



The Irwin Inquirer

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Irwin PTA Annual Turkey Trot



The IAC Turkey Trot will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 24th. This event gives our students an opportunity to participate in a community service project that helps build a sense of community responsibility. Students in each grade will participate in a race to win a Thanksgiving turkey. The winning class will donate their turkey to the charitable organization of their choice.

In addition to the races, we are asking students to bring non-perishable food items to fill collection bins for the benefitting charities. The collection dates will be Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th. This year we will also be accepting gift cards to ensure that families have the essential items needed for Thanksgiving dinner. Some suggested gift cards include: Harris Teeter, Food Lion, Publix, Target & Wal-Mart

Parent participation is essential to making this event a success. Please sign up to volunteer by using the Sign-Up Genius link below or by contacting your child's teacher.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044AA4AC23ABFA7-20156

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Thursday, Nov 5	Open House (general), 9:30am
Thursday, Nov 5	SLT Meeting, 4:45–5:45pm and PTA Meeting, 6:00–7:00pm
Friday, Nov 6	Men of Irwin, Lunch with Dad
Friday, Nov 6	Spirit Night, Nothing But Noodles, 1605 Elizabeth Ave, 4:00pm
Tuesday, Nov 10	Open House (siblings only), 6:00pm
Wednesday, Nov 11	Veterans Day (school holiday)
Wednesday, Nov 18	Open House (general), 9:30am
Thursday, Nov 19	Staff Breakfast, sponsored by the 3rd grade, 7:45am
Friday, Nov 20	Men of Irwin, Monthly Meeting, 8:00am
Friday, Nov 20	November Birthday Celebrations, 3:30pm

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

**November
PTA Meeting
Parent Forum
with CMS
Leadership**

**Thursday,
November 5th
6:00pm**

The Advocacy Committee, the School Leadership Team (SLT) and the PTA Executive Board invite you to attend a forum with CMS leadership at which we will seek clarification on the loss of our teacher assistants, teacher assistant allotment, student assignment, and information regarding the future of the magnet programs in CMS.

It is imperative that you RSVP to ensure we have proper accommodations for all who plan to attend. Please RSVP at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044AA4AC23ABFA7-parent.

It is also requested that you submit your top three concerns to advocacy@irwinpta.org prior to the meeting.

PTA Membership

Grandparents, aunts & uncles and other family members are welcome and encouraged to join the Irwin PTA. Join online at the Owl Store: owlstore.3dcartstores.com/PTA-Membership_p_14.html. Contact membership@irwinpta.org with questions.

Volunteer Information

Thank you to the volunteers who helped make our 2nd Annual Fun Run a success.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

November 19, 2015 Third grade parents are needed to help with the November Staff Breakfast. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044AA4AC23ABFA7-november. Contact appreciation@irwinpta.org with questions.

November 24, 2015 The Irwin PTA Turkey Trot. Your participation is essential to the success of this annual community service project. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044AA4AC23ABFA7-20156. Look for more information in Thursday folders.

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
- Not sure exactly where you want to put your time and talents? Complete the volunteer interest form and a volunteer coordinator will contact you to discuss opportunities which best fit your skill set. www.irwinpta.org/pta-parent-teacher-association.html
- Think you don't have the time to volunteer? Some employers grant paid time off for volunteering. Contact your HR department to inquiry about your volunteer policy.

Contact volunteers@irwinpta.org to discuss these and other volunteer opportunities. You can also use the Remind app (www.remind.com/join/iacpta) to be notified of volunteer opportunities throughout the year or text @IACPTA to (704)918-1271.

Would your student like to be featured in the Irwin Inquirer?

Have a favorite place to visit in or around Charlotte that other Irwin families would love? Doing charitable work and want the Irwin community to get involved? Email us your ideas and pictures to share in future issues of the Irwin Inquirer!



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The next issue of
the Irwin Inquirer
will be published on
November 18.

**If you would like
to submit content for
the next issue, please
email materials to
Cindy Bilbrough at
cbilbrough@hotmail.com
by November 12.**



Thanksgiving Break: Wednesday, November 25 through Sunday, November 29

Native American Heritage Month Celebration

No plans this weekend? Don't miss the Native American Heritage Month celebration on Saturday, November 7 from 12:00 to 3:00pm. This is a free family event to highlight and honor Native American heritage. The event will be held at the Smith Family Center at 1600 Tyvola Road in Charlotte (follow signs for free parking).


The celebration will feature:

- Hands-on activities for children
- Traditional dancers
- Storytellers
- Cultural displays and presentations
- Games and raffles

Sponsored by the CMS Title VII/Indian Education Program in partnership with The Mint Museum and the Metrolina Native American Association. For information, call (980)207-9536 or email jose.hparis@cms.k12.nc.us.



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)

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