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"Engagement of Students is our Priority"

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REMINDERS AND NOTES

ILEARN Testing-April 11th—
May 9th

May 29th - Last day for Students

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION!

Going into the 2025-26 school year, it is critical that we can stay in touch with you. Throughout the summer we would like to keep you up to date about important events. In order to do this, we must have a good e-mail address on file for you. If you utilize Skyward currently and have a good e-mail address on file, thank you! If you believe you already have an e-mail address on file but have never logged into Skyward, please do so using the Forgot Login/Password? prompt on our Skyward page. If you have any problems, please contact your child's school for assistance and to provide them with a good e-mail address.

If your child is going home a different way than they usually go home, please try to make those arrangements before sending your child to school. Please send a note in to their teacher. The office is not allowed to call into the classrooms unless it is an emergency. All transportation changes must be made before 3:00 pm each day. If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please use your car rider tag. If you need to pick up a tag or if you forget your tag, please come into the building with photo ID. **Anyone who comes into the building after 3:20 on Wednesdays or 3:45 every other day will have to wait until all car riders have left our parking lot.** This is for the safety of our children. Thank you!

Dear Parents of Current 4th Grade Students,

Please save the date for April 22 @ 6:00 p.m. The fifth grade teachers and Mrs. Gibson are thrilled to present information about our annual outdoor education trip all 5th grade students take in the fall. This year includes a few changes, so even if you have older children who have attended, you will want to be present! Furthermore, Pete Fasano, the camp director, will be presenting exciting information about camp activities, dining, facilities, safety, etc.

We can't wait to see you on April 22!

Douglas MacArthur is going greener—making the Earth a little cleaner! Tuesday, April 22nd, everyone wear green to show support for the environment. This will be an out of uniform day! Happy Earth Day!



Join us for Deeply Ingrained's



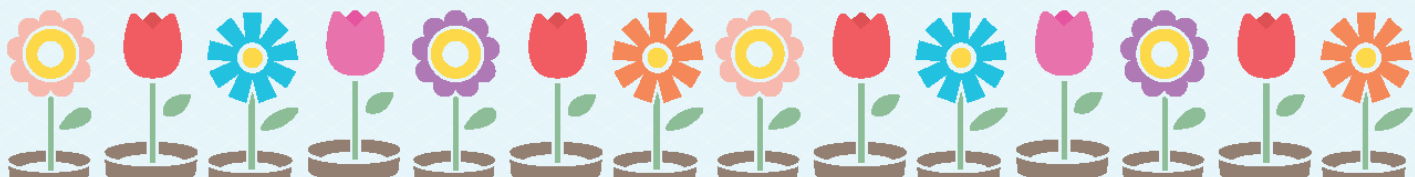
Mothers Day Build

Build a planter box for your Mom,
Grandmother, Aunt, Mom Figure to thank her
for all that she has done to help you bloom!

Sunday, April 27th

12:00pm-3:00pm

150 Van Dyke St., Southport, IN 46227



All funds raised at this event will directly support Deeply Ingrained's mission. To sign up your child(ren) or sponsor a Perry Township child(ren) who may not have the funds to purchase a gift for their mother figure, please scan or click the QR code.





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A fourth grader finds fun in physics with her magnetic penguin pal.



An Instructor empowers a third grader to build creative problem-solving skills while designing her own claw machine.



A second grader gains confidence as he wires his transmitter and sends Morse code messages.

A TYPICAL DAY AT THE ALL-NEW 2025 CAMP INVENTION®

Give your child a summer experience that builds confidence, creativity and imagination! Campers team up with friends to explore open-ended STEM challenges led by qualified educators and guaranteed to be full of hands-on FUN!

A.M. BASE CAMP: Drop off your camper with qualified local educators who start each day with games that ignite creativity.



CLAW ARCADE™

Campers unleash nature-inspired creativity to make their own claw machines with unique prizes, then give a confidence-boosting pitch to hook investors!



PENGUIN LAUNCH™

Campers team up for an eco-expedition as they investigate Antarctica with a robotic assistant, then design launchers to propel plush penguins across snowy landscapes!

GAMES & LUNCH: Half the campers head outside to play action-packed games while the others eat lunch — and then they switch.



IN CONTROL™

Campers take the driver's seat on the ultimate road trip as they design a custom control panel and navigate their journey with help from GPS and AI tools!



