

BULLDOG BULLETIN

————— TGNS FAMILY NEWSLETTER MAY 2022 —————



THOMAS GREGG
NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

**"TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, TAKE CARE OF
EACH OTHER, TAKE CARE OF THIS PLACE"**

A NOTE FROM MR. PIPPIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Families,

Can you believe we are rounding out the school year already? It has just flown by. We have lots of exciting things happening in April and May, including ILEARN testing and several end-of-year events and activities.

We hope you will be able to join us for some of them!

As always, please reach out with any questions, concerns or needs you may have. We are here to serve you!

Best,
Mr. Pippin

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



Please make note of TGNS school year calendar, August 2021-May 2022. The calendar for the 2021-2022 school year can be found [here](#) or by clicking the calendar icon.



**MAY THEME: ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC
ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**



ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

NEW BEGINNINGS



MAY

May 2 – May 6

- Staff Appreciation Week

Monday, May 2

- School Principal Day

Tuesday, May 3

- Day 12

Thursday, May 5

- Food Group

Friday, May 6

- School Lunch Hero

Wednesday, May 11

- Day 6
- School Nurse Day

Friday, May 13

- Field Day
- Annual Book Giveaway
- 2nd Grade Field Trip to Children's Museum

Tuesday, May 17

- WIDA Parent Meeting - 7:45am
- Life Skills Field Trip to Zoo

Wednesday, May 18

- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Zoo

Thursday, May 19

- Food Group
- Day 12

Friday, May 20

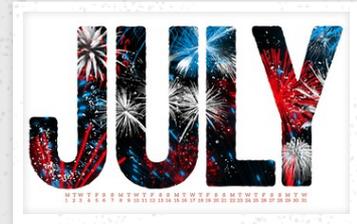
- Kindergarten Celebration - 8:30am
- 6th Grade Promotion - 12:00pm



JUNE

Thursday, June 16

- Kindergarten Round Up - 5:00-7:00pm



JULY

Thursday, July 28

- Back to School Celebration

Monday, May 23

- Last Day for Students

Monday, May 24

- Last Day for Staff

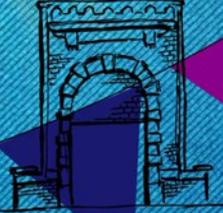


The poster features a vibrant, textured background with a large yellow sun in the center, colorful triangular bunting flags at the top and bottom, and stylized white clouds. The text is arranged as follows:

SUMMER BREAK

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS:
Monday, May 23, 2022

Contact the front office with any questions:
317-226-4215



THOMAS GREGG
NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

HURRY
AND
ENROLL
NOW!

THOMAS GREGG NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL'S

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP



THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022

5:00-7:00PM

- ✓ REGISTRATION ON SITE WITH ENROLL INDY
- ✓ CLASSROOM TOURS
- ✓ MEET THE TEACHERS
- ✓ PHOTOS WITH TOMMY THE BULLDOG
- ✓ BRING IMMUNIZATION RECORDS, BIRTH CERTIFICATE, AND PROOF OF ADDRESS



ONLINE ENROLLMENT:
[TINYURL.COM/IPSENROLL2022](https://tinyurl.com/ipSenroll2022)



THOMAS GREGG
NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

If you **CANNOT**
be on Time,



Then
Be **EARLY**

COMPLIMENTS OF LEASING NEWS, INC.

SCHOOL HOURS (7:05AM -2:30PM)

We need your student at school every day and on time.

Our doors open at 7:05 and students need to be here by 7:30. This gives students 25 minutes to eat breakfast and settle in. Academics start first thing in the morning; if students are late at all, they are missing important information.

Student Dismissal and Pick Up

- School is dismissed at 2:30pm.
- Students must be picked up by 3:00pm.

- School police will be contacted if students are not picked up.



2021-2022 STUDENT HANDBOOK

Please take time to review our new [Student Handbook](#). Physical copies can be picked up in the school's front office.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE REMINDER

Please be advised school uniforms are required as part of the dress code. If you are uncertain of this dress code, please click the Dress Code picture to review the entire policy.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in grade school so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.



18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Curious what is available each day for your child for breakfast and lunch? Click the image to review the IPS Food Service menus.

As always, breakfast and lunch are free for all students. This year we are excited to announce a daily vegetarian/vegan option for lunch.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Parents/Guardians can take advantage of the text messaging service to receive important school-based and district news. It is really simple to just follow three easy steps:

- Text 67587
- Send Text
- Reply **Yes** or **Y** to receive messages



You can also opt-out of these messages at any time by simply replying "Stop" to any of the messages.



What is the Bulldogs of the Month program?

