

Iroquois NEWSLETTER

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PTO News & Notes

We are thrilled with the success of the Iroquois Learning Fair and Club Showcase held on May 16. Due to the hard work and dedication of the Fair & Showcase Chair/Co-VP Deb Foley, over 70 students had the chance to demonstrate their individual and group learning and experiences while 16 clubs were showcased, with organizations also fundraising during the event. As students enjoyed learning opportunities downstairs, Ice Cream Social co-chairs Maureen Taylor and Jen Kelly, along with their volunteers, were gearing up to serve some delicious Stewart's Ice Cream. Also simultaneously, Kathy McCann and her helpers set up an amazing display and sale at the Scholastic Book Fair. What a fun-filled, educational, family-friendly evening!

Looking ahead to June, the PTO has worked with a student committee to organize an Iroquois Relay for Life team and are excited to participate on June 10 at Niskayuna High School. More details below.

Finally, we could continue to use your support for our 8th grade moving up celebration. Parents of 6th & 7th graders are needed to staff the event, and 8th grade parents, we could use your donations for the 8th grade moving up celebration to defer the cost the event for items such as decorations and raffles. *Checks payable to Iroquois can be sent to the main office by Friday, June 3.*

Thank you for your ongoing support!

- Heather Schechter & Lisa Weber
Co-Presidents

Want to be a HERO in the fight against cancer?

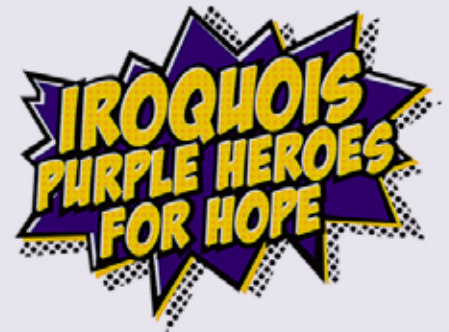
Join our Iroquois Purple Heroes for Hope Relay For Life team to raise awareness and funds to help the American Cancer Society fight this disease. Students and family members can make a difference and join the team today by visiting our [TEAM PAGE](#). Participants who register after this week unfortunately cannot be guaranteed a team shirt... [SO SIGN UP TODAY!](#)

Can't attend the event but want to help? Visit our [TEAM PAGE](#) and make a donation to Iroquois Purple Heroes For Hope.

Also, this Friday, May 27th students and staff are requested to help Iroquois 'Go Purple' in honor of the upcoming Niskayuna Relay For Life by wearing purple (the official color of Relay) to school!

Next week ALL 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams will be competing against one another in a Penny Pitch, starting on Tuesday, May 31st through Friday, June 3rd in the main entrance hallway at the start of the school day. The goal is to fill your team's bucket with pennies and everyone else's with silver coins. Any extra change you have at home to support our Iroquois Purple Heroes For Hope Relay team and the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated!

The Niskayuna Relay takes place at the High School track starting at 6PM on Friday, June 10th and ending at 6AM on Saturday, June 11th. Come for an hour or two throughout the event or stay longer into the night. Have questions? Email [Deb Foley](#). We're hoping for a great show of Iroquois Heroes at Relay...we hope you'll be there!



PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Hi Parents,

The month of May has flown by! We had some incredible events here at Iroquois this month. On Friday, May 6, students performed poetry and music at Java Jive. Over the course of the evening, some of our 8th graders read poems they had written collaboratively with students in Australia...with the students from Australia! Our friends Down Under went into school on Saturday morning and joined us via telepresence. The ticket and concession money raised that evening was donated to our Best Buddies club, who were recently named the Outstanding Middle School Chapter in New York State.

Monday, May 16 was our Learning Fair and Club Showcase. Students did an awesome job of presenting about their learning and extra-curricular activities. We were excited to welcome the 5th grade families who will be joining us at Iroquois this fall and give them a taste of the many opportunities they will have here. Special thanks to our PTO Executive Committee, and particularly Mrs. Foley, for making this idea a reality.

Letters for parents were distributed in homerooms on Monday, May 23. Please check the Iroquois web page if you didn't see this. I look forward to seeing you at one of our many end of the year celebrations! Also please remember, you can follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/iroqms>.

Happy Spring!
Mrs. Wyld

Learning Fair Showcase Success!

An evening filled with education,
ice cream, crepes, and smiles!



PARENTS... WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you are a parent of a 6th or 7th grader, please consider assisting with staffing the 8th grade moving up celebration on Monday, June 20th from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Contact [Kathy McCann](#)

REMEMBER! REMEMBER! REMEMBER!
SUNDAY, JUNE 19

2309 Nott St, Niskayuna
THIRD Sunday of EVERY Month

\$1 for every entree purchased will support the Iroquois PTO
More Information?
Contact [Laura Mirkovic](#)

Calendar of Activities

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| May 24 | - Board of Education mtg. (6 PM) |
| May 24 | - MS & HS Concert (7 PM) |
| May 27 | - Iroquois Students Wear Purple! |
| May 30 | - NO SCHOOL |
| June 1 | - Grade 5 Parent Orientation. (7 PM) |
| June 7 | - Board of Education mtg. (6 PM) |
| June 8 | - Iroquois PTO mtg. (7 PM) |
| June 20 | - Iroquois Moving Up. (6:30 PM) |
| June 21 | - Last Day of School! |