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# Skiles Test Pilots

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### LOOKING AHEAD

- MAR 4/SAT - GIRLS & BOYS 6TH GR BB 6:30 LECC
- MAR 8/WED - 6TH GR BOYS BB TOURNAMENT 7:30  
LC FIELDHOUSE
- MAR 11/SAT - 6TH GR. GIRLS BB TOURNAMENT 2:45  
BELZER LARGE GYM
- MAR 12/SUN - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
TURN CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR
- MAR 23 & 24/ POSSIBLE SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS
- MAR 27 - 31 - SPRING BREAK
- APR 3/MON - RETURN TO SCHOOL
- APR 7/FRI - DINE TO DONATE @ CHUCK E CHEESE 3 - 9
- APR 13 - 19 - BOOK FAIR

### Family Connection Corner:

#### Free eBooks and eAudiobooks

All students have access to the Indianapolis Public Library's extensive collection of ebooks and e-audiobooks. Parents are encouraged to help their students establish a weekly habit of checking out ebooks and eAudiobooks to enjoy in their free time and before bed. Listening to ebooks is a great way to develop vocabulary and comprehension skills. Students in grades 1- 3 should explore the Tumblebook Collections. Students in grades 3-6 should explore checking out ebooks and eAudiobooks via the Indianapolis Public Library Sherlock for Kids catalog. Skiles Test students may also request print materials from IndyPL for delivery to Skiles Test Elementary. Below are links to short (3 min.) "How To" Videos for accessing the Indy PL online catalog and ordering print resources.

How to Checkout eBooks and eAudiobooks

<https://youtu.be/Phn9UzD4QT4>

How to Access Tumblebooks

<https://youtu.be/bwASaxzPCWg>

How to Request Print Materials for Delivery to Skiles Test Elementary

<https://youtu.be/jumdKleBAQ>

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Belzer and Fall Creek Valley Middle Schools will be hosting open houses on April 5th, 2017 from 6:30 to 8 PM. Parents may come and go as they please during this time frame.

Belzer MS is located at 7555E. 56th St.

Fall Creek Valley MS is located at 9701 E. 63rd. St.

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

Before the start of 6th grade students must have 2 immunizations. The 2 required are the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) and the Meningococcal (MCV4). Indiana state law requires all students to have an up to date immunization record. Please schedule an appointment to have these done and give a copy of your student's updated records to the school nurse before the first day of school in August.

**YEARBOOKS** are on sale now. The cost is \$16. Order forms are available in the school office. You can order online through March 17. Visit [www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook). School code-16921M.



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### **PFO In Action:**

**Boxtops:** Keep sending Boxtops in – put them in a baggie with your child’s name on it. We’ll have a contest for our next submission which is March 1st! We’ll have small prizes for everyone that turns in a baggie of Boxtops! WE WANT TO BREAK A SKILES RECORD OF 15,000 BOXTOPS SUBMITTED FROM 2013!

**Kroger Shoppers:** Link your Kroger Plus card to Skiles so Kroger can donate to Skiles Test. Log in to your Plus account then click on Community Rewards! Select Skiles Test (10844)

### **Computer Science**

Skiles Test students are learning computer science and coding! Students in grades 1 – 6 take online blended learning courses in coding, logical/sequential thinking, and problem solving. Students are encouraged to collaborate and create. Code.org’s K-5 courses blend online, self-guided, and self-paced tutorials. Google’s CS First courses enable students to create interactive animations, video games, and apps using Scratch. Scratch is a free programming language created by MIT.

<https://code.org>

<https://scratch.mit.edu>

<https://www.cs-first.com>

### **DISTRICT NEWS**

#### **Summer Camp/Day Care**

The MSD of Lawrence Township, in partnership with the Benjamin Harrison YMCA is offering a variety of summer camp opportunities for children ages 3 through 15. Check the website for complete details and registration information.

#### **“Light Their Future” Celebration**

On **March 10, 2017**, the Lawrence Township School Foundation will host its 17<sup>th</sup> annual **“Light their Future” Celebration**. It will be an evening of dinner, dancing, socializing, and a fantastic silent auction. Check the Foundation’s website at [www.msdltf.org](http://www.msdltf.org) for more information or if you or your company is interested in donating something to be used in the silent auction.

#### **PREP-Parent Engagement Series**

Mark your calendar for the final Parent Engagement (PREP) presentation of the 2017 - 2018 school year, **A conversation with Dr. Shawn A. Smith, Superintendent**. April 25 at 6:30 pm at Lawrence North High School, 7802 Hague Road. Child care and Spanish translation will be provided.

#### **6th Grade Track and Field**

Sixth graders are invited to join the Track and Field Team of the middle school they will attend next year. Shuttle bus service from elementary schools is provided to 6th graders participating in athletics. Belzer call out meeting is March 6. Fall Creek Valley call out meeting is March 9. Check the website for details.

**Summer sports leagues** are forming now. See the **Community Activities** page on our website linked in the lower right side.

**Spring Break is March 27 - 31.**

**If there are NO snow days prior to Spring Break, there will be no school Thursday & Friday, March 23 & 24.**

**The first day of school after Spring Break is Monday, April 3.**

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