



International Academy of Saginaw

March 2021 Newsletter

Dear IAS Families:

March is National Reading Month and we are planning activities to promote the joy of reading. Becoming a good reader has a direct effect on the level of success your child has in school. Our goal is to make reading fun and meaningful for the kids.

During February, our students focused on the contributions of African-Americans throughout history for Black History month. They learned how the African-American culture has shaped our current nation as we know it.

Within this mailing of the newsletter is the re-enrollment form. This form is used to plan for next year's programs and staffing. If you have a child that will be enrolling into Kindergarten next year, please contact Ms. Guerra so we can get them enrolled early. We also will be running Kindergarten round up and open enrollment shortly, please stay tuned for the upcoming information.

On a final note, please keep in contact with your students teachers, this is critical for the success of your child. Also, if you have any questions or would like to follow up with me to check the progress of your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Austin Brinkman, Principal

Important Dates

March	National Reading Month
March 29- April 5	Spring Break

IAS SPOTLIGHT

Staff Member of the Month

- **Angie Wazny**
Food Service

In-Person Student of the Month

- **Brayden LaRocque**
3rd Grade

Virtually Student of the Month

- **Surii Caffey**
2nd Grade

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Parents in order to make sure you are receiving our phone messages from School Messenger, we need to have your phone number up to date in our system. We use this system to send out reminders and send critical information.

Visit us at iasacademy.org

Or call us at (989) 921-1000

Re-Enrollment Form for 2021-22 School Year

You will be receiving a re-enrollment form in the mail that you will need to complete and return by March 26. This information is critical to update our current student information system and aid in our planning for next year. Please complete the form and either drop off to Ms. Guerra or email Ms. Guerra a copy to mguerra@iasacademy.org. If you do not receive a copy of the re-enrollment form, please call us at (989) 921-1000.

March is Reading Month

Here are some top ways to celebrate National Reading Month with your child.

- Read a Dr. Seuss Book
- Visit your local library
- Explore the World by reading a book about a unique location
- Try something new by reading a book to learn a hobby or activity
- Read your favorite book
- Share or donate a book



SKYWARD Student/Family Access

You can now access all of your students grades and attendance through SKYWARD. The link to access the student/family access is on our schools website iasacademy.org.

You will need to select the **parent portal** option at the top of the webpage, to gain access to the **SKYWARD link**. When the log in page appears there is a drop down box below the username and password box that you will need to select **family/student access**.

Log in name is the first 5 letters of your last name, first 3 letters of first name, then add 3 zeros. If you have not yet done so, please call IAS (989) 921-1000 or contact your student's teacher for your SKYWARD password ID #.

Attendance

Attendance and participation is critical for your child's virtual learning experience. Please make sure your student is logging into **every class each day**. Attendance is taken each period for all classes. It is important that your student is having meaningful 2 way communications with their teachers.

In addition to attendance, a student should have a quiet distraction free environment to focus on the learning for that day. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have questions about the online learning process. If you need email passwords reset, please call IAS at **(989) 921-1000**.

History of African Masks By Ms. Jones 2nd Grade Teacher

For Black history month, the 1st and 2nd grades learned about the history and cultural importance of African masks. We watched a video on the masks then we created our own African Masks.



Celebrating Black History Month 8th Grade Social Studies

Ms. Bala Social Studies Teacher

8th Grade celebrated the Black History month by researching and learning about the journey of many important African-American individuals who have helped shape history. The students showed the contributions of African Americans in all the aspects of life. The students made presentations on various topics such as “Police Brutality”, “The History of Black Voting”, “The Impact of Black Culture in American Society”, and “Systemic Racism”. Also, many students worked on various projects highlighting the History of Hip Hop, Harriet Tubman, and Shirley Chisholm. Also students used their creativity to create bulletin boards and poster boards to highlight important figures throughout Black History.

Grades 6-8 Reading Month Activities By Mr. Husmann

The International Academy of Saginaw middle school students are becoming book critics in honor of National Reading Month. The students will be challenged to read books from a wide range of selections, and then they will write book reviews. The reviews will include a rating out of five stars, a summary of the story, and an official recommendation from the student! Once a review is completed, the review will be posted in the hallway, and students will be able to see recommendations from their peers every time they walk the school.

Kindergarten Reading Activities for the Month of March By Ms. Saxton KG Teacher

During March is Reading Month, the Kindergarten class will be working to reach their **goal of reading 10 books per week** to win the class competition as well as individual incentives. We will be reading “Green Eggs and Ham” and trying them ourselves and voting on whether they like or dislike them. The children will engage in many activities in Art and STEM based on the books we read. There will also be a fun dress up day each Friday to help promote the excitement and interest in literacy!

Getting to Know your Staff at IAS

Mr. Husmann 6-8 ELA Teacher

Graduated College from:

University of South Carolina

Favorite Food: **Cool Ranch Doritos**

Favorite Superhero: **The Flash**

Dream Vacation Destination:

New Zealand

Favorite Hobby: **Reading**

Favorite Video Game: **Destiny 2**

Favorite Movie: **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button**

Fun fact about me: **I am big into backpacking and hiking and my most "impressive" trip was an 80-mile backpacking trip through the Pisgah mountain ranges in North Carolina in the middle of winter.**



March 3rd Grade Reading Activities

By
Ms. Bradley 3rd Grade

Third grade is looking forward to reading month! Each student will have a goal of reading 15 books or chapters each week and completing a short summary and review of their books. Students will participate in book talks to share their favorite stories with their classmates as well as design a book cover to represent a favorite book they've read! For every book the students complete, they will receive a charm! We can't wait to show off our reading skills!

Dr. Seuss Week at IAS

Friday 3/5 Horton Hears a Who! (*wear orange*)

Friday 3/12 The Lorax (*wear sunglasses*)

Friday 3/19 The Cat in the Hat (*wear a funky hat*)

Friday 3/26 Bartholomen and the OOBleck (*wear mix match clothes*)

