

Ida Insights

Where Learning Strikes

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Ida Public Schools Community:

Happy 150th Anniversary to Ida Public Schools! Cindy Reuther is one of the co-chairs for the celebration committee. When she sang the Ida Fight Song to the person who was conducting a phone survey for Ida, I knew her heart and spirit would be contagious for our celebration. If you would like to help with the celebration committee, please let me know and we will include you in the next planning meeting. You will not be required to sing the Ida Fight Song unless of course you would like to! We hope to see everyone at Ida's Homecoming on October 15, 2021!

Our first outdoor graduation on our football field was special indeed. Our graduates, and their family and friends were enthusiastic and ready to celebrate! The first graduating class from the Ida Harvest Academy, our new alternative school, will be one we will always remember. Thirty-one enthusiastic Pre-School and Kindergarten students graduated from Safety City. All our graduates are ready for their next steps.

Please take time to read the article regarding student achievement. During all the challenges with COVID, the tenaciousness of our students, parents, and staff kept our students learning at or above the national norms for achievement. It was not an easy year for anyone, and I cannot say enough about the efforts from all.



Kimberly Brownell-Gulley, our Ida Middle School 6th Grade English teacher for the past 20 years, passed away on August 3, 2021 in the care of her family and hospice. Mrs. Gulley (Kim) will be missed. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Mrs. Stacy Maynard will be the new Ida Elementary Principal this fall. **Mr. Bert Wagner** retired after years of dedicated service to our students and community. He

was in education for 39 years, 15 years as a teacher and 24 years as an administrator. Many of those years were with us. Thank you, Mr. Wagner.

As we look to the fall, the staff and students are gearing up for a full year of academics and extra-curricular activities. You can read more about this on our website and in the mailings from the principals to their families.

Have a wonderful fall.
Go Bluestreaks!
Sandy

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School begins for students on **Tuesday, September 7th, 2021.**

The Ida Public Schools Board of Education, faculty, and staff would like to welcome everyone back, as we begin another exciting year.



FROM TRANSPORTATION:

Routing information will be posted on the school website. If you have questions, please contact Transportation. Contact information is on the back of this publication.

**ELECTION DAY IS
November 2, 2021
BOND INFORMATION
inside!**

Ida's Best Kept Secret "Safety City" in its 23rd Year!

It is with pride that we announce the completion of Ida's "Safety City" program. The program was held 21 June through 2 July. Running for two hours per day, Safety City culminated with a picnic/graduation on the last day. Completion certificates and many gifts were passed out at the event, which celebrated the graduation of 31 preschool and kindergarten children.

During the 10 day program, students were entertained by many guest speakers, who provided practical safety tips for the children. The teacher of the program was Mrs. Alissabeth Fox, and her assistant was Mrs. Carolyn Clark. The IHS student helpers were Mason Taylor, Hannah Huston, Megan Huston and Madison Steinman. The director of "Safety City" was Mr. Bert Wagner, the elementary Principal.

The children in Safety City participated in the following activities, and received the following gifts:

Activities

- Rode the Kettler Kettcars in the Safety City
- Were visited by Ida firefighters
- Rode in a school bus to pool
- Explored police car, fire truck, and Animal Control truck & ambulance
- Learned about poison safety and First Aid
- Learned about Dental Care from "Smiles on Wheels"
- Learned Electrical Safety from D.T.E.'s Louie Lightning Bug
- Practiced dialing 9-1-1
- Learned train and railroad safety
- Learned about farm safety/sat in a tractor
- Were visited by "Eddie the Eagle" (gun safety)
- Learned swimming safety at the YMCA Pool
- Ambulance Virtual Presentation
- Sat on a tractor (Tractor Safety)
- Were honored at the Safety City Graduation



Gifts

Safety City t-shirt, bicycle helmet, coloring & activity books, tooth brushing supplies, daily snacks, a toy tractor, toy ambulance, Coast Guard certified life vest, stickers and miscellaneous items, graduation certificate, pictures, and first aid kit.

