



The Information Hut



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Welcome to the Jungle...

Isbell PTA

We would like to introduce a new form of communication to our Isbell families, "The Information Hut".

We are very excited about the launch of our Newsletter. We want to make sure you are getting updates on how our fundraisers have done and how Isbell will benefit from your generosity.

The PTA Board, Isbell staff and volunteers are placing the finishing touches on a great line-up of events for this year: Parent and child education programs, a book Fair, Fun Run and so much more! No monkey business here, We want to make sure that none of our families miss out on these fun events.

Make sure you check out "The Information Hut" to see what's happening in the mighty jungle..

There will be a link from the Isbell website.

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The next publication will be posted on October 4, 2010.

Dates to remember

September

2nd -Curriculum Night

7th -Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza night

6th -Holiday, no school

9th -Introduction to

volunteering @ 8:15

17th -Fall Picnic

17th -PTA General Meeting

20-24th -College Week

October

7th -Class Pictures

11th -Parent Teacher

Conferences

11-15th -Scholastic Book fair

"Safari as I know..." words from the Principal



Dear Isbell Families...

Welcome to the jungle! I'm looking forward to another great year! Our teachers have been working hard to create fun and challenging learning environments!

I wanted to share one of my most favorite quotes: Prepare your child for the path, not the path for your child.

As we travel through our school year and the many adventures that we encounter, I hope that you will help us to guide your child along the path. Our goal is to help our students become problem solvers both socially and academically. In doing so, we help them grow in tolerance and respect for one another and accept the differences between us.

When we allow our children the opportunity to work through instead of removing the problem, they acquire new life skills that will help them develop into smarter, wiser teenagers and adults.

We look forward to walking the path with your family this year!

Ginger Lemons

Don't forget to start saving your box tops!



Last year, we raised over \$1,500.00 for our school. Lets continue the great success! For a complete list of participating products

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www.boxtops4education.com



Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. We are so pleased that you are at Isbell Elementary with us. We strive to make each day an awesome one.

My name is Dana Cruz and I am the counselor at Isbell Elementary. In this column, I will provide information about what we are doing in our guidance lessons, any upcoming events, and some tips and tools that you might be able to use.

For our opening newsletter, I want to focus on some safety tips for the kids. The crossing guard and safety patrol staff outside Isbell Elementary are there to help keep the students safe. **It is very important that the students use the cross walk.** If your child is riding a bike/skateboard/ scooter to school, please remind him/her that he/she will need to 1) wear a helmet and 2) get off of the bike/skateboard/ scooter to cross the cross walk. Whether walking or riding a bike/skateboard/scooter students need to wait for the crossing guard to

guide them safely across the street.

As your child is walking or riding to school, please remind him/her that he/she needs to look out for cars. Before your child crosses a street, please remind him/her to look both ways for cars before going across. **Unfortunately, there are children who ride in the middle of the road, zig zag back and forth, and are not paying attention to what is going on around them. With reminders from both home and school, we can do our best to keep the kids safe.** Another safety tip, would be for your child to come to school or go home from school with another child. Having a friend with you creates comfort and an added measure of safety.

Over the past few years I have noticed that many students who ride bikes or scooters to school, lean their bikes against the bike racks without locking them up. The scooters are leaning against trees or the side of the building. A safety tip would be to lock your bike or scooter to the bike racks. In June,



more bike racks were added along the path. Please use the bike racks instead of the trees. Lastly, if your child goes home with another student, please remind your child that if he/she don't see that student you may want to go into the office to find out if the other student is on campus. This way the student is not left behind. If your child doesn't find you or the other child he/she is to go home with, it is always better to come into the office. In the office, we can call for the other child, we can call home and find out how you want your child to get home, or your child can wait in the office until you are able to come and pick him/her up. Working together to remind the children about safety rules will help to prevent mishaps. We hope you have a safe and healthy year.

Attention Parents!

All volunteers must complete a mandatory background check every year. Please visit www.friscoisd.org and click on "Parents & Students" then click on "Volunteer Form" and follow the instructions provided.

We are looking forward to our third year of our "Three4me" volunteer



program, which allows you to choose when and where you want to volunteer.

Lucy Mark-VP Volunteers

The PTA has had questions from parents about "How, When & Where" can I volunteer, so we will be hosting an **"Introduction to Volunteering"** at Isbell on September 9th at 8:15am. Please join us.



It is so great to see everyone back for the new school year. For those of you I have not had a chance to meet

yet, I am Mrs. Dodson, the Assistant Principal. I'll be looking for an opportunity to meet all of our new families here at Isbell and to say a big hello to our former parents.

I have been so impressed with our kiddos behavior the first of week of school. At Isbell, we ask all of our kids to strive for their 'Personal Best!' This applies in all areas in the building and in everything that we do. I have already had the opportunity to see our kids do their personal best around the building. A great example was when a 1st grade student wasn't sure how to tie his shoe. Instead of giving up he tried 3 times and then asked me "Can you please teach me how to do this? I have tried and tried and just can't seem to get that last bunny ear through the hole."

Doesn't that just make your heart melt! That child was given a kuddo for doing his personal best and not

giving up! For our new parents, kuddos is our school-wide incentive program that we use for our kids, when they are caught having great character or just doing the RIGHT thing! Any teacher on campus can give any kid a kuddo. Once the student receives a kuddo he or she is able to come to the office and receive a little trinket.

Speaking of good character, one of my big roles as the Assistant Principal is to keep up with students tardies and attendance. All of us in life have meetings to attend, jobs to attend, or a good ole' party to attend! One thing we all try to do when we have an appointment is be on time. Well folks, that applies here at Isbell too. School starts at 8:00 and we truly need all of our kids here on time so our teachers can start their wonderful lessons. Life lessons and professional work ethics start now. Being on time in elementary school starts the pattern of being on time for high school, college courses, interviews, future jobs, and once again that fun party. Please know, there are district polices in place to address

tardies. This includes Fridays when we hold our school-wide Pep Rally. Teachers will take attendance before Pep Rally starts. Absences- If your child will be absent, be sure to email your child's teacher and Tim Peternana. Often times teachers are so busy during the day they don't get a chance to check their email. He will make sure to keep that communication in your child's attendance file.

My overall role is to serve our students, parents and teachers at Isbell. If there is any way I can serve you, please feel free to email me at dodsons@friscoisd.org or stop by the office. I am looking forward to another fun and productive year.

Serving Isbell,

Serita Dodson



A few reminders...



The circle drive that is located in the back of the school will be closed daily from 7:30—2:45.



Please do not park along the curb in the front circle drive, in the mornings or afternoons. This lane should be clear of all parked vehicles during arrival and dismissal.



Don't forget Pep Rally's are Friday's at 8:15 am in the cafeteria