



Isabella Bird Community School

Do not go where the path may
lead, go instead where there is
no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

quote fancy

Parent Orientation
August 8, 2019



Orientation Goal

Parents will learn the **structures, routines, and procedures** at Izzi B in order to foster a united community which allows us to operate our school in a smooth, safe, and caring manner.

- SAFETY
- STAGGERED START CLARIFICATIONS
- COMMUNICATION
- COUNCIL & COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

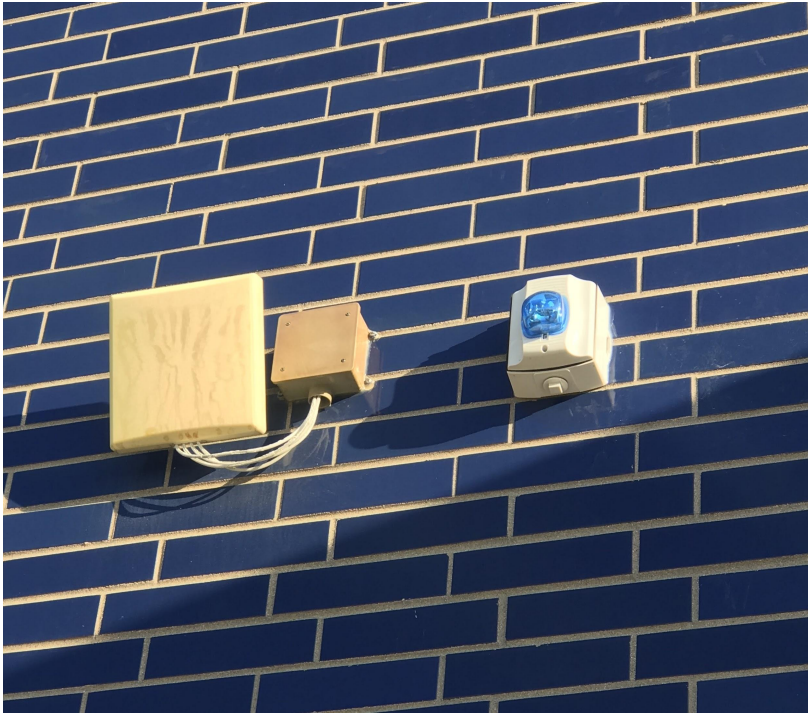


*Children learn best when the significant adults in their lives -- parents, teachers, and other family and community members -- **work together** to encourage and support them.*



IT'S ON EVERYONE'S MIND

NEW SAFETY FEATURES



- ***NEW*** to Izzi B this year - Strobe lights and bull horns on exterior of building will sound if any door is propped for more than 5 minutes.
- New exterior cameras with a wider range of view that are time stamped in video replay system

FRONT OFFICE REDESIGN



VISITOR SIGN IN

All guests and visitors are required to provide a valid photo ID, state their purpose and destination. The ID is scanned into our system and a badge is printed. Visitors should wear their badge in a visible place at all times while on school property.

Raptor Technologies® is the nation's leading provider of integrated school safety technologies and is trusted to protect over 26,000 K-12 schools nationwide.

Why choose the Raptor system?

- The **Visitor Management** system instantly screens all visitors, volunteers, and contractors against the sex offender registries in all 50 states as well as custom databases set by each school, which can contain custody alerts and/or banned visitors.
- The **Volunteer Management** system streamlines the process so that volunteers can apply and be easily tracked, screened and scheduled, and reports can be accessed—all in one place.
- The **Emergency Management** system combines proven practices with 21st century technology to provide your district with a comprehensive solution that includes drill management, active incident management, and parent-student reunification.

Safety is Everyone's Job



Maintaining a secure campus is EVERYONE'S job. It takes a village to ensure the safety of all students, staff and visitors.

