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Skiles Test Pilots

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LOOKING AHEAD

DEC 22 - JAN 6, 2017 - WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL

FEB 16/THUR - SKILES NIGHT AT THE PACER GAME

PARKING AT SKILES TEST

For the safety of our students, please refrain from parking in the front bus lane between 7:35-8:00 AM. Once our busses have unloaded, our students who are being dropped off by their parents need to be able to unload safely at the curb. Parking and having to back up or driving past other cars already in line endangers our students. Thank you for respecting this procedure and keeping the safety of our students your first priority.

PFO NEWS

Please keep saving you BoxTops for Education. We will be starting a contest in 2017! Look for more information coming home next month.

Book discussion is one of the best ways to know the level of, and to support, your child's literacy. The analytical skills used in discussion are what your child needs to succeed in school—and life. But because you're probably not reading the books that your children are reading for pleasure or for school, it's sometimes hard to have a discussion about them.

Here are some tips on how to start and sustain a book discussion with your child. In general, avoid dead-end, yes/no questions such as "Did you like it?"

While your child is reading a book, try asking:

- Will you catch me up on the story? What's happened so far?
- What do you think will happen next?
- If you were that character, what would you have done differently in that situation?
- If the book was a TV show, which actors would you cast in it?
- Where is the book set?
- If the main character in that story lived next door, would you guys be friends?
- What does the place look like in your head as you read? Would you want to visit there?
- Did you learn any new words or facts so far?

After your child has finished a book, ask questions like:

- What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- Would you have ended the book differently? Did it end the way you thought it would?
- Did the problem of the book's plot get solved? If you could change one thing in the book, what would you change?



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Did you know that there is a Parent Information and Resource Center in our area? The Indiana Partnerships Center located at 921 E. 86th Street, Suite 108 works to empower parents about their rights and responsibilities pertaining to their children's education in the following ways:

Providing parent-focused workshops that are scheduled by schools, community groups, or parent groups.

Providing education-related information and resource materials, including information about school choice, attendance, tips for parents and teachers talking together, and how to have a family friendly school.

Helping schools develop parent engagement strategies that provide opportunities for parents to become decision-makers in their children's school, resources for school improvement, and mentors to others.

Contact them at [317-205-2595](tel:317-205-2595) or on the web at www.fscp.org for more information on how you can become involved!

DISTRICT NEWS

Holiday Activities at the Benjamin Harrison YMCA

December 10: Breakfast With Santa 9:00 AM.

December 12: Lunch and Learn-Dealing With Holiday Stress. 12:00 noon.

December 16: Cocoa and Canvas-Enjoy a creative night out with friends! 6:60 PM

For more information or to register, call the YMCA at 317-547-9622

Marching Pride of Lawrence Township to Participate in Tournament of Roses Parade

The Marching Pride of Lawrence will be traveling to Pasadena to participate in the Rose Bowl parade! Watch the excitement on January 2! Text MPLT to 72727 to donate to help defray the costs of this thrilling opportunity.

MSDLT Board of Education News

We wish Mr. Matt Brown, Board of Education member serving District 3, the best of luck and thank him for his service to our school district these past four years. He will be departing from the board at the conclusion of 2016. Be sure to view an interview with Dr. Smith and Mr. Brown on Lawrence Live, available on December 12. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Shawn Denney to the Board, elected to District 3. Mr. Denney will be sworn in at the January meeting.

Happy Holidays!

Winter Break is December 22—January 9

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