash prize.

More details will be available on the [PTA website](#) after Thursday.