"Safety City" Contributors

We would like to thank the following who donated (in 2020) to Safety City:

Business Donors:

- Ida Veterinary Clinic
- Gino's Pizza & Substation
- Capaul Funeral Home
- Ida Farmers Co-Operative Co.
- Leski Wittman Insurance Agency, LLC
- GARST LP Gas, Inc.
- BANAS Lumber & Hardware
- Directions Credit Union

Program Officials

- Bert Wagner, program administrator
- Alissabeth Fox, teacher
- Carolyn Clark, teacher aide
- Mason Taylor, Hannah Huston, Megan Huston, Madison Steinman, IHS student aides

Other Helpers

- Braelyn Bacon (Volunteer)
- Bob Cherry, Tony Scott (Maintenance & Setup)
- Ryan Kisonas (Technology)
- Pam Oberski (Food & Snacks)

Speakers, Volunteers, Bus Driver and Helpers

- Rhan Stokes (Railroad/Train Safety)
- State Trooper Donald Stewart (Stranger Danger)
- Deputy Raymo & Deputy Bohmer (Animal Control)
- Angie Wagner, Haleigh DeLisle, (Swimming Safety)
- Amy Fisher, Patty Stotz (Bus drivers)
- Pamela Hargan, Terri Down, Kim Crabtree ("Smiles on Wheels" Dental Hygiene)
- Gwenyth Deiter, Ethan Kelly, Maria Moutzalias and DTE's "Louie Lightning Bug" (Electricity)
- John Elkins (Bus Safety)
- Ron Eby (Ida Fire Dept.)
- Nicole Balensiefer of Emergent Health (Ambulance)
- Deputy Tony Modica and "Eddie Eagle" (Gun Safety)
- Donna Kuti (9-1-1 Dispatch)
- Austin Otto and Landon Bryant (Tractor Safety)
- Haleigh DeLisle, Clare Reed, Kurt Schlosser, Meredith Soule, Torie Vines and Emily New (Monroe YMCA Pool)

2021 Safety City Graduates

Brynley Bacon
Harrison Winkelman
Sophia Gross
Eli Opfermann
Victoria Stotz
Leizel Tucker
Easton Horner
Adalyn Werner
Lilah Werner
Weston Foster
Loralie Ilstrup
Aubrey Werner
Kennedy Warner
Duncan Click
Colt Schlump
Jack Schlump

Xavier Baker
Mason Baker
Creed Baker
Oliver Batson
Huntley Kleinow
Hudson Hubbard
Dakota Coker
Payton Morales
Gregory Ghareeb
Avery Baxter
Max Wolkins
Mila Thompson
Elijah Bauerschmidt
Maddox Marietta
Declan Cox



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Wonderful news for you: **The USDA has extended Free Breakfast and Lunches thru June 30, 2022!** *Every student is eligible for free meals.*

Breakfast will be served in each building

- In the **Elementary**, the students will be offered breakfast in their classrooms soon after school begins.
- **Middle and High School** students go to their building kitchens as they get off the bus and eat in the cafeteria.

Lunch

- Ala Carte will be available, as usual in the Middle and High school during lunch times.
- If your child packs his/her lunch, milk will be offered for .50 cents.
- **If you are an Ida Virtual Academy student, meal pick-up can be arranged with Mrs. Oberski.**

If a doctor has determined that your child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the participant from eating the regular school meals, we will make reasonable substitutions to the meals for students who are considered to have a disability or medical need that restricts their diet.

This is done on a case-by-case basis. A doctor's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department of the school. The Dietary/Allergy form may be obtained by the school website, school offices or the Food service dept.

We will provide building lunch menus as usual. These can be found on the school website under the specified building. Elementary breakfast menu will also be provided. There is a Nationwide food chain supply issue. There may have to be menu changes that are out of our control, due to product shortages. Please be patient as we will do our best to provide the best for our students...which is a yummy and healthy meal.

We look forward to a great school year here at Ida Public Schools.

If you have any questions please call Pam Oberski, Food Service Director 734-269-9003 ext.3510 or email me at oberski@idaschools.org.

National School Lunch Program

We still need your household to fill out and sign the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application that will be arriving in the school packets. This information is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology
- Pandemic-EBT
- **Numerous fee waivers for high school students (Please see your counselor for more information)**

We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the application submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the attached application, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

Student Achievement

Students and teachers worked very hard this past year to achieve and maintain gains in the classroom. One tool that was used to measure student growth and progress was the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) assessment. This test was given to our elementary students at the beginning, middle, and end of the year, and to our middle school students at the beginning and end of the year.

We are all looking forward to having a great year and cannot wait to see the successes our students will make this year!