- If you see any adult in the building without their staff badge or visitor badge you should notify the office immediately.
- Do not hold doors open for anyone that you don't know. Be sure that the door shuts and latches behind you.
- Do not prop doors unless there is someone monitoring the door.
- Entry will ONLY be permitted through the main office located on the east side of the building.
- The main entrance is automatically unlocked from 7:30AM-8:00AM and again from 3:00PM to 3:15PM and monitored by the office staff.



Emergency Operation Plans

Each year Isabella Bird Community School creates an **Emergency Operations Plan** that is submitted to the DPS Department of Safety.

This plan provides our bell times, lunch periods and the approximate number of students, programs and staff we have in our building throughout different times of the day.

This plan identifies our **E-Team** and their roles:

- Site Incident Commander: Schuba & Caleb
- First Aid Coordinator: Alex (Health Tech Para) & Kevin (PE Teacher)
- Student Supervision Coordinator: Tabetha & Isaac (Music Teacher)
- Student-Parent Reunion Coordinator: Joannie & Rebecca Mercer (STL/GT Teacher)
- Facility and Materials Coordinator: Santos (Facility Manager) & Justin (Crew Lead)
- School Crisis Recovery Team Coordinator: Su (School Psych) and Kim (STL/ESL Teacher)

4 ACTIONS



Lockout



Lockdown



Evacuate



Shelter

REGULAR DRILLS

Emergency Preparedness

What is a LOCKOUT? A lockout takes place when a **threat has been identified in the area of your child's school**. All exterior doors are locked to prevent any hazards or threats to enter the school. **No entry or exit** to the school is allowed during this response.

What is a LOCKDOWN? A lockdown takes place when a hazardous threat or a possible hazardous **threat has been identified inside of the building** or in close proximity of the school. All exterior and interior doors are locked and students are confined to their school. **No entry or exit** to the school is allowed during this response.

What is an EVACUATION? An evacuation is when students are sent outside of the school building to prevent harm or injury due to a hazardous **situation inside of the school, such as a fire.**

What is SHELTER-IN-PLACE? Shelter-in-Place occurs when there is a hazard of a **tornado or a severe weather warning** and it has been determined by **Department of Safety** with the assistance of outside agencies that evacuation or early dismissal could possibly place students in danger.

What is a REUNIFICATION? Reunification occurs when students have been moved from the school facility to an alternate location due to **an emergency that has affected the school site** or a site on or around the school grounds. During the reunification process students can **only be released to an adult listed as an emergency contact with the school**. In addition, persons coming to pick up students must bring proper government issued photo identification (example: driver's license, state ID card, military ID card, or passport). **1. Bluff Lake 2. Recreation Center on MLK**

PARENTS' ROLES



In the event of an emergency, what can you do?

Parent/Guardian Preparation for a School Emergency

- **Talk to your child** about school emergency response procedures so they know what to expect in the event of an emergency or crisis.
- Update your **child's emergency contact information** as it changes. Children will not be released from school to unauthorized individuals.
- If your child takes **medication**, make sure the school has a **minimum of a 3 day supply**.

Parent/Guardian Response In The Event Of a School Emergency

- **DO** check the DPS website for updated information (www.dpsk12.org)
- **DO** call the DPS Family Constituency Hotline at **720-423-3054**
- **DO** tune into local TV/Radio stations for school news alerts
- **DO** listen for information regarding **unification** with your child (Please remember to bring **valid government identification** with you to the reunification site)
- **DO NOT** come to your child's school. This will create **traffic congestion** hampering the efforts of first responders.
- **DO NOT** call your child or your child's school. **Excessive phone calls could jam up the phone system** and interfere with emergency communications.
- **Communication will be through an auto dialer** that will notify you when it is safe to pick up your child and the location for pick up

Who's in the room?

