

# Enroll Now for Fall

February 2010



## Some Thoughts to Ponder

Have you eaten your “frog” today? You may have seen this sign on our school walls. It relates to an assembly discussion we had last week. “If the first thing you do

when you wake up in the morning is eat a live frog, then nothing worse can happen for the rest of the day!”

In our lives, the “frogs” are difficult things we have to do. If we take care of them early, we can enjoy the rest of the day. Students were challenged to eat their “frogs” first—a good reminder for all of us.

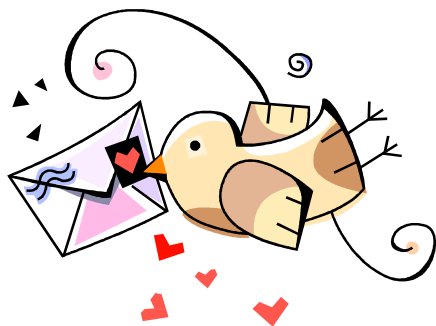
## Calendar

Feb. 1	Early Out/Ski Day/Karate
3	Third Grade Assembly
8	Early Out/Ski Day/Karate
8-19	Priority Enrollment
10	School Spelling Bee 9:00 a.m.
11	Valentine Parties
12/15	Winter Break/Presidents’ Day weekend
17	Tooth Puppet Assembly
18, 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences/ Usborne Book Fair
19	Progress Reports
22	Early Out/Ski Day/Karate
22	Open Enrollment Begins
24	Birds of Prey Assembly
Mar. 1	Early Out/Ski Day

World Studies: Northern Europe

Values: Freedom, Honesty

Habit: Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood



## Is education a priority?

Years ago I attended a lecture by Lynn Scoresby where he was talking about his son having an activity every night of the week (all good things). He sat him down and said he could be involved in just two things – his son would choose one, and he would choose the other. His premise was that he couldn’t fulfill his role as a father if he never saw his son. None of us can fulfill our role as a parent if we have become a taxi driver/spectator. Children need heroes – be a hero for your child: Choose wisely. Ensure that years down the road they appreciate what you have done for them. Know that knowledge is one of the few things, which we take with us (and use) when this life is over.

“What you do rings so loudly in my ears, I can’t hear a word you say.”

Let’s give education more than just lip service. Show it’s a priority by making time for it.

## Homework on Website

Remember that teachers have their homework on the website. If homework sheets go missing or are forgotten at school, just go to [www.ivyhallacademy.org](http://www.ivyhallacademy.org) and click on the Faculty button, then click on the teacher’s picture.

## Power Hour

The Third Grade Student Council reps are in charge of our February Power Hour. We are collecting canned goods for the Food and Care Coalition on Freedom Blvd in Provo.

The food bank has generous donations given at Christmas. Food is needed all year, so we can help.

We’ll collect items until the end of the month, and then deliver them.

We appreciate your help in developing a sense of community in our students—your children—the next generation of leaders.

## Enroll Now

Priority enrollment for students currently at Ivy Hall begins the 9<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. We encourage you to be prompt in enrolling.

On the 19<sup>th</sup>, open enrollment begins for those not at Ivy Hall. Sensitive to the economic situation, standing steady is prudent. Our rates will remain lower than Meridian or Challenger schools, but will increase 5%.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

For grades PK-8, parent-teacher conferences will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will contact you regarding appointment times. Generally, the schedule from last term is used. Progress reports will be handed out during the interviews or on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Teacher Evaluations

Inside the west door are teacher evaluation forms. Please complete one when you come in or when you're here for Parent-Teacher conferences. Your feedback is vital for our success. Please place the forms in the wooden box beside them.



## Dress Shoes on Dress Uniform Day

Girls are allowed to wear dress boots on Wednesdays during the winter term: mid-November thru mid-February. The boots are to be brown or black.

For Fall and Spring terms, dress SHOES are to be worn by boys and girls. We do allow black sneakers for boys if they are completely black, including laces.

## Notes to Stay In

If your child is ill and not able to go outside for recess, please send a note explaining why they need to stay in – and for how long. Otherwise, children can come up with some pretty creative ideas.

Fresh air is generally better for good health than staying inside all day.

## Teacherease

Teachers of Grades 2-8 are using Teacherease. It is an on-line grading program which you can access through our web-site. You may check your students' grades any time you like. Go to [ivyhallacademy.org](http://ivyhallacademy.org), click on Faculty, then click on the teacher's picture. At the bottom of the teacher's page is a link to Teacherease. You can get your User ID and password from your child's teacher.



## Health Policy

Students are to be kept home if they have a fever. Those on antibiotics should wait 24 hours before returning, and students with the flu need to have 24 hours with a "settled stomach." Following these guidelines should help keep sick students from re-infecting each other.

## I Hope You Dance

In January and February, we are dancing during choir time. And what fun we're all having! Ask your students about the Hamster Dance, the Chicken Dance, the Macarena, the Hokey Pokey, the Bunny Hop and others.

Notice something about these dances? They are not partner dances – it would never do to have to touch someone else! ☺ This is a great cardio-vascular activity. We're lovin' it!

## Seating for Assemblies

When parents come to watch a class assembly, a blue bandana will mark the row where parents may begin sitting. The row marked and those behind it are open for parents. Classes come to watch each assembly and sit in front of the adults.

## Young Authors' Fair: March 18

For those who are new to Ivy Hall, we have a 3-year fair rotation: Science, Geography, and Young Author. This year we'll have a Young Author's Fair. Each student in Grades 1-8 is required to write a book. Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will do a class display. Students are to do the majority of the work; parents may help.

Requirements for each grade level have been sent home. If there are questions, please contact a teacher.