Every month each teacher will select one student from their class to be the BULLDOG of the Month! The teacher will decide what student has shown positive behavior, academic effort, and good attendance. Those students are acknowledged for their achievement and exemplifying the TGNS Core Values. See below April's Bulldogs of the Month:

APRIL BULLDOGS OF THE MONTH

Developmental PK

- **Moore** – Allison Elliot

Kindergarten

- **Watterson** – Arianna Guevara Aceves
- **Waugh** – Aida Cardona
- **Bussberg** – Alexander Sanders

First Grade

- **Perkins** – Alberto Nunez
- **Schlegel** – Saffiyah Corney
- **Sheldon** – Ema Mercado
- **B. Johnson** – A'layah Alcorn

Second Grade

- **Beaman** – Antonio Hernandez
- **Fields** – Bra'Shaun Alexander
- **Carlstrom** – Ezra Hanna
- **Monts** – James Gearlds



Third Grade

- **McKiernan-Allen** - Diana Ramirez Ramirez
- **Farmer** – Zoe Campos
- **Adams** – Alison Ceballos-Mach
- **Hedge** – Sebastian Zambrano Jimenez

Fourth Grade

- **McMickle** – Ashley Carbajal
- **Diaz** – Emmanuel Garcia
- **Frazier** – Mi'Twuan Harvey

Fifth Grade

- **Pauley** – Daltyn Stafford
- **Markiewicz** – Andrik Antunez-Vindel
- **Waterman** – Adam Jones
- **Heminger-Ferguson** – Melanie Dearinger

Sixth Grade

- **Jones** – Ulysses Campos-Perez
- **Trebing** – Bailee Figueroa
- **T. Wagner** – Emily Costilla-Jimenez

Life Skills

- **L. Wagner** – Edinson Cardona Baltazar
- **Crockett** – Whyatt Dickinson



MELISSA MCMICKLE 4TH GRADE TEACHER



Melissa McMickle is in her second year teaching 4th grade at Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School. While at Thomas Gregg, Miss McMickle has led the efforts to expand teachers' understanding of trauma and the brain to help them better support students in the classroom. She also coaches tennis with Mrs. Schlegel.

Prior to joining the staff at TGNS, she taught intermediate grades in MSD of Lawrence Township for six years. During her time at Sunnyside Elementary School, she was the curriculum team lead and worked with educators throughout the district to develop quality standards-based instruction for all students. Melissa also coached the Robotics team and had a Robotics and Engineering Club.

When asked about Miss McMickle's favorite part about teaching at TGNS she added, "My favorite part of TGNS is how much people care about students". In addition, the most rewarding part of teaching is being invited into the lives of 20+ students each year.

She shares her success stories: "The work of teaching has slow progress, so I strive to find successes in the everyday, seemingly small things—a student utilizing the calm down area to manage her emotions, another student mastering his math goal, a student confidently participating in a reading lesson, or another student demonstrating empathy towards me. Thankfully, there is a long list to help me persevere in teaching when it feels like the bigger success comes slower".

Miss Mickle's hobbies include: running, playing tennis, golf, watching baseball, reading, cooking, and exploring new places.

Regarding her educational background, Melissa graduated from Johnson University with a BA in Urban Studies and received her MEd in Literacy, Culture, and Language Education from Indiana University-Indianapolis.

Last but not least, we are excited to share that Miss McMickle was nominated as TGNS Teacher of the Year, 2021 -2022.

Congratulations on all your hard work and dedication this school year!



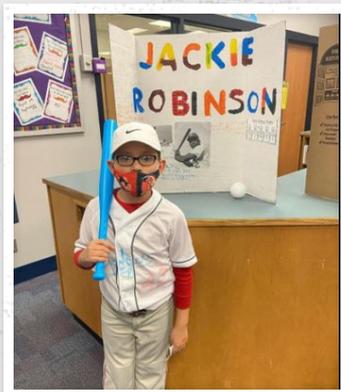
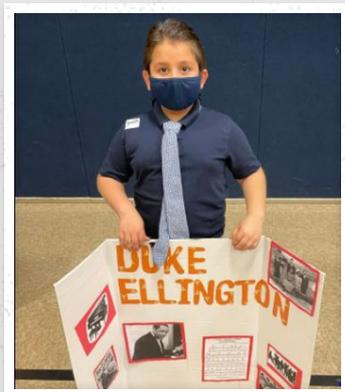
ORLENE SPATES 2ND/3RD GRADE INTERVENTIONIST

