

# Indian Trail PTO News

## AQUARIUM TRIP

On Monday, May 4th, the seventh graders will be taking a field trip to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Illinois. We will be leaving school at 8:00 a.m. and we will return at approximately 1:00 p.m. The trip will cost each student \$2.00. Please make checks payable to Indian Trail Middle School. We will eat lunch when we return to school. Please make sure your student packs a lunch on this day, because the cafeteria will be closed by the time we return to Indian Trail. Since we will be eating later than we normally eat, the students may bring a snack to eat on the bus on the way home. Please make sure the snack is able to fit in a pocket or a bag that your student will be responsible for all day. If you have any questions, please contact one of your student\*s teachers. We look forward to this educational outing!

## Beauty and the Beast Jr.

IT Productions Present the musical Beauty and The Beast Jr.  
Dates: April 24 and 25th at 7:00pm  
Cost: \$3 for students, staff, and seniors. \$5 for adults

## Joliet JackHammer's Reading Buddies

Indian Trail is participating in the Joliet JackHammer's Book Buddies Reading Program. Information was sent home with your student. It's not too late to join in on the fun.

Each participant must read a minimum of four books or four hours to qualify for a voucher for a free ticket to be used at any 2009 regular season Tuesday home games plus two additional Monday games. Vouchers can be upgraded for just \$5.00. There is a limit of 7 vouchers. All verification slips need to be turned in to the Media Center or any classroom teacher by May 22.

This is a great way to encourage your child to read plus have a fun, economical family night!

<http://www.jackhammerbaseball.com/kidszone/bookbuddies/>

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

"In which book does a hungry boy gulp down a raw bird liver?" The discussion was intense. Anticipation hung thick in the air. A lot was riding on the answer. Fortunately for the team, Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver, was the correct answer.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, almost 90 students on 16 teams participated in Indian Trail's second *Battle of the Books*. These students have been reading and studying a set of 10 titles since January in preparation for this day.

After four rounds of intense competition, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team, "Wash Machine", emerged victorious. Members of this illustrious team are: Alicia Aguilar, Robert Medina, Kasey Surges, Jacheline Santana, Ashley Rowden, and Aleia Tripp. Mr. McLaughlin is the coach for this team. These students will represent Indian Trail in the first

ever *District 202 Battle of the Books* in April.

In a hard fought battle, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team, "Team Wild" came in a close second. Members of this hard working team include: Haley Wilson, Karissa Kowalczyk, Jelissa Williams, Samatha Watts, and Brittany Miller.

All participating students battled with honor and dignity answering questions such as, "In which book was "GAK!" a frequent interjection?" and "In which book did the father tell his sons '...anybody could get knocked down, it was how you picked yourself up that was important.'"

A hearty "thank you" goes to teachers and staff members who spent numerous lunch periods coaching their teams. Parents also deserve a pat on the back for their support. Also, a "thank you" to IT's P.T.O. for providing the books and awards for our students.

## INDIAN TRAIL PTO NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2009

I'm sure you've already realized that we are in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester of the school year. The PTO would like to take this time to thank the volunteers who have helped with our Friday lunchtime School Store and our after school Concessions when home games were going on.

On Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> your child will receive an order form for school supply kits. We have been able to weed out the nonessentials and therefore bringing the cost down considerably. Please return these forms with checks made payable to IT PTO. Kits will be delivered to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions regarding the kits, please email me at, [nancyrife5itpto@att.net](mailto:nancyrife5itpto@att.net).

On Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>, the PTO along with Mrs. Dujlovich and Ms. Valenti will be sponsoring an Indian Trail Activity Night. There will be many sports activities along with some projects, music and games. This is also a chance to earn some extra credit. Remind your child to look for the posters that are hung around the school.

Thank you all again for

supporting the Indian Trail PTO. Our next and last meeting for this year will be, April 21 at 4pm in room 5. Please come and help us come up with some new ideas on how we can best utilize the money we raise. We would really love more parent input. We have found that by switching the meeting to 4, we can get staff to attend as well.

Thank you  
Nancy Rife IT PTO President  
Sandy Reinstein IT PTO Vice president  
Gina Gentilini IT Treasurer  
Kim Kelly IT PTO Secretary