At the beginning of the year some of our grade levels as a whole did not meet the national norm by one to two points for the reading and/or math assessments. This was expected due to the spring school closure in 2020. However, by the end of the year, this gap closed and 90% of our grade levels scored at or above the suggested national average. This is outstanding and speaks volumes for how hard our students, teachers, and families worked both in and out of school this past year!

Many of our students also took the state standardized M-Step, PSAT, and/or SAT assessment this past spring. In a non-pandemic year, part of a school rating assigned from the state of Michigan is based on the amount of students who take these state provided assessments. This threshold is set at 95%, which we generally meet or exceed. During the 2021 state spring testing window we had an overall average of 94% of our students



participate on these assessments including our virtual academy students. This also takes into account any student that was quarantined and unable to test. Final score reports from these tests have not been released yet, but they should be coming out soon. We are eager to see how well our students did and also see areas of weakness that we can improve and focus on for the upcoming school year.

Looking ahead to the 2021-2022 school year, Ida Public Schools plans to continue providing students with high quality in person instruction. We will also continue reading and math intervention and after school tutoring services that are designed to meet student needs. Student enrichment activities such as Quiz Bowl and Math Counts will also be continued.

Summer Camp



Many students enjoyed a variety of themes during summer camp. More than 40 students attended the June afternoon camp with the Summer Fun theme, and early July with a Patriot theme. Christmas in July theme with a visit from Santa; and Animal theme wrapped up summer camp with a variety Mrs. Fox's tortoises that came to visit. Students who came to school on their summer birthday were able to celebrate at school for perhaps the first time. Lots of great learning fun has been taking place!

The camps would not have been successful without our wonderful bus drivers, devoted custodians and hardworking maintenance staff, Pam and her dedicated kitchen staff, cheery Summer teaching staff, and the commitment from our families. Thank you to all who participated and helped make this summer program a success!



Mrs. Kimberly Brownell-Gulley

Mrs. Kimberly Brownell-Gulley, our Ida Middle School 6th Grade English teacher for the past 20 years, passed away on August 3, 2021 in the care of family and hospice.

Mrs. Gulley (Kim) was a 1986 Ida High School graduate, was Vice President of the Ida Education Association, a CLC Representative on Monroe and Lenawee Counties and part of the Central Labor Committee. Mrs. Gulley loved to read, and she was passionate about inspiring her students to love literature.

Survivors include: her husband, Bill; children, Ethan William and Olivia Emmaline Gulley; parents, Donald and Denna Brownell; sisters, Julia (Eric) Weiler, Dawn (Jim) Adie and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Gulley was preceded in death by her grandparents, James and Berneta Brownell and James and Cotina Simmons.



Congratulations to all our Ida Trap Shooters!



From left to right. Mike Wolfe, Hunter Kile, Briley Kanitz, Kameran Duvall, Callum Steinke.



Above (L-R) Scott Steinke, Chris Duvall, Kameran Duvall, Callum Steinke, Chad Hotchkiss

Our kids have put in many hours of practice and the results have shown. We have had many kids shoot a perfect 25 straight, several 50 straights, a couple of 75 straights, and Michael Ellerman was first shooter in Ida History to eclipse 100 straight. The entire year our shooters have brought home first place medals and trophies, with our Intermediate Entry Squad placing 1st place at this year's national trap shooting competition at the cardinal shooting center in Marengo Ohio. All Ida's shooting teams did well competing with the best shooters from schools all across the USA but our intermediate entry division was able to bring home the 1st place trophy beating out all other schools in that division which consist of first year middle school shooters.





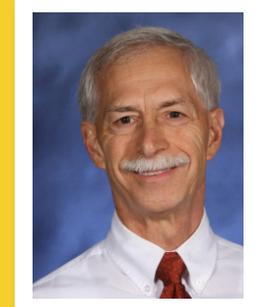
American's Farmers Grow Communities Grant

Thank you to **Linda Stotz** for selecting Ida Elementary and Middle Schools to receive a \$2,500 grant from the Bayer Fund to be used for playgrounds. Should the bond pass, we will make sure what we purchase with this is separate from what the bond will provide for the playgrounds.

