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# Skiles Test Pilots

**OCTOBER 7, 2016**

## LOOKING AHEAD

- OCT 7/FRI - WALKATHON CELEBRATION 6-8 PM**
- OCT 12/WED - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**  
**NO SCHOOL**
- OCT 13-14 - FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL**
- OCT 21 - 26 - VISION AND HEARING TESTING**
- OCT 27/THUR - SKILES TEST NIGHT AT CHILE**  
**VERDES**
- NOV 7/MON - TITLE I NIGHT, BOOK FAIR & PFO**  
**MEETING 5-6:30 PM**
- NOV 7 - 10 - BOOK FAIR**
- NOV 12/SAT - MAGIC SHOW AT MORTY'S COMEDY**  
**CLUB 4:30 PM**
- NOV 21-25 - THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL**
- DEC 2/FRI - PARENTS NIGHT OUT 6 - 9 PM**

## EXCLUSION DATE IS OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT UP TO DATE ON IMMUNIZATIONS

Students will NOT be allowed to attend school on October 11<sup>th</sup> if immunization records are not complete. If you have these records, please send them to the school nurse by the morning of October 10<sup>th</sup>. If your student does not have the required immunizations, please make arrangements to get these completed at your doctor's office, the Marion County Health Department or Walgreens. If you have any questions regarding immunizations, please contact the school nurse.

## Family Connection Corner:

Get ready for a parent-teacher conference by making a list of the questions you want to ask. A prepared parent with a positive attitude and an open mind is on the right track for creating a successful, year-long partnership with his child's teacher.

Here, Debbie Shiabu, executive director of the Association of Private Schools; Anne Davis, education contributor for the parenting blog We Know Stuff; and Justin Baeder, director of The Principal Center, provide expert advice on effective questions to ask at your next parent-teacher conference.

Start the conversation by talking about the most important topic: your child.

- [How Is My Child Doing Socially?](#)
- [Is My Child Performing on Grade Level?](#)
- [What Do These Assessment Results Really Mean?](#)
- [Is My Child Doing His/Her Best?](#)
- [Does My Child Need Extra Help in Any Areas?](#)
- [What Can We Do to Provide That Extra Help?](#)

If your child is having problems in school or with the teacher, address them head-on.

- [May I Share a Concern?](#)
- [Can You Fill Me in on This Situation?](#)
- [Can You Tell Me About Your Teaching Method?](#)
- [Do You Have Any Advice?](#)

End the conference with these useful queries.  
[How Can I Help?](#)  
[How Can I Contact You?](#)



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Skiles Test Families, we appreciate your efforts to keep our neighborhood beautiful and clean. Johnson Road is a main traffic route for many parents and students. Please drive safely and help keep this area free from litter. Thank you, the neighbors of Skiles Test appreciate it.

### **READERS ARE LEADERS!**

Skiles Test Media Center staff is proud to announce our recent partnership with the Indianapolis Public Library system. Skiles Test students now have access to tens of thousands of new books, ebooks, audiobooks, movies, magazines and databases. All students have received their library cards and are learning to access this rich collection of print and electronic resources. Please note, Skiles Test students are not charged fees for late return of materials or a fee for the failure to pick up a requested item. However, students are responsible for the replacement cost of lost or seriously damaged items.

This year's fall book fair is scheduled for Nov. 7 – 10 and is the perfect time to pick up holiday reading gifts. The book fair will be open on Monday, Nov. 7, from 5:00 – 6:30 during our first Family Title Night and PFO Meeting. All students will have an opportunity to visit the book fair and shop during the school day.

### **PFO IN ACTION:**

**Roller Cave:** Our first skating party is Tuesday 10/4 from 6-8 pm. Admission is \$5.00 (includes skates). A portion of the admission is donated back to Skiles! The more skaters, the more money we earn!

**Walkathon Celebration:** All our families are invited to our Celebration on 10/7 from 6-8 pm. We'll have Food Trucks, Kona Ice, Game Truck and Bounce Houses! We'll also have raffles & a Silent Auction! New this year: throw a pie at your teacher!

### **VISION AND HEARING SCREENING**

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> vision and hearing screenings will be conducted by the Marion Co. Health Dept. All students in first, third, and fifth grades will have their vision screened and all students in first and fourth grades will have their hearing screened. Teachers in other grades may request screenings for individual students. Parents may also request screenings through the school nurse.

### **District News:**

#### **Vaccinations Needed to Stay in School**

Indiana state law requires that all students meet minimum required immunizations to attend school. A copy of your child's updated immunizations must be given to the school nurse no later than Monday, October 10. Students without the required documentation for immunizations will be excluded from school. If your student does not meet the minimum required immunizations, you have been notified by a letter from school.

#### **State Required Communicable Disease Information**

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccination of children with the meningococcal conjugate vaccine at 11 or 12 years of age, with a booster dose at 16 years of age. Indiana Code requires the Indiana State Department of Health to provide information on the link between cancer and the human papillomavirus (HPV) and the vaccination that can protect your child from HPV related cancers later in life. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians and the American College of Physicians, all boys and girls ages 11 or 12 should be vaccinated. Visit [LTschools.org/health-services](http://LTschools.org/health-services) for more information, or check the announcements on our website.

#### **PREP-Parent Engagement Series—Everything you always wanted to know about high school**

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