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PRINCIPAL

TOTAL FUNDRAISER AMOUNT

$16,713.85

THANK YOU PTO!

Thank you to Liana Baker, Jessica Strauss, Tiffany Wells, Michelle Terrell and Karson Key for leading the Throop PTO!

I want to send a huge shout to the Throop PTO, students, families, and community for your Read, Write, Walk-A-Thon Support.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Mon., Nov. 3 - PCS Board Meeting at 7:00
Mon., Nov. 3 - ILEARN Checkpoint Begins for Grades 3, 4, 5, 6

Tues., Nov. 4 - ILEARN Checkpoint Continues for Grades 3, 4, 5, 6

Wed., Nov. 5 - Early Release - 12:25
Thurs., Nov. 6 - Waffle Bar
Thurs., Nov. 6 - Possibly a Fire Drill - ???
Thurs., Nov. 6 - ILEARN Checkpoint Continues for Grades 3, 4, 5, 6
Fri., Nov. 7 - PTO Ice Cream Sales
Fri., Nov. 7 - ILEARN Checkpoint Continues for Grades 3, 4, 5, 6

Nov. 10 - Nov. 14 - Throop Student Council Food Drive
Mon., Nov. 10 - LEARN Checkpoint Continues for Grades 3, 4, 5, 6
Mon., Nov. 10 - Vaping presentation Grades 4 - 6
Tues., Nov. 11 - Veterans Day - Everyone welcome - Program Begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Throop Gym
Tues., Nov. 11 - Veterans Breakfast in the Throop Library - 7:45 - 8:45
Wed., Nov. 12 - PTO Meeting
Fri., Nov. 14 - PTO Ice Cream Sales

Fri., Nov. 21 - PTO Ice Cream Sales

Mon., Nov. 24 - Jubilee Christmas - $1.00 Hat Day
Tues., Nov. 25 - Jubilee Christmas - $1.00 Hat Day
Tues., Nov. 25 - First Grade Field Trip

Wed., Nov. 26 - Fri., Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Break
Thurs., Nov. 27 - Happy Thanksgiving

Girls Basketball Schedule
Boys Basketball Schedule

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Cell Phones & Other Technology Devices

Should be turned off and left in backpack or locker

Library Books

Library Books are being damaged by water spilling out of water bottles. Please help us by encouraging your child to not place the water bottle inside the backpack.

Except when building administrators identify

ATTENDANCE

The attendance plan will be enforced each nine (9) week grading period.

4th Absence (excused or unexcused):

- The students will meet with the School Counselor to discuss their absences from school and discuss strategies for improving their attendance.

5th Absence (excused or unexcused):

- The administration will make a phone call to the parents, notifying them of five (5) absences.
- If contact cannot be made via phone, a letter will be sent to the home address listed in Harmony.

7th Absence (excused or unexcused):

- The administration will make a phone call to the parents, notifying them of seven (7) absences.
- If contact is unable to be made via phone, a letter will be sent to the home address provided in Harmony.
- Communication with the parents will entail that a meeting must be conducted upon the 8th absence.

8th Absence(excused or unexcused):

- A meeting will be conducted and may include the School Resource Officer, parent(s), and School Administration.

9th or more absences(excused or unexcused):

- The administration will communicate with the appropriate outside agency regarding attendance and compulsory attendance law.

*The above plan will be utilized each nine (9) week grading period. **However, the overall attendance record for the school year can/will be used when considering your student's retention.**

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Throop Elementary is a nut free campus.

Nutella is not allowed on campus.

HARMONY

Please make sure your child's emergency contact list in Harmony, the student management system, reflects those who may also pick up your child from school.

Harmony Family Access

IDOE

NEW: Indiana Learns Enrollment

Beginning Monday, November 3, families can visit IndianaLearns.org to determine student eligibility and enroll in Indiana Learns – a statewide grant program that provides qualifying students with one-time $1,000 grants for high-dosage math and reading tutoring. Families will need to enter a student's Student Test Number (STN) and date of birth to verify eligibility.