What is the American's Farmers Grow Grant? From food banks to fire stations, these grants fund rural communities with \$2,500 grants that make a positive impact on rural nonprofits. Each year eligible farmers enroll for a chance to help a rural nonprofit organization with an America's Farmers Grow Communities donation, sponsored by Bayer Fund. Since 2010, the Bayer Fund has awarded more than \$35 million to thousands of organizations. More information about grants can be found at americasfarmers.com



Sharon Kimling
43 years



Bert Wagner
23 years



Ida Public Schools has recently chosen to use Infinite Campus as our student information system. Infinite Campus is a district-wide student information system designed to manage attendance, grades, schedules, assessments, and other information about the students in Ida. Infinite Campus will replace eSchool Home Access Center.

You will have access to the Campus Portal which is a confidential and secure website that allows parents/guardians to log in and view their child's progress in school. There is also an app available for both iOS and Android devices. The goal of the Campus Portal is to create a better partnership between parents and teachers. More information to come.

SEE YOU AT OPEN HOUSE!

ELECTION DAY
11.02.2021

Ida Public Schools

2021 Bond Information



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Superintendent Sandra Kreps:
kreps@idaschools.org
734-269-9003, Ext. 4000



ADDITIONAL INFO QR CODE

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

Our community will have the opportunity to vote on an Ida Public Schools bond proposal on the November 2, 2021 election ballot. If approved, it would provide \$38,800,000 for building & site improvements to address identified and ongoing facility needs based on facility assessments and community input. If approved by voters, the 2021 bond millage would increase the millage rate by 4.70 mills.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROJECTS IN THIS BOND PROPOSAL?

Summary of Improvements to High School:

- Safety Improvements / Secured Entry
- HVAC / Heating Improvements
- Building / Classroom Improvements (Ceilings, Flooring, Paint, Millwork, Added Storage, New Insulated Windows, LED Lighting, and Doors)
- Update Science Classrooms/Labs

Summary of Improvements to Middle School:

- Safety Improvements / Secured Entry
- HVAC / Heating Improvements
- Building / Classroom Improvements (Ceilings, Flooring, Paint, Millwork, Added Storage, New Insulated Windows, LED Lighting, and Doors)
- Update Science Classrooms/Labs

Summary of Improvements to Elementary School:

- Safety Improvements / Secured Entry
- HVAC / Heating Improvements
- Building / Classroom Improvements (Ceilings, Flooring, Paint, Millwork, Added Storage, New Insulated Windows, LED Lighting, and Doors)
- Gym, Corridor, Classroom, and Restroom Addition
- Facility Improvements to Provide Pre-K Curriculum/Classrooms
- New Preschool and Elementary Playgrounds

As well as additional Improvements to **Welding Shop Building**••

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE



Go to www.idaschools.org/bondinfo or contact Superintendent Sandra Kreps via email: kreps@idaschools.org



NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Visit Michigan.gov/vote to register online or visit your local Clerk's office to register in person up until/on election day.



Tax Relief Options for Voters

Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit – Households that pay homestead property taxes greater than 3.2% of their annual income may be eligible for Michigan’s Homestead Property Tax Credit. Eligible households may deduct up to 60% (up to 100% for senior citizens, please see the senior credit table below) of the millage increase cost up to a \$1,500 Homestead Tax Credit limit. The eligibility for the credit begins to decrease after household income exceeds \$51,001 and ends completely after the household income exceeds \$60,001.

**Please contact Sandy Kreps
with questions
kreps@idaschools.org
734-269-9003, Ext. 4000**

**Please see below the general reduction table
and senior credit table below:**

General Credit Reduction

Resources	% of credit
\$51,000	100.00%
\$51,001	90.00%
\$52,001	80.00%
\$53,001	70.00%
\$54,001	60.00%
\$55,001	50.00%
\$56,001	40.00%
\$57,001	30.00%
\$58,001	20.00%
\$59,001	10.00%
\$60,001	0.00%

Senior Credit

Resources	% Credit
\$21,000	100%
\$21,001	96%
\$22,001	92%
\$23,001	88%
\$24,001	84%
\$25,001	80%
\$26,001	76%
\$27,001	72%
\$28,001	68%
\$29,001	64%
\$30,001	60%

Tax Calculator: This is a link <https://pfmtaxcalc.com/IdaPublicSchoolDistrict/default.aspx> to an online tax calculator we created that estimates the impact of November’s ballot proposal on a your annual tax bill. This will help you see the actual amount of increase for each household. Below is a table with a general overview of tax increases.