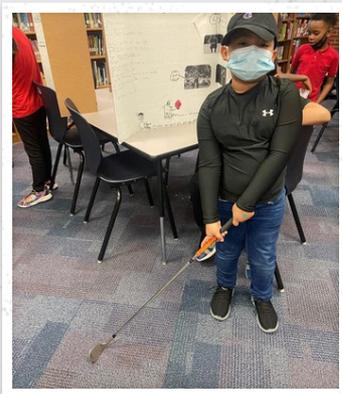
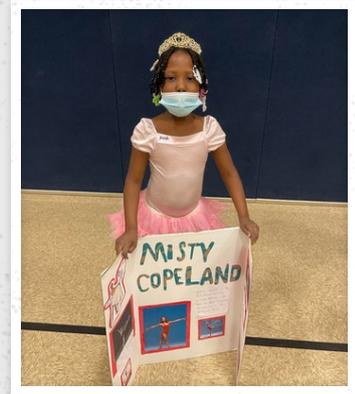
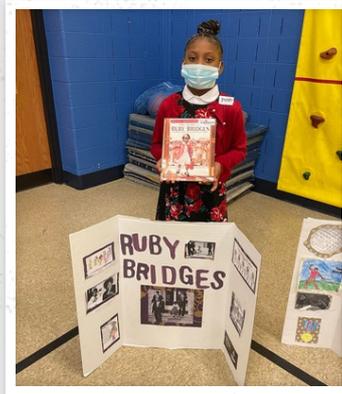
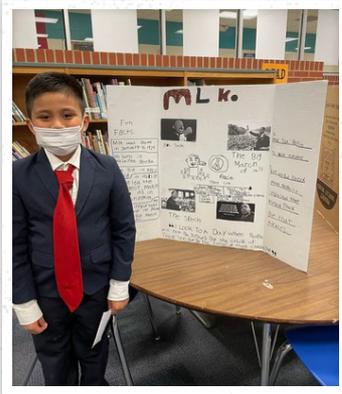
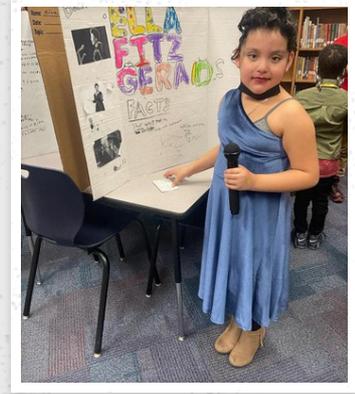
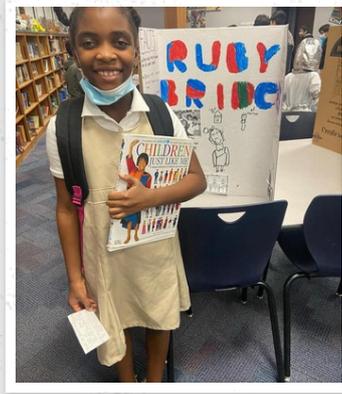
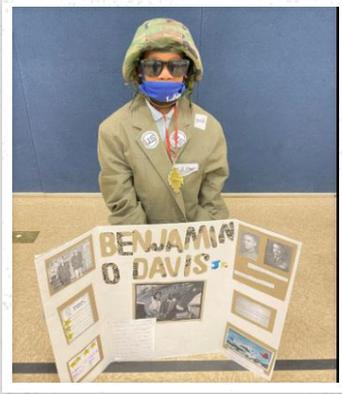


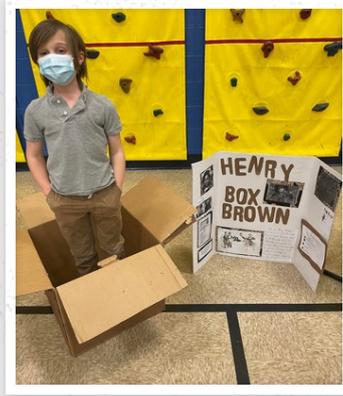
We are also so proud to announce our 2021-2022 Staff Support Person of the Year, Ms. Orlene Spates. She is TGNS 2nd/3rd Grade interventionist.

Congratulations on all your hard work and dedication this school year!

BLACK HISTORY WAX MUSEUM





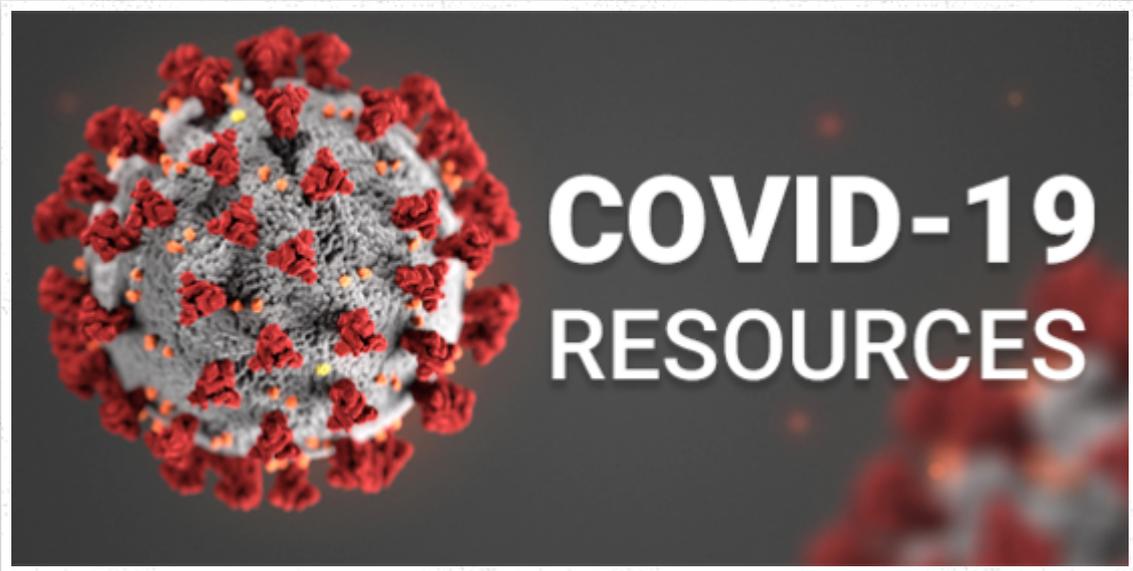


STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

We are so grateful for our AMAZING teachers and staff! We have the best team in town! This week we celebrate our hardworking educators and showed them some love and support.







COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR INDIANA HOUSEHOLDS

- IndyAMP COVID-19 Refinance Program: Apply at <https://www.indyamp.org/>. For more information please click [here](#), call 317.932.3777, or email info@indyamp.org
- Coronavirus Eviction & Foreclosure Prevention Guide: <https://www.in.gov/ihcda/4464.htm>
- Rental Assistance outside of Marion County: Indiana Emergency Rental Assistance (IERA) program at www.indianahousingnow.org (materials in English and Spanish)
- IndyRent Assistance (within Marion County): <https://indyrent.org/>
- Sign up to get your COVID vaccination if you are 12+ years old: <https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/en-US/>

THOMAS GREGG FOOD GROUP PROGRAM

NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE?



What is The Food Group Program?

Through the Creek Church's partnership with Midwest Food Bank, TGNS is able to offer its Food Group to families every 1st & 3rd Thursdays 12:30pm-2:00pm. A total of 35 families receive a food box filled with dry goods, produce, and occasionally meat products. Families work collaboratively to set up, unload, sort, and distribute groceries.

1 Guidelines

- To participate in the food program parents will be expected to work collaboratively together to set up, unload, sort, and distribute groceries.
- Participating parents must have a student **actively enrolled** in Thomas Gregg
- Everyone will be asked to follow COVID guidelines. This will require wearing face mask and social distancing.

2 What do I need to bring?

- The food will be divided up in plastic totes (totes will stay at the school).
- Parents will need to bring plastic bags or personal reusable bags for your groceries.

3 Arrival Time for Parents

- Upon arrival parents will be asked to stand outside the school main entrance until allowed in at 12:30pm.
- Parking is available in the school parking lot. The Food Program calls for parents to arrive between the 12:30pm -12:45pm. Anyone that shows up after this time will not be allowed to participate.
- The attendance policy will be enforced. If you miss two consecutive dates, your name will be removed and put on the back-up list. We have 35 max slots available.

This agreement policy will be explained in more detail during Food Group. Or a copy can be emailed for you to read over and sign before arriving.

To sign-up or ask questions please contact:

Mr. DJ: 317- 624-2781(dgraham@jbncenters.org)

Mr. Alvaro: 317-762-3924 (aborrero@jbncenters.org)

¿Necesita asistencia de comida?

La escuela Thomas Gregg ofrece asistencia alimentaria a través del Programa de Grupo de Comida a familias necesitadas.

¿Qué es el Programa de Grupos de Comida?

A través de la asociación de la Iglesia Creek Church con Midwest Food Bank, TGNS puede ofrecer su Grupo de Comida a las familias cada 1er y 3er jueves de 12:30 pm a 2:00 pm. Un total de 35 familias reciben una caja de comida llena de productos secos, productos agrícolas y ocasionalmente, productos cárnicos. Las familias trabajan en colaboración para preparar, descargar, clasificar y distribuir los comestibles.

1 Pautas

- Para participar en el programa de alimentación se espera que los padres trabajen colaborativamente juntos para configurar, descargar, clasificar y distribuir alimentos.
- Los padres participantes deben tener un estudiante **inscrito activamente** en Thomas Gregg
- A todos se les se les pedirá que sigan las guías de COVID. Se requerirá el uso de una mascarilla y distanciamiento social.

2 ¿Qué necesito traer?

- La comida se dividirá en cajas de plástico (las cajas se quedarán en el escuela).
- Los padres deberán traer bolsas plásticas o recipientes para sus alimentos.

3 Hora de llegada de los padres

- A su llegada, se les pedirá a los padres que esperen fuera de la entrada principal de la escuela hasta que se les permita la entrada a las 12:30 pm.
- Parqueo está disponible en el estacionamiento de la escuela. El Grupo Alimenticio exige que los padres lleguen entre las 12:30 pm -12: 45pm.
- Cualquiera que se presente después de esa hora no será permitido. La política de asistencia se hará cumplir. Si se pierde dos citas consecutivas su nombre será eliminado y puesto en el lista de respaldo. Tenemos 35 espacios máximos disponibles.

