

Dear Parents,

Whew! We made it through the first semester. It has been fun and exciting. Looking back, it seems like the first day of school was yesterday with students arriving on campus in the heat of a beautiful Wuxi morning. Students arrived confidently with big smiles ready to learn and grow academically. Great memories were created throughout the semester with the hope that everyone had the opportunity to experience what it truly means to be part of the Wuxi Wildcat family.

This Fall, we had a wonderful Back-to-School night. We had good parent participation and attendance. We truly cherish these opportunities to meet and spend time with parents, creating the great parent-teacher relationships needed to help our students succeed.

We were happy to see so many dads attend the Dads and Donut event this Fall. This ISW tradition is held annually and is designed to promote literacy and build stronger connections with Dads. Research tells us that when Dads spend more time reading with their children at home, the children are more successful and have greater outcomes in life.

We had an unforgettable Spirit Week. It was a week full of fun activities and service. Each day, students demonstrated school spirit by participating in different activities and dressing up according to the day's theme. Students also participated in the "Mao Wars" activity to raise money for the Ai Man Yuan Children Recovery Center across the street from the ISW campus. Thank you, parents, for your participation and generosity. The money raised was enough to provide the staff with modern electronic teaching equipment for their instructional purposes.

The Java and Jazz event was a hit. On such a beautiful night, our staff and students displayed their musical talents. Thanks to Mr. Muniz and Mrs. Schmit for their work organizing the event. A child, through the Heart to Heart Rende Foundation, is now able to receive a lifesaving heart surgery, thanks to the support of our staff and families.

Who could forget the Fall Family Festival? It was a chilly night, but the family fun environment warmed the hearts of all who attended. ISW Family, we have so much to be thankful for.

Our PTA has done a tremendous job this Semester. Thank you for your support!

Student Achievements

- Congratulations to our **ECC/Elementary Students** of the Month and Elementary Readers of the Month for the month of **December**.
- Congratulations to our **Secondary Students** of the Month.
- Congratulations students!

Here are some important dates and reminders to be aware of for the coming weeks.

End of the Semester

- December 22nd Parents will be able to **access report cards** through PowerSchool.

Teacher Workday no Students

- January 8th

First day of the Second Semester

- January 9th, 2024.

Pride Chip Total

Liddell Leopards -	1049 points
Taylor Tigers -	1049 points
Morrison Mountain Lions -	874 points
Goforth Jaguars -	608 points

STAR Testing Window

January 9th-23rd. The STAR assessment provides great data about your student's reading comprehension level. It is the time of year to see if students have made adequate growth. Teachers worked with students to help them set goals and focus on those areas of comprehension that need more support.

Our LifePlus 9 Qualities of Life for the month of December is **Compassion**. Show compassion whenever you have the chance. Be sure to get some rest over Christmas break. Eat, rest, and have fun. Spend time with family and friends and appreciate what you have. Always be positive.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dr. Williams