- * Stand up if you are new to Izzi B this year
- * Stand up if you have been at Izzi B more than 3 years
- * Stand up if you have a child in ECE
- * Kinder
- * 1st
- * 2nd
- * 3rd
- * 4th
- * 5th



STAGGERED START

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

The First Week of School

Staggered Start

- **Monday, 8/19**
 - **NO classes for students** - Teachers will be assessing students. By now you have seen specific sign up information from your child's classroom teacher.
- **Tuesday, 8/20**
 - **ALL 1st grade through 5th grade students start school (8:00AM-3:00PM).**
 - i. **All students will meet their teachers in the gym. Parents are invited into the gym to say goodbye to their children.**
 - **NO classes for ECE and Kindergarten students** – ECE and Kindergarten teachers will be assessing students.

The First Week of School

Staggered Start

- **Wednesday through Friday 8/21 - 8/23**
 - **ALL ECE and Kindergarten students start school (8:00AM-11:30AM)**
 - i. ECE students will go directly to their classrooms in the morning.
 - ii. Kindergarten will meet their teachers in the gym this week.
 - **ECE and Kindergarten students are dismissed at 11:30AM** this week. Please **pick them up promptly at 11:30AM** on the blacktop on the Northwest side of the building. During these half days, **there is no lunch scheduled for ECE and Kindergarten students. Please send a snack with your student. Please be aware that we are a nut aware school.** – In the afternoon teachers will be assessing students.

Parent Communication



HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

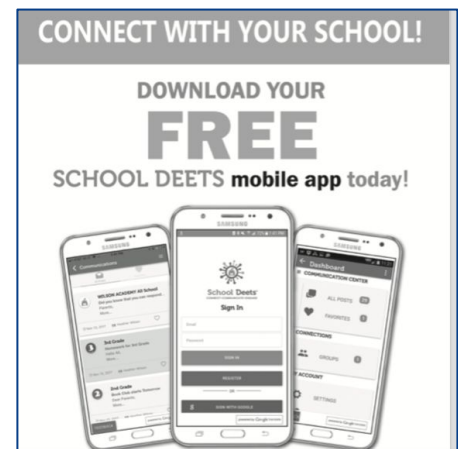
1. 2-Sided Monthly School Calendars - paper copy sent home (hang on your fridge)
2. Thursday Folders - youngest student in the family
3. School Deets App
4. School Website - <https://isabellabird.dpsk12.org/>
5. Council Website - <https://www.ibcscouncil.org/>
6. DPS Website - <https://www.dpsk12.org/>
7. Notes from the Dragon - once per week
8. Link the Izzi B Google calendar to your own



Communication

Why School Deets?

1. IBCS and our teachers use School Deets to communicate with families
2. It's a free-to-use app-based communications platform accessible via smartphone and computers
3. Allows for translation of messages in more than 100 languages
4. To sign-up, visit the app store on your smartphone or www.schooldeets.com
5. For assistance or questions, speak with your child's classroom teacher or send an email to ibcscommunications@gmail.com
6. More information to follow in *Notes from the Dragon Cave*



Council at Izzi B

What is Council?

Council combines the functions of a School Leadership Team and Collaborative School Committee in one governance body. Council has the following charges at the monthly meetings: help develop and approve the Unified Plan (UIP), approve the school budget, approve the fundraising budget, provide budget oversight, and approve the yearly calendar.

The IBCS staff is responsible for making decisions regarding the educational program and school culture.

Monthly meetings of the Council are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

What is Council Board?

The Council Board is an advisory body. It will be comprised of: an elected parent Co-Chair, four additional elected parents, the School Leader (Administration), another school leader, and three teachers. The Council Board is co-chaired by a school leader and an elected parent.

Who are the members of Council Board?

Lisa Schuba - School Leader, Co-Chair

Traci Lacheta - Parent, Co-Chair (Year 2 of 2)

Caleb Melamed - School Leader

Jen Courtney-Keyse - 5th Grade Teacher (Year 2 of 2)

Bergen Ekland - ECE Teacher (Year 2 of 2)

Kevin Ross - PE Teacher (Year 1 of 2)

Brad Dolian, Parent (Year 2 of 2)

Kim Brewer, Parent (Year 2 of 2)

Josh Lin, Parent (Year 1 of 2)

Jessica Tribe, Parent (Year 1 of 2)

Get involved now!