Para registrarse o hacer preguntas, comuníquese con:
Sr. Alvaro: 317-762-3924 (aborrero@jbncenters.org)

If you would like to sign up for the Food Group Program you will be required to be present from 12:30pm -2:00pm to help set up, unload, sort, and distribute groceries. **Currently, we have several slots available. Please read the above flyer for parent expectations of the program.**

Time: 12:30pm-2:00pm

Date: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

Location: Thomas Gregg Gymnasium

Upcoming Dates:

- 5/5
- 5/19
- 6/2
- 6/16

If interested contact :

Mr. DJ: 317-624-2781

dgraham@jbncenters.org

Mr. Alvaro: 317-762-3924

aborrero@jbncenters.org



FOOD RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY

John Boner Center

- Food Distribution (Every Monday -Friday)
- Time: 1:00-3:00pm
- Address:2236 E. 10th Street
- Location: Door#2

Westminster

- Food Distribution
- Time: Every Mon/Thurs. 9:00am-12:00pm
- Every 2nd & 4th Saturday (Feb.13,27,Mar.13,27)
- Senior Day: Every 3rd Wed 9:00am-12:00pm (Feb,17,March 27)
- Address:2325 E. New York Street

Service boundaries are as follows:

North: 10th Street

South: Southeastern Blvd

East: Rural Street

West: Pine Street/I-65/I-70

Note: Those who live outside this area will be served once and redirected to other pantries closer to your place of residence.

Brookside School #54



URBAN LEAGUE DRIVE-THRU FOOD GIVE - AWAY

- Date: Every Tuesday
- Time: 10:00am
- Address:777 Indiana Ave.
- Location: Indpls Urban League

*No ID required. For more information call 317-693-7603



COMMUNITY COMPASS

Community Compass connects Indianapolis residents to critical food resources and nutrition assistance. The Community Compass contains a finder for such resources as food pantries, Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) retailers and clinics, hot meal sites, farmers' markets, and other food related events, and more.

- Food Pantry open to the public
- Date: Scheduled for 2nd Wednesday of every month
- **Time:** 4:00pm-6:00pm
- **Address:** 3150 E. 10th Street

Indianapolis First Free Methodist Church

- Food Pantry open to the public
- Address: 1215 Tecumseh St Indianapolis, IN 46201
- Hours: 10:00 – 11:30 am

(Please note these hours have changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic). This pantry is typically open Mondays 10:00 am – 1:30 pm, but has changed these hours until further notice).

Linwood Christian Church

- Address: 4424 E Michigan St
- Hours: Wednesdays 10 am – 12 pm
- Phone: 317-357-8771
- Requirements: Must show proof of address. Must live in the following boundaries: North: E. 21st St, South: E. Washington St, East: N. Emerson Ave, and West: N. Rural

Shepherd Community Center

- Address: 4107 E Washington St
- Phone: 317-375-0203

Crossroads AME Church (just added September)

- **Time:** Every 2nd & 4th Saturday from 11:30am -1:00pm
- **Address:** 4602 N. College
- **Phone:** 317-515-6414



MARION COUNTY ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

About the Program

The Marion County Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (EAP) provides financial assistance to low-income households to maintain utility services during the winter heating season. This 2021-2022 program will include assistance with **electric, heating, and water** (when funding is available).

The John Boner Neighborhood Center and many community organizations within Marion County are collaborating to deliver the 2021-2022 Marion County Energy Assistance Program.

As of October 1, 2021, TGNS families that would like to apply for energy assistance can receive help with their application directly at TGNS through our JBNC Family Navigator, Alvaro Borrero. To contact Alvaro, please call the school at 317-226-4215 or email him directly at aborrero@jbncenters.org.

To learn more about Eligibility, [Click Here](#).



You have been invited to join us for the upcoming Parent Café.

- **Date:** Wednesday, April 20th
- **Schedule:** 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- **Theme:** Safe Social Media
- **RSVP Deadline:** Monday, April 18th
- **RSVP Link:** https://jbncenters.formstack.com/forms/parent_caf_registration

- **Zoom Link:** Once you RSVP, you can expect a follow-up email including the zoom link information.

Description: Parent Cafe gives parents a chance to come together, listen, talk, build friendships, & support each other around the five protective factors. Those protective factors are listed below:

- Resilience
- Relationships
- Knowledge
- Support
- Communication

Gift Card:

Each family will receive a gift card to enjoy for attending (included in the RSVP link).

Attendance Requirement:

If you cannot stay online for at least the first 30 minutes we ask that you plan to attend the next scheduled Parent Café.

For questions or concerns contact Mr. DJ or Mr. Alvaro (Mr.DJ - dgraham@jbncenters.org or Mr.Alvaro - Alvaro Borrero - aborrero@jbncenters.org)



Thanks to all the parents who attended the Parent University!

Again, Parent University was a 5-week course (Feb 23rd -March 23rd) consisting of weekly workshops to allow parents and caregivers the opportunity to connect and support each other in order to increase nurturing skills in their homes. This event was held virtually and hosted by our partners at Ambassadors of H.O.P.E. A special graduation ceremony will be held in honor of the following parents who attended all 5 weeks along with a special gift:

- Jacqueline Ardon
- Janet Lewis

Also, special thanks to Ms. Courtney and her team at Ambassador of H.O.P.E. for offering this workshop to our parents.

WANT TO LEARN ENGLISH?



Want to learn English?
Quieres aprender ingles?
Veux apprendre l'anglais?
အင်္ဂလိပ်စာလေ့လာချင်ပါသလား
هل تريد تعلم اللغة الإنجليزية؟

Call 317-384-1496 or go online
to indyreads.org/programs/ell



LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Click the link to visit the website for current [employment opportunities](#).





