

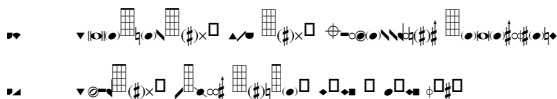


## Important Dates



### February 2008

- 12 -Tuesday, All-School, "Stolen Moments: The first 100 years in Jazz", at the Garde, 10:00 a.m.
- ISAAC Open House for prospective families, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 -**Wednesday, Hispanic Dinner, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
- Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 18-22 - Winter Vacation
- 25 -Monday, ISAAC Open House for prospective families, 5:30 p.m.



### Director's Spotlight



Dear ISAAC Friends and Families:

Greetings! I hope this issue of *ISAAC Happenings* finds you well. I also hope you are looking forward to some family time next week when we are on break. Soon after we get back, we will begin planning for CMTs. You will receive a letter with all of the information you need about when the tests will be administered and how you can support your child to be prepared for them. We will provide breakfast for all children during the two weeks of testing.

By the time you read this issue of *ISAAC Happenings*, you should have received a letter from me (or you very shortly will) telling you that Mrs. Dulcy O'Rourke has resigned from ISAAC and will be leaving at the end of this week. We are very sorry to lose her. We are actively looking for a certified math teacher to take her place and Mr. Mark Ferace (who is already on our staff) will be subbing for her until we hire her replacement. We are planning for the transition to happen as smoothly as possible.

Our School Improvement Committee has completed our School Improvement Plan. It

reading and math achievement and better communicating our high expectations for each child. The plan is available in the office for you to review. Please contact me if you have any questions (447-1003, x2).

My best,  
**Ruth A. Cole-Chu**  
 Executive Director



## ISAAC Parent's Corner

...by parents...for parents...



These days election fever is in the air and we are all inundated with commercials and speeches from candidates trying to convince us why they are the best choice for **change** for our country. It occurred to me while at the last IPAT meeting, that we all as parents made a choice for **change** when we decided to send our children to ISAAC. Board representative, Bill Murphy, spoke to the parents gathered at the February IPAT meeting about the importance of getting involved with the decisions being made by the ISAAC Board of Directors. The Board consists of a dedicated and involved group who are the guiding force on funding decisions, hiring selections, resource commitment, and school direction. Their job, in a nutshell, is to steer the school on the best path to make it successful. Their job would benefit from the input of all parents who would be willing to share their thoughts about the school and their child's experiences. Board of Directors meetings are open to any ISAAC parent who would like to attend. Not only are you welcome, you are encouraged to come and hear about the decisions being made and be an active participant in **change**.

Board meetings take place the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the school. Board Meeting dates for the rest of the school year are: Feb. 12, March 13, April 9, May 14 and June 11.

--Darlene Davis  
 Parent of 6<sup>th</sup> Grader, *Kelie Koussou*

## Parent's Corner Quote of the Week:

If we habitually focus on how to improve things that are already great, can you see how this spirit can transform ourselves, our organizations, families and communities?

- **Anthony Robbins, Author, Professional Speaker**

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## Schedule of IPAT Meeting for the remainder of the 2007/2008 School Year (held at ISAAC at 5:30 p.m.)

February 6, 2008 - March 5, 2008 - April 2, 2008 -  
May 7, 2008 - June 4, 2008

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## Donations needed

- *Book shelves* are needed ASAP so the volunteers working on the library project have shelves to put the books in.
- *Disinfectant wipes* for tables, etc.
- *Hot chocolate and Graham Crackers*—Lisa Lazarou would like some donations to be used during the reading marathons.
- *Books* for kids
- *Work-out equipment* for staff break room.

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## Volunteer Corner

### Classroom Project Helper

- ◇ Ivette Morales and Diane Barceló started a peppier mache mask project in Hispanic Studies and would love to have one or two parents help out, days 2 and 4, until the end of the trimester.
- ◇ Mrs. Lazarou is looking for a helper to work with students and their reading from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- ◇ Mrs. Lazarou is looking for a person to act as class room helper. Filing, copying, phone contacts, etc.

### Open House Volunteers

At least 2 parents are need for each Open House to welcome prospective families, say a few words during the presentation and answer questions. The open houses are on the following dates: Tuesday, Feb. 12; Monday, Feb. 25; Tuesday, March 11; Monday, March 24; and Tuesday, April 8,.

Volunteers are needed to help with a multi-stage library project in which Darlene Davis has volunteered to spearhead. The first stage, after getting shelving, will be working with the over 20 boxes of materials containing more or less 1,000 books that need to be assessed for usefulness, documented for inventory, and shelved and entered into a computer system for easy access by teaching staff. Darlene will be sending out more information on this vital project. If you are interested in helping her, let us know.

### Message Folders

Volunteers needed to come in and stuff message folders for teachers on Monday from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

### Crew Communicators

We are still seeking parents to volunteer as crew communicators. Only one person has volunteered so far. Two parents per crew will be in charge of setting up a phone tree for their child's crew, communicating with the crew teacher and communicating necessary information to parents. This is a rotating position in which all parents could help out as they can.

### Classroom Library

Mrs. Richelle Johnson is looking for someone to reorganize her classroom books to a more user-friendly arrangement.

If you have want to volunteer or have questions please contact our new Parent Volunteer Coordinator, Diane Barceló, by email: [barcelod@earthlink.net](mailto:barcelod@earthlink.net) or cellular: 608-7602.

## ISAAC

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### Leadership Team

Executive Director: Ruth A. Cole-Chu  
Janna Salmon: Director of Student Life  
David Howes: Director of Academics  
Kate Fioravanti: Head Teacher

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# February 2008

| Monday                  | Tuesday                 | Wednesday                                                | Thursday                      | Friday                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 11 Day 2                | 12 Day 3                | 13 Day 4                                                 | 14 Day 1                      | 15 Day 2                               |
|                         | 5:30 p.m.<br>Open House | 5:00-7:00 p.m.<br>Hispanic Dinner<br>5:30<br>BOD Meeting |                               |                                        |
| 18                      | 19                      | 20                                                       | 21                            | 22                                     |
| <b>Winter Break</b>     |                         |                                                          |                               |                                        |
| 25 Day 3                | 26 Day 4                | 27 Day 1                                                 | 28 Day 2                      | 29 Day 3                               |
| 5:30 p.m.<br>Open House |                         | 1/2 Day<br>Prof. Dev.                                    | 2:15<br>ISAAC<br>Science Fair | 3:30 - 5:30<br>ISAAC Social<br>{Dance} |

Reminder to parents of *Groton, Ledyard, Stonington & North Stonington* ISAAC students...make transportation arrangements for your child/children on the following dates:

- Wednesday, February 27 - ISAAC has ½ day, Magnet does not (pick up your child at ISAAC at 12:15 pm)