ILLUSION WORKSHOP™

When they explore the science behind special effects, campers uncover optical illusions in movies, art and animation before building their own moving props!

P.M. BASE CAMP: The day wraps up as campers wind down with problem-solving games.

All images feature actual campers enjoying our new 2025 program.

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th

Location: Abraham Lincoln Elementary School
5241 Brehob Road, Indianapolis, IN 46217

Dates: June 16 - 20, 2025

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$275 (before discount) | Less than \$9 per hour!

Sibling Discount (up to \$40 off per child!) and Payment Plans Available at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://invent.org/camp)

Camp Director: Lindsay Compton | lcompton@perryschools.org

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Offer expires March 20, 2025

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FREE

AND OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

Registration
opens
May 1

2025 Summer Reading

Unearth Imagination This Summer!

Summer is the perfect time to explore new worlds, discover exciting stories, and build a love for reading. Summer Reading at the Indianapolis Public Library is designed for everyone from seasoned readers to those just starting out. Our fun, engaging activities, events, and book recommendations are tailored to support every age and reading level.

May 31 – August 2, 2025

It's easy. Track time spent reading, listening to audiobooks, reading aloud to someone, or having someone read to you.

Part of a local summer camp, school, daycare, or day program that wants to participate in Summer Reading? Make it more fun by registering as a group. Please contact your local library for details.

Earn Prizes

Prizes are earned at 1 hour, 5 hours, 10 hours, 15 hours and 20 hours of reading.
Claim prizes until August 2, 2025.

How to Sign Up

Starting May 1, register at your local library, online, or through the Beanstack app:

Register Online

1. Go to our Beanstack website at **indypl.beanstack.org**.
2. Under "Create an account", click on "Register an Individual or Family"
3. Fill in your information! Beanstack allows families to be linked together so all family members can be accessed with one login.



Register In the App

1. Go to your device's app store and search for **Beanstack Tracker** and download the app.
2. Select to participate "find your school or library" then search for **Indianapolis Public Library** and select.
3. Follow the steps to register an individual or family!



Join us for an adventure in learning and become a lifelong reader! Contact your local library or visit **indypl.org/srp** for details.



What is it? POPS! Summer Singing Camp includes five days of exciting music-making and performance instruction. Students will develop singing, dancing, and acting skills to prepare a showcase performance.

Who can join? Perry Township students who are currently in the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade

Dates:

Camp occurs from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM on these dates:

- Monday, June 9
- Tuesday, June 10
- Wednesday, June 11
- Thursday, June 12
- Friday, June 13

Showcase Performance Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Location: Perry Meridian High School, Auditorium and Choir Room

Instructors:

- Melissa Ai-Ling Walsh, Director of Choirs and Musical Productions at Perry Meridian High School
- Meghan Walls, Assistant Choir Director at PMHS, PMMS, and PMA
- Abby Mercer, PMHS 2022 graduate and Music Education student at Anderson University
- Anna Miles, PMHS 2022 graduate and Music Therapy student at University of Indianapolis
- Kira Arkins, PMHS 2022 graduate and Theater Education student at Ball State University

Camp cost: \$80.00 per student. (\$40.00 for each additional sibling)

What is covered with this cost?

- Five days of instruction
- Daily snack
- Show shirt
- Usage of show music and production items (costumes, props, set pieces)
- Two complimentary tickets to the Showcase Performance (Additional tickets are \$5.00 for adults and free for Perry Township students)
- (Please note: Transportation to and from PMHS is not included.)

Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 1, 2025 or until the Camp is full (maximum 50 students)

REGISTER at this link [POPS 2025 Registration Form](#) or by visiting www.perrymusicals.org

Contact with questions: Melissa Walsh at mwalsh@perryschools.org

Sixth Grade Immunizations

All students entering 6th Grade are **REQUIRED** to get immunizations or boosters for the following vaccines:

- Tdap, (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)
- MCV, (meningitis)

These are **REQUIRED** to enter 6th grade.
Failure to get these immunizations may result
in your student being excluded from school.



You can obtain the immunizations at the following locations:

- **Perry Academy** is having an Immunization Clinic
 - July 23, 2025 during your scheduled Orientation time.
- **Marion County Public Health Department** at 7551 Shelby St. Suite 200. Phone Number: 317-221-5700
- Your **Personal Health Care Provider or Pediatrician**