HIRING FAIR • HEALTH SCREENINGS • TESTING • VACCINATIONS

Health Care Job Fair + Free Health Screenings

May 17, 2022
9 am - 4 pm

IU Health will conduct a hiring fair for Patient Care, Environmental Specialists, and Food & Nutrition Service positions. The Hope Training Center will provide basic health screening and the State Health Department will be onsite with the mobile testing and vaccination bus.

Learn more: jbncenters.org/calendar

LOCATION

John Boner Neighborhood Centers
2236 E. 10th Street

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Cynthia Coleman
ccoleman@jbncenters.org, 317.806.2334

Keith Kates
kkates@jbncenters.org, 317.806.2331

HEALTH CARE JOB FAIR

John Boner Neighborhood Centers is hosting a Health Care Job Fair and Free Health Screenings with IU Health!

Tuesday, May 17 from 9 AM to 4 PM
2236 E. 10th Street

HEARTLAND FOOD PRODUCTS GROUP HIRING

WE'RE HIRING!



OPEN INTERVIEWS!

Heartland Food Products Group
Distribution Center
4925 West 86th Street Bldg 129 –Indianapolis
heartlandfpg.com/careers

Shift Times

1st: M-F 6am-2:30pm
2nd: M-F 2pm-10:30pm
3rd: M-F/S-TH 10pm-6:30am

Pay Rates

Starting at \$17/hour
Shift Premium: \$0.50 for
2nd and 3rd shift

Positions

Packers
Machine Operators
Forklift Operators
Sanitation Techs

Referral Bonus

\$500 bonus for referring
friends and family
to Heartland!
Ask HR for details.

Link: <https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=a9d8429a-5356-4228-86f5-cd2dac5863b5>



INDIANA FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK

NEED HELP WITH YOUR MORTGAGE?

Indiana Homeowner Assistance Fund (IHAF) is here.

ABOUT IHAF

The Indiana Homeowner Assistance Fund (IHAF) is available for homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of IHAF is to prevent foreclosures and displacements of eligible homeowners. IHAF is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

I'M A HOMEOWNER AND BEHIND ON MY MORTGAGE.

Do I qualify for IHAF? You may qualify for IHAF if:

- ✓ You own and live in a single-family home, condominium, or a 2-, 3- or 4-family dwelling, or a manufactured home permanently affixed to real property in Indiana
- ✓ You or someone in your household had their income go down, or living expenses go up, after January 21, 2020, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes job loss, fewer work hours, paying more for childcare, illness, or being unable to work because you had to take care of a family member
- ✓ You meet the [program's income limits](#) (income limits are 150% of AMI – area median income)

HOW CAN IHAF HELP ME?

If you are approved for IHAF, you would receive assistance to pay overdue mortgage payments. If you also have overdue payments on property taxes, insurance, or homeowner/condominium fees, you may be able to receive additional assistance.

WILL I RECEIVE THE MONEY DIRECTLY?

No. If you are approved, money will go directly to your mortgage loan servicer (the company that receives your mortgage payments). You will be informed about how much assistance was provided and how it was used.

WILL I NEED TO PAY THE MONEY BACK?

No, the assistance is a forgivable loan with a portion of the loan being forgiven every 12 months. You will not have to pay the money back if you meet all requirements of the loan over a five-year period.

HOW DO I APPLY?



The application is online. Learn more and apply at www.877gethope.org. You can also complete a short online screener to see if you qualify.



If you need help with your application, including language assistance or reasonable accommodations, you can call 877-GET-HOPE, Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm. You can also work with a non-profit housing counseling agency who can help you apply. A list of housing counseling agencies can be found on www.877gethope.org/ifpn-partners

www.877gethope.org



INDIANA HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND (IHAF)

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Summer
**FARMERS
MARKET**

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MAY 4 - OCT 28, 2022

WEDNESDAYS

**4PM - 7PM
727 N ORIENTAL ST
CHASE LEGACY CENTER**

SATURDAYS

**9AM - 1PM
2302 E. 10TH ST
NEXT TO THE JOHN BONER
NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS**

WE ACCEPT



OUR PARTNERS

WWW.INDYSUMMERFARMERSMARKET.ORG

SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

JBNC is excited to kick off the Summer Farmers Market in partnership with **Growing Places Indy!**

May 4 - October 8

Wednesdays from 4 PM to 7 PM

727 N Oriental St.

Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM

2302 E. 10th St (Next to the John Boner Neighborhood Centers)

The Summer Farmers Market accepts Fresh Bucks, SNAP, and WIC.

EMPOWER YOUR FUTURE

You have a job. That is great – now it's time to think about a career! Let us help you explore your dream career and turn it into a reality! Meet with us on the second Tuesday of the month and the fourth Thursday of the month. See dates below:



- May 10
- May 26
- June 14
- June 23
- July 12
- July 28

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: John Boner Neighborhood Center

Address: 2236 E. 10th Street

Link: <https://jbncenters.org/event/empower-your-future/all/>

DAYCARE/AFTERCARE SERVICES

If you are in need of resources for daycare, please see the options below:



[East 10th Children and Youth Center](#) for aftercare program.