After enrolling, students can officially begin tutoring for the 2025–2026 program year on the following Monday, November 10.

At this time, to qualify for an Indiana Learns tutoring grant, a student must meet all of the following criteria:

- Student completed ILEARN testing and scored below proficiency in either Mathematics or English/Language Arts;
- Student resides in Indiana;
- Student is enrolled in and is attending a CSI, TSI or ATSI-designated school as a third through eighth grade student; and
- Student qualifies for the federal free or reduced lunch program.

For more information or assistance, families can visit IndianaLearns.org or contact info@indianalearns.org.



From the desk of Emme Moore, MSN, RN

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From Halloween Candy to Family Dinner

Effects of Sugar on Children

Even though the fun and excitement of Halloween is over, you most likely still have the evidence of those candy filled festivities at home.

Candy and treats are, of course, appropriate for children in small amounts, but it is important to remember that excessive amounts of sugar can have both immediate and long term consequences.

In the short term, increased levels of sugar in the bloodstream can cause irritability and mood swings, impulsivity, problems with focus, rapid heart rate, increased thirst, and a jittery feeling. Over a period of time, children who consume excessive amounts of sugar can experience nutrient deficiencies and weight gain, can get sick more frequently, can have cavities, and can have heart, liver, or kidney problems.

Helping Kids Make Healthy Food Choices

I encourage you to talk with your children about the effects sugar has on our bodies. It is also our responsibility as caring adults to limit the amount of sugar our children eat. One idea is to keep the extra Halloween candy hidden or out of reach. That way children aren't tempted by seeing it and you can control when they eat it and how much they have. Reminding children that candy is a treat that should only be eaten in small amounts ideally after a healthy meal has been eaten is another good practice.

Finally, as we look forward to Thanksgiving, include your children in your holiday meal planning. Look for healthy recipes together, allow them to help you cook, and sit down together to enjoy a nutritious dinner.

November Students of the Month

Leni Asbell	Abby Johnson	Hazel Reel
Violet Terrell	Stella Fullen	Hudson Strauss
Nolan King	Jack DeLuca	Wulfrec Brazzel
Amelia Hall	Everli Smith	Lyzah Charles
Eleanor Dittmer	Reed Starr	Mia Alexander
Beau Simpson	Navy Sanders	Brody Hardin
Callie Wolfe	Cayson Campbell	Debani Luna-Bastida
Lisa Manship	Easton Walls	Fitz Cole
Brentlee Hill	Dante Cross	Renata Mullins
Emma Wells	Emma Smitson	
Nola Higgs	Kreedance Yoder	Marley Taylor
Harvey Mullins	Maverick Walden	Keias Tongret
Emma Crowder	Ny'Asia Terry	Maddyx Evans

Throop's 2025 - 2026
Indoor/Outside Recess Policy

- **Throop students may play outside for recess unless the wind chill falls below 25 degrees. Here are some sites you can use to determine the temperature:**
  - **https://www.weather.gov**
  - **https://www.foxweather.com/**
  - **https://www.wave3.com/weather/**

- **Each teacher has the discretion to keep a student in from recess if the student is not wearing appropriate winter attire.**

  Here are the steps if a child is kept indoors:
  - **The student can visit the in-school support room (not a punishment).**
  - **Teachers will notify the student's adults that the child was kept inside due to inappropriate attire.**
  - **If the inappropriate attire situation continues, teachers will notify the administration.**

- **The teacher on recess duty can shorten outdoor recess due to inclement weather conditions.**

	Recommended Clothing for Students
Feels like 25 - 30 degrees	• Long-sleeve shirt • Sweatshirt • Sweater • Heavy winter coat • Thick socks • Gloves • Boots • Winter headwear, earmuffs, scarf • Long pants/skirts
Feels like 30 - 40 degrees	• Long-sleeve shirt • Heavy winter coat • Thick socks • Gloves • Closed shoes or boots • Winter headwear, earmuffs, scarf