



September 4, 2011

Dear International Community School (ICS) Families,

The ICS PTSA Board is pleased to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year! It is an exciting year for ICS as we strive to enhance the educational experience of our students. Our PTSA is in the planning stages right now and we invite you to become actively involved in PTSA activities so that you can enjoy the benefits of PTSA membership and, more importantly, have a part in your student's education this year.

We hope that you will take advantage of our improved communications vehicles as we endeavor to keep in touch with our diverse community. Valuable sources of information include:

- Monthly parent meetings – extremely informative! Please plan to attend (check PTSA website for [schedule of meetings](#)).
- Constant Contact weekly newsletter (look for the “News from ICS PTSA” email Sundays in your inbox).
- ICS PTSA website at [www.icsptsa.org](http://www.icsptsa.org)
- ICS website at [www.lwsd.org/ics](http://www.lwsd.org/ics)
- ParentAccess (includes StandardScore, formerly known as WebGrader)
- Schoolwide E-mail messages (issued by the school office)
- Phone – ICS utilizes a very effective phone tree to get important messages out in a timely manner.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Date: Curriculum Night, September 12, 6:30p.m. (at ICS)**

Come and see why your student is so exhausted at the end of his/her school day and meet your student's teachers in their classrooms. Plus - do some early holiday shopping for your scholar at our ICS Logo Clothing table.

**Date: ICS Parent Meeting, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. (at LWS Resource Center, Redmond)**

Come join us for our first mandatory parent meeting of the year and meet our new principal, Dr. Matthew Livingston. We'll have many interesting presentations this year and we expect you to be in attendance. There is a lot of important information disseminated at these meetings including curriculum details and advice, upcoming events and important dates. This is one of the best ways to stay informed of activities at ICS, while being able to connect with other ICS parents. This is especially true for you new 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents, to help you become involved with our “ICS family!”

Finally, to make things easier, we hope that you can use this checklist to become more connected this school year.

- New Families: Be sure to thoroughly read the weekly ICS PTSA newsletter (sent Sundays). It will be loaded with important information. A news alert might occasionally be sent by PTSA mid-week if the need arises.
- Make sure you're registered for LWS's Parent Access (<http://www.lwsd.org/parents/parent-access/pages/default.aspx>). You can load your child's ID card with lunch money, view your child's grades, etc.
- Sign up for Volunteer Opportunities on our PTSA website at [www.icsptsa.org/volunteering.aspx](http://www.icsptsa.org/volunteering.aspx) (the sign-up tab is on the left side of the screen). For questions, email our Volunteer Coordinator, Anne James at [ajames@icsptsa.org](mailto:ajames@icsptsa.org).
- Visit the ICS PTSA website [www.icsptsa.org](http://www.icsptsa.org) to learn more about upcoming events and how we serve our school community with enrichment programs, events for the whole family, and classroom/teacher needs. The year's Parent meeting schedule is also posted there.

We look forward to meeting you and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We hope that your students have a very successful year!

Sincerely,

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