

Independence Elementary School

In The Know with PTCO

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Welcome

Welcome to *In the Know with PTCO!*

We hope everyone has a warm Thanksgiving this year! Our school provides a home to many children and adults who form a sort of family. Those people are you. We are a community of families who provide these things. We talk to our neighbors. We watch out for each other's children.

Our school helps us come together and create a place that we can feel comfort and pride in. As we approach the most thankful day of the year we thank you for being part of this Independence family!

Sincerely,
Your Independence PTCO

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Meet the PTCO

On to our third PTCO member to be in the center stage!

This month the attention is on **Jennifer Vigil!** Jenn is one of our Volunteer Coordinators and is dedicated to making our school better every day. You have probably seen her in the school helping in a classroom or putting together a mean bulletin board!

Jennifer grew up in Pennsylvania, but decided to grace beautiful Colorado with her presence in 2006 to pursue a degree in Accounting.

Nowadays you can find her running Natalie (9), Chloe (7), and Alex (5) around town to dance, Girl Scouts, and karate while balancing being active with our school every chance she gets.

Jennifer is busy with her brood of kids, but she also has a big heart and is a foster mom as well!

Jenn would love to travel all over if ever given the chance, but the one place she would love to visit is the gorgeous colors, beaches and landmarks of Greece!



Thank you for being an important part of our PTCO board!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thanksgiving Break
- ◆ PTCO Meeting
- ◆ Presents and Pancakes
- ◆ Winter Parties
- ◆ Winter Break!

Fundraiser News

There was another Ms. Seger sighting this past week! She was spotted out in the public having a dinner with her family at Indy's Casa Vallarta night! Even the teachers love to take advantage of **No Cook Wednesday** while helping our school. Tasty food and wonderful service! Thank you to all who attended and to Casa Vallarta for hosting!

Don't forget to keep sending those **Box Tops** in with your kiddos, the class with the most box tops turned in will be rewarded this spring!

Volunteer News

Big **THANK YOU** from Mr. Caran to all the parent volunteers who came out to help at the **Turkey Trot**. Special Thank you to our wonderful PTCO for donating the four turkeys for prizes (you're making us blush). Smiling volunteers, warm weather and the chance to win a turkey helped the kids have a blast!

Congratulations-

Kindy/1st Winner: Landon Hornbacher,
2nd/3rd Winner: Molly Whiteaker
4th/5th Winner: Elizabeth Blanchard
Parent/Staff Winner: Mr. Charles Kastens

SO MANY WAYS TO HELP:

Watch Dog Dad! Email Brad Jensen at:
Watchdogsindependence@gmail.com

PTCO volunteers! If you wish to be added to our volunteer list you can email:
Independence.ptcoindy@gmail.com

Our next big event will be

PANCAKES AND PRESENTS!

You are not going to want to miss it!

On **Saturday, December 16th** we will spend the morning making holiday crafts and stuffing ourselves with pancakes made by our awesome Watch Dog Dads! Look for a flyer with more information and chance to prepay at a discounted rate coming home in a backpack near you soon!

PTCO meeting! Our next meeting is on **November 28th** 6pm-7pm in the school library. (Presents and Pancakes, winter parties and STEAM night) Children are always welcome ☺.

Literacy Center! Do you have twenty minutes? You can help support parents in our community! Independence's Literacy Center is up and running for those who want to learn English as a second language. The literacy center is looking for a few English-speaking volunteers to donate a small amount of time during classes. No experiences or second language skills needed. By volunteering your support helps to aid in learning English as a second language. Classes are held Monday - Thursday from 8-10:30am. Please contact Maria Sotto: ilssoto@aol.com (720)225-7351

Dates to Remember

Nov.22nd - Nov.24th - Thanksgiving Break
Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Tues, Nov. 28th - *PTCO Meeting in the school library: 6pm-7pm
*No meeting in December

Sat, Dec. 16th - Presents and Pancakes

Fri, Dec. 22nd - Winter Parties

Dec.25th - Jan.5th - Winter Break
Happy Holidays!!!

Don't miss out!

Community Corner

Laredo Middle School collected food during their Fill a Basket Food Drive this past week. Over 30 families will benefit from this donation and have a full Thanksgiving dinner with leftovers! Thank you for your contributions to helping our community!



Appreciation Station

So Many Thanks!

Our library is really taking shape due to some generous donations by You! We were given about two dozen activities for our kids to play with during indoor recess supply including cards and puzzles and games. Special thanks to a large donation by Jennifer Vigil of over 200 books!

Thank you to author Judith Snyder and her Not-So-Scary-Storytime she did for Halloween!



Thanks to all our school sponsors for your continued support!



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