



The Irwin Inquirer

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It's Not Too Late To Be a Wise Owl

If you have not yet made a Wise Owl donation for this school year or if you would like to make an additional donation, it's not too late! We're 90% of the way to our goal and you can help get us there. You can donate **right now** online at the [Owl Store](#).

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Are you a Wise Owl?

Help us reach our goal!

\$20,000
90%



Wise Owl = Direct Donations

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

Student Name(s) _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Please check one:
(return form to school)

- 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.

Payment Options:
(thank you)

- 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.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Thursday, May 14	New Family Orientation, rising 1st–5th, 9:30–10:30am
Saturday, May 16	Let Me Run 5K
Thursday, May 21	4th Grade Field Trip to Raleigh
Thursday, May 21	EOG Testing, 3rd Grade, Reading
Friday, May 22	EOG Testing, 3rd Grade, Math
Monday, May 25	School Holiday, Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 26	EOG Testing, 4th and 5th Grades, Reading
Wednesday, May 27	EOG Testing, 4th and 5th Grades, Math
Thursday, May 28	EOG Testing, 5th Grade, Science
Friday, May 29	Men of Irwin Monthly Meeting, 8:00–9:00am
Friday, May 29	May, June, July Birthday Celebrations, 3:30pm

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



Multicultural Night

Thursday, June 4
6:00–8:00pm

>>World Tour<<

>>Performances<<

>>Family Picnic<<

(Food will be available for purchase from food trucks)

We need your help to make this a night to remember!

Sign up to volunteer:
signupgenius.com/go/10C044AA4AC23ABFA7-annual

Flyers with complete details, including other ways you can help, went home in Thursday folders last week.

Congratulations to our Irwin Inquirer Trivia winner, Beth Collins Himes!*

Beth 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


Seeking Candidates for School Leadership Team

We are seeking candidates for next year's School Leadership Team (SLT). If you have ideas on how to take Irwin forward, like to use data to drive decisions, and would like to take on a leadership role at our school—the SLT is a great place to provide ideas as well as influence curriculum and program changes. Please contact Donna Tillman via email at donnastillman@gmail.com if you have additional questions or would like to be added as a candidate.

Potential candidates should submit their names by May 28. SLT Voting will take place on Multicultural Night.

—Donna Tillman, SLT Chair

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



Box Tops Progress

The kids have done a great job tracking their class's Box Top progress. Each class has the opportunity to earn an extra recess, a popcorn party and a dance party. We would like to congratulate **Ms. Padgett's** and **Ms. Majerscik's** classes for reaching their goals and earning all three incentives.

The new popcorn machine has arrived and is ready to go and the kids are really excited and all want to earn a popcorn party. So search through your cabinets and **send in all your Box Tops by May 29** so each class can reach their goal!

Check the chart below to see how many more Box Tops your class needs.

	Extra Recess	Popcorn Party	Dance Party
Barber	✓	✓	200
Bertossi/Sellers	71		
Courtright	✓	150	
Crumpler	✓	63	
Daniels	✓	37	
Deming	✓	250	
Fisher	29		
Graham	✓	149	
Henrie	✓	48	
Hille	8		
Hindes	✓	✓	146
Hiroshige	✓	119	
Kebert	✓	58	
Krebs	✓	✓	96
Lee	✓	✓	250
Lehner	69		
Majerscik	✓	✓	✓
Mottet	✓	170	
Padgett	✓	✓	✓
Selby	✓	250	
Spaulding	84	✓	
Surrett	✓	✓	61
Valentine	✓	100	
Watson	✓	223	



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The next Irwin Inquirer will be published on May 27. 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 May 22.**



Volunteer Opportunities

- **June 4, 2015—Annual Multicultural Night.** We need help at the embassies during check-in, at the performance ticket booth, and during set-up and break down. signupgenius.com/go/10C044AA4AC23ABFA7-annual
- **Mark your calendar for 2015 Field Day, June 5, 2015.** More information coming your way soon.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped during the offsite luncheon during Teacher Appreciation Week:

Tambra Nichols, Lisa Rasmussen, Pamela Ellison, Vanishea Propst, Jacqueline Moto, Stacy McClinton, Colette Forrest, Tracie Sutton, Tavoni Steele, Leah Zanville, Jill Barber, Dawn Thomas, Fatou Diallo, Donald Tate, Anne Schmit, Monica Pettiford, Karla Brennan, Minaz Rizvi, Catalina Atri, Denise Winston, Melissa King, April Rainer, Nneka Hendrix, Carena Tate, Tabitha Jackson, Alan Hendrix, Tesa Peltz, Hari Penmetsa, Marlene Markey, Renita Battle, Maia Lawrence, Gail Felder, Laura Stancill, Ivori Hawkins, LaTonya Archibald, Sheree' Conner, Cynthia Farnsworth, Sims Family, Angela Peterkin, Melissa Zhiss, Deyna Rogers, Ambika Shyamala, Angie Munoz, Monique Dedeaux, Traci Couden, Kimmy De Simone, Aneta Burton, Tracy Porter, Tara Howard, Baindu Wilkinson, Vern Wilkinson, Tanya Parks, Felesia Stukes, Sherita Evans, Marcus Tillman, Deb Allbaugh, Danielle Fitzpatrick, Arlette Bailey, Tasha Tucker, Melissa Small, Danica Jackson, Carolyn McLaurin, Rasheedah Lawrence-Cureton, William Majercsik, Tanya Bowman, Derrick Harris, Delano Rankin, Sushma Kumar, Marki McBeth, Marlene Bartman, Paul Bartman, Franchyell Amaya, LaTonya Booker, Evelyn Morales, Aarthie Kumar, Shilpa Patil, Patricia Diallo, Robin Portlock, Claire Helm, Scott Helm, Brette Parise, LaChandra Rapley, Sonya Covington, Lisa Pagano, Charlenea Duncan, Kim Potts, Kenisha Monroe, Sujatha Manjigani and Janice Royster

We'd also like to thank **the Teacher and Staff Appreciation team and chair Lisa Stephenson** for their commitment to making sure our awesome teachers and staff know how much we appreciate their dedication to our students.

NOTES FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

All adults volunteering at Irwin with students must complete the online volunteer registration and screening at: www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/cpfe/volunteers/Pages/default.aspx

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