Parent Opportunities



INTRODUCING OUR COMMITTEES

Tricia Houston – Fundraising

April Slater – Communications

Michael McMurray - Exploratories
Wellness

Liaisons - Looking for committee chair
Community/Equity

FUNDRAISING

Why do we HAVE to fundraise??

Colorado ranks as the 10th richest state in the nation

Colorado ranks 42nd nationally for per student funding

Colorado spends \$2,704 less per pupil than the national average

Source: Westerly Creek's Website; GreatEducation.org, Denverpost.com


...The Tabor Amendment of 1992 vastly restricts the amounts that school districts receive and because of this we have to supplement with fundraising.

Historically, as a school we have not met fundraising goals we need to in order to provide the education standards we desire for our children.

Last year was the first year since the school started that we achieved our goal and exceeded it. (AMAZING!!)

The 2018-19 Final Fundraising Goal was set at \$110,000 and we brought in \$140,000.

The expectation for this year has been set higher for the 2019-20 goal simply to meet what we brought in last year PLUS help us increase our bottom-line number to provide more for our students.



#1 Question I get asked... “We had a banner year, why do we need to make the goal higher?”

We cannot take our foot off the gas...an extra \$30,000 gets spent pretty fast when you have 532 students to provide for.

All other Stapleton area schools have the same goal or much higher.



2019-2020 Fundraising Goal: \$140,000

67% of the budget is the Evergreen Bucket (Fixed Costs) Examples, administrative, programming, hardware etc.

33% of the budget our Council approved to fund the community wishlist items for this upcoming year. Examples of last years items are as follows: 1 paraprofessional, book room, grant writer, outdoor tables, discretionary fund.



How do we fundraise?


Direct Give - Easiest and most profitable for school

Auction - Most FUN and highly preferable for school

Harvest Festival and Fun Run

Food - Dine & Donates and King Soopers Cards (free money...both donate a portion of profits)

Miscellaneous - Various events and items throughout the year



Direct Give is our monthly donation system that allows us to charge you monthly to help the parental budget. Additionally, monthly contributions are better for the schools budgeting process so we can spend as we go throughout the year and not have to fundraise 24/7 or rely solely on the end of year auction.

Total # of Students	532
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Fundraising Needed Per Student	\$ 376
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Per Month/Per Kid (12mos)	\$ 31
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What is My Commitment? What is Expected of Me?

of children @ Izzi B:

Total per student

Total per family per year

Payments per month (12mos)

1	2	3
\$ 375	\$ 375	\$ 375
\$ 375	\$ 750	\$ 1125
\$ 31	\$ 62	\$ 93

Other Stapleton Schools Raise:

	\$ Raised in '18-19 '19-20 Goal	# Students	\$ Per Student
Bill Roberts	\$170,000	930	\$183
Westerly Creek	\$150,000	717	\$209
Willow	\$147,000	515	\$285
Izzi B	\$140,000	532	\$376
Swigert	\$230,000	641	\$358

Source: Enrollment numbers: '16-'17 DPS Enrollment Report

Source: Funding \$: School Websites

Great! How do I sign up for Direct Give?

You can simply go to the council website www.ibcscouncil.org go to the **Donate** button and sign up for monthly recurring payments of the suggested amount.

Harvest Festival



Exploratories at Izzi B



CLASSROOM LIAISON COMMITTEE

- Foster Community
- Arrange Parent Classroom Volunteers
- Serve as a Resource for Classroom Families

IBCSclassroomliaisons@gmail.com

Your Voice Matters To Us



We are all life-long learners. Your constructive feedback helps us improve and keeps us moving forward. Before you leave today, please scan the QR code and fill out the survey about tonight's Parent Orientation Meeting.