Contact Info: Emily Nauth

emily.nauth@east10th.org

[Westminster](#) for aftercare program as well.

Contact Info: Jamie Tedford

Jamie.tedford@westmin.org

[Daystar](#) for aftercare program

Contact Info: Lisa Bowling

daystarchildcare@daystar.org

All programs offer transportation from TGNS to their sites. If you any questions you will need to email the provided contacts.

LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE?



Childcare Answers is a great resource to find affordable childcare or even opportunities to gain free childcare through available vouchers. They also offer a wealth of resources for our Spanish Speaking Families. To learn more contact Megan Day:

Email: megand@childcareanswers.org

Phone: 463.900.7491

Or visit the link below:

<https://childcareanswers.org/resources/finding-child-care/>

**Are you seeking
a safe, nurturing
and fun environment
for your children
this summer?**



CALL 317-426-3234 to ENROLL

**INDY EAST ACHIEVEMENT ZONE & JBNC
EVENTS**

Dreams to Scholars Scholarship Program

Your child has dreams. You have a plan. Start a CollegeChoice 529 savings account to start saving for your child's future and we'll fund the first \$10. From there, gain access to \$1,500 in scholarship funds for your Thomas Gregg kindergarten student.

★ **All kindergarten students of Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School (TGNS) who have not completed their kindergarten year are eligible**

Questions? Contact Financial Coach
Sharon Brashears 317-808-2335,
sbrashears@jbncenters.org



sbrashears@jbncenters.org

Email



IUPUI

A research team from IUPUI is conducting a study that will help you start and keep exercising regularly. This study will also include a FREE membership to the Boner Fitness and Learning Center and personalized support with participation.

If interested in learning more about this study, please contact Rafael at ralamilleiu.edu for more information.

ralamill@iu.edu

Email

BIKE CAMP PROGRAM

Nine 13 Sports is hosting a Bike Camp with Indy Parks at Riverside Park this summer. See the links below:

Half-Day Camp: Ages 8-11 (Dates June 27-July 1)

Click below to register:



https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/23062

Full-Day Camp: Ages 12-15 (Dates July 11 - July 15)

Click below to register:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/indyparks/Activity_Search/day-camp-bike-camp-riverside/23001



MORE RESOURCES AND EVENTS OFFERED BY CHILDCARE ANSWERS

<https://childcareanswers.org/events/seizure-first-aid-with-the-epilepsy-foundation/>

<https://childcareanswers.org/events/disabilities-growing-an-inclusive-society-through-educating-children/>



Events Calendar:

<https://childcareanswers.org/trainingcalendar/>

Spanish Family Resources:

[Construyendo Autoestima con Amabassadors of Hope](#)

[El Uso de Asientos de Seguridad para Niños/as](#)

[Explicado: El Desarrollo Cognitivo de su Hijo/a](#)

[Mantener a su Familia Activa y Saludable](#)



**Pogue's Run Kite Day &
Park Clean-up**

HIGHLAND PARK
New York and Highland Ave

FREE EVENT

Snacks & drinks provided.
First 60 participants get free kites!!
Saturday, May 14
11am - 1pm

RECONNECTING
& WATERWAYS

Near East
Area Renewal

HOLY CROSS
RECONSTRUCTION

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CHARITABLE TRUST



Near Eastside Quality of Life

2021 Annual Report

THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE NEAR EASTSIDE QUALITY OF LIFE PLAN IS NOW AVAILABLE!

[The 2021 Annual Report for the Near Eastside Quality of Life plan is now available!](#)

Check out the report for info on QOL plan progress and funding. The Near Eastside lead agencies thank all of our funders and implementation partners who have made this work possible! We look forward to continue working toward improving quality of life on the Near Eastside in the coming years.

PARTNER PRAISE



CREEK CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRY OUTREACH PROJECT





A huge thank you goes out to our friends and partners at The Creek Church and their Student Ministry for repainting our blacktop and making it look beautiful again!

The outreach project was part of their serve the 317 week. In addition to TGNS, they served with Unconditional, Midwest, Outreach, and Westminster. [The Creek](#) Student painted the court and picked up trash around the school. They got to meet a few neighborhood kids who were curious. It made them feel good to serve in a way that made other kids excited.

A total of 25 kids from Creek Student Ministry signed up to serve during their second week of Spring Break as part of the Creek Church's #ForThe317 mission. The kids are from Franklin Central, Southport, and New Palestine High Schools.

You guys are amazing! Thank you for your time and efforts to organize and complete this much-needed project.

COFFE BAR SURPRISE



Steve Stangel of Horace Mann sponsored a coffee bar to show appreciation towards TGNS staff. Coffee and hot chocolate with all the trimmings was perfect timing for a long school day!

Thanks Steve for being so thoughtful to our staff!

BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION



SCHOOL BUS DRIVER:

You are sometimes the first smiling adult a child sees each morning and the last before they get home. You always brave the weather to get our kids safely where they need to be, while being a shining example as you do it.

#schoolheroes

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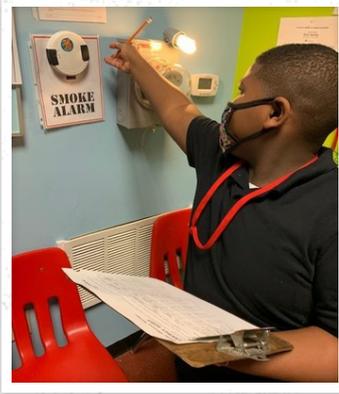


TGNS wanted to show our special appreciation to each of its bus drivers. Each driver received special cards from the kiddos, TGNS shirts, cups, and a La Parada gift card to enjoy lunch.

Thank you for safely transporting our precious cargo to and from school each day!



BIZTOWN FIELDTRIP







In partnership with Junior Achievement, 5th-grade students participated in a career exploration learning employability, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy-focused field trip.

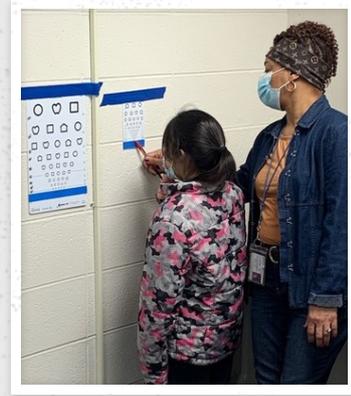
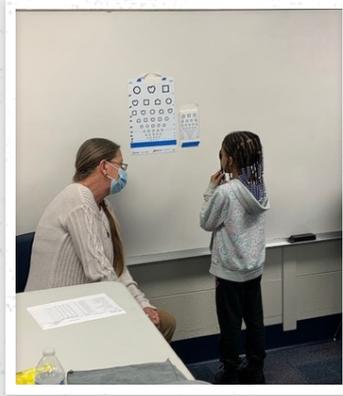
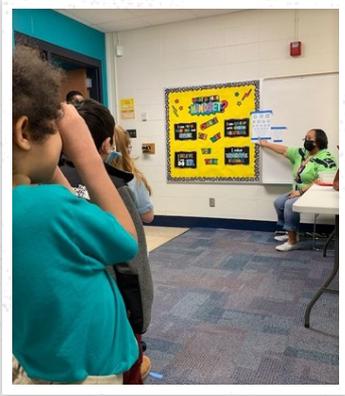
IPS IMMUNIZATION CLINIC



IPS in partnership with MDWise Inc. TGNS hosted an Immunization Clinic open to the public. A total of 54 students participated.

VISION SCREENING

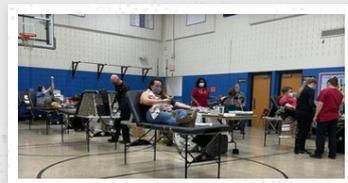




In Partnership with the Marion County Health Dept. TGNS 1st,3rd, & 5th grade students received eye exams. A total Of 156 students were served.

BLOOD DRIVE AT TGNS





TGNS 6th Grade hosted a hugely successful Blood Drive. We are so proud of all their hard work in planning and executing this project. Looking forward to this becoming an annual event! Over 70 people participated, and 50 units of blood were collected.

Great job to Ms. Wagner and Mrs. Jones along with their 6th graders for planning this event!

JOHN BONER HOST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The John Boner Financial Coaches have planned sessions to recruit and register TGNS kindergartens and first graders into the 529 College Choice Dream to Scholars Scholarship Program.

Appointments were made with those parents who were interested. Meetings were held at TGNS Parent Center.

What is the 529?

The College Choice 529 plan is a way to set aside designated savings to help parents with the cost of higher education (\$1,500 scholarship). This opportunity is only offered to Kindergarten and 1st-grade students enrolled at Thomas Gregg School.

This is the last of many previous efforts to get as many students signed up as possible. Since the 2020-2021 school year there have been numerous opportunities extended to families to take advantage of the Scholarship Program.

Special thanks to the following for your continued efforts and planning of this event:

Financial Coaches

- Sharon Brashears
- Fred Hyche
- Kimberly Thomas

Family Navigator

- Alvaro Borrero

IU SPEECH



I.U. Speech Pathologists, Emily, and Rachel accompanied by students from Indiana University focus on developmental programming to teach language and communication skills to students.

Indiana Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences has partnered with Thomas Gregg Neighborhood since 2014! The program has offered TGNS students individualized services while supporting the training of future SLPs (Speech-Language Pathologists).

Thanks for all you do!





HELPFUL LINKS

[TGNS Website](#)

[TGNS Staff Contact List 21-22](#)

[TGNS Student Handbook 21-22](#)

[TGNS Manuel del Estudiante 21-22](#)

[Indianapolis Public Schools](#)

[John Boner Neighborhood Centers](#)



Questions?: Should you have any questions, please email info@thomasgregg.org or call the school at 317-226-4215! We will be happy to assist you in any way we can.



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