HOME (SEV) TAXABLE VALUE	HOME MARKET VALUE	ESTIMATED DAILY COST	ESTIMATED MONTHLY COST	ESTIMATED YEARLY COST
\$50,000	\$100,000	\$0.64	\$19.58	\$235
\$100,000	\$200,000	\$1.29	\$39.17	\$470
\$150,000	\$300,000	\$1.93	\$58.75	\$705

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2021-2022 School Calendar

August 2021

Tues., Aug. 31

Professional Development Day (8-3:30), (Instructional Day)
Open House – ES 5-6:30 p.m., MS 4:30-6:00 p.m., HS 5:30-7:00 p.m.

September 2021

Wed., Sept. 1

Professional Development Day (8-3:30)

Mon., Sept. 6

Labor Day – No School

Tues., Sept. 7

First Day for Students

October 2021

November 2021

Mon., Nov. 1

District-Wide PD (no students); (Instructional Day)

Fri., Nov. 5

End of 1st Marking Period

Mon., Nov. 22

½ day; K-4 P/T Conferences (1-3 and 5-8): (6th-8th grades and HS PD), (5th grade: 1-4)

Tues., Nov. 23

½ day; K-4 P/T Conferences (1-4): M.S. and H.S. Conf (1-3 and 5-8)

Wed., Nov. 24

½ Day

Thurs/Fri., Nov. 25-26

Thanksgiving Recess – No School

December 2021

Wed., Dec 22

Ida Holiday Recess begins

Thur., Dec 23

County wide Holiday Recess begins

January 2022

Tues., Jan. 4

Classes Resume

Mon., Jan. 17

Professional Development Day (MLK Day) (no students); (Instructional Day)

Wed., Jan. 19

Exams Begin

Thur., Jan. 20

First Semester Exam – ½ day

Fri., Jan. 21

First Semester Exam – ½ day (86 Days with students, 90 teacher days)

Mon., Jan. 24

Second Semester Begins

February 2022

Mon., Feb. 21

Professional Development Day (Presidents' Day) (Online PD) (no students)

March 2022

Fri., Mar. 25

End of 3rd Marking Period

April 2022

Mon., Apr. 4-8

County wide Spring Break

Mon., Apr. 11

Classes Resume

Wed., Apr. 13

SAT 11th grade report to school, PSAT 8 8th grade report to school; 9th, 10th, 12th report

Thur., Apr. 14

PSAT 9, PSAT 10 and WorkKeys 9th-11th grades report; 12th grade distance learning

Fri., Apr. 15

Holiday/Good Friday

Mon., Apr. 18

Holiday/Day after Easter

May 2022

Mon., May 30

Memorial Day - No School

June 2022

Wed., June 8

Exams Begin

Thur., June 9

Second Semester Exams – ½ day

Fri., June 10

Second Semester Exams – ½ day

Students Last Day

Ida Public Schools Board of Education Meetings

At their Annual Organizational Meeting the members of the Ida Board of Education established meeting dates, times, and places for Fiscal Year 2022. Thirteen (13) of the regularly scheduled meetings will be conducted on the second Monday of the month. All Board meetings will begin at **7:00 p.m.** and will be held in the high school media center, unless the Board determines a more appropriate site is available.

July 19, 2021*	Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Business Meeting
August 9, 2021	Regular Business Meeting
September 13, 2021	Regular Business Meeting
October 11, 2021	Regular Business Meeting/Student Enrollment Certification
November 8, 2021	Annual Financial Meeting, including Budget Hearing
December 13, 2021	Regular Business Meeting
January 17, 2022*	Regular Business Meeting/Second Annual Organizational Meeting/First Review of 2022-2023 Budget
February 14, 2022	Regular Business Meeting
March 14, 2022	Regular Business Meeting
April 11, 2022	Regular Business Meeting
May 9, 2022	Regular Business Meeting
June 13, 2022	Regular Business Meeting
June 27, 2022	Regular Business Meeting/Uniform Budget Meeting/End of Fiscal Year
July 18, 2022* <small>*3rd Monday of the month</small>	Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Business Meeting

The Ida Board of Education reserves the right to schedule Special Meetings, or to reschedule or cancel any of the Regular meeting(s) listed above, based on the needs of the school district. Please see website for updates.

Ida School District Mission Statement

The Mission of Ida Public Schools is to bring students, staff, and community together to maintain our rich traditions. We will provide students with a safe learning environment, an exceptional curriculum, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become life-long learners.

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