



# CHARGER CONNECTION

## Isle of Wight Academy

"A Family Inspiring Excellence"

August 2021

### AUGUST NEWS

#### Munford's Memos

Dear Charger Family, As the Headmaster of Isle of Wight Academy it is my pleasure to welcome new and returning families to a new year at IWA. It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone and we've opened for the 2021-22 academic year. There are many reasons to be excited about the new year including a growing student body from last year, a fantastic faculty and numerous campus improvements.

IWA will continue to follow the VDH and CDC COVID-19 updated recommendations for the 2021-2022 School Year. As always, it will be of the utmost importance that students with symptoms of Covid-19 and other infectious illnesses, as well as those in direct contact with persons who have tested positive for Covid-19, remain away from campus and classmates for the number of days recommended by medical professionals, depending on their situation.

If your child or a member of your family becomes ill, please contact Administration so that we can help support you. As part of our ongoing school-based response to the pandemic and the policies that we are required to follow, we will continue to utilize detailed quarantine and distance learning protocols to ensure that students can continue learning if they do have to be away from campus for an extended period of time. Keeping your child home and making use of the technology tools at our disposal will continue to keep us all safe, learning, and competing as a Charger family!

We once again want to express our thanks to you, our students, and our faculty and staff for your diligence, patience, and support over the last 18 months as we have navigated this pandemic together as a school community. I must share that it is very exciting to see that IWA has become a very lively place again after the quiet days of summer!

I want to close by saluting all the students, faculty, and staff who have been active in preparing our school for the new academic year. Your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated. It is clear that we have many students, as well as their coaches and moderators, who are not afraid of hard work. You inspire us!

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and successful school year. Thank you for your continued support of our school mission and vision.

Sincerely,

*Mark A. Munford*

Headmaster



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#### Important Dates:

- Sep. 6 School Closed
- Sep. 6 Athletic Assoc. Meeting 7 pm
- Sep. 11 College Boards: ACT
- Sep. 15 Progress Reports
- Sep. 29 2-Hour Delay 10:30 am
- Sep. 30 Picture Retakes & Clubs

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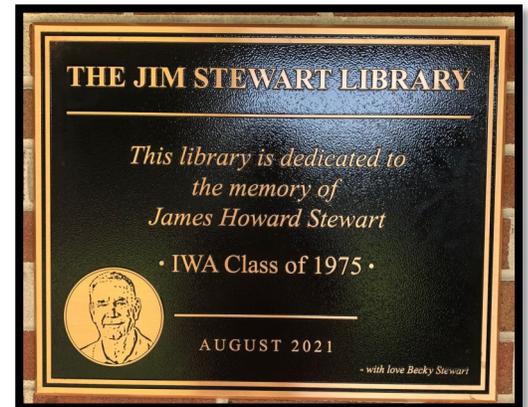
# LIBRARY DEDICATION

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## THE JIM STEWART LIBRARY

On Friday, August 27, 2021, Isle of Wight Academy held a dedication ceremony and named the recently renovated library on campus The Jim Stewart Library in memory of IWA alumnus James Howard Stewart, IWA Class of 1975.

Stewart's wife, Becky Stewart, recently made a gift to Isle of Wight Academy in memory of her late husband and through this gift, the IWA Board of Directors was able to establish the James H Stewart Capital Fund which is an endowed fund to benefit capital projects at Isle of Wight Academy. This fund will assist with the continuum of funds needed for capital projects at the Academy. While a student at IWA, Jim was a member of the basketball and baseball teams, was Vice-President of the Student Cooperative Organization and played a vital role in the student body-excelling academically and athletically. Even after graduating, he returned to campus and supported IWA at events and through his work on the Alumni Council. As his former headmaster and basketball coach, Benjamin Vaughan noted at the ceremony, "Jim was everything that you would ever want in an Isle of Wight Academy student." At the dedication ceremony Jim was remembered for his unselfishness, his willingness to always want to help and mentor others and his gift for the game of basketball-being called the greatest player to ever play the game of basketball at Isle of Wight Academy. It was noted during the ceremony that Jim was an avid reader and loved many different genres of literature. The library which serves students in preschool through 12th grades will help to continue to nurture that love of reading in students for many years to come. Our Charger family will never forget the impact that Jim left on many of us and this gift will help to ensure that his legacy continues for years to come.



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# WELCOME NEW FACULTY

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*Ms. Barbara Espinosa*

**PRESCHOOL  
DIRECTOR**



*Mrs. Caitlin McCormick*

**FIRST  
GRADE**



*Mrs. Kati Seward*

**SECOND  
GRADE**



*Mrs. Heather Peffley*

**MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**



*Mrs. Janssen Major*

**MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**



*Mrs. Laura George*

**UPPER  
SCHOOL  
SCIENCE**



*Mrs. Juliee Napier*

**UPPER  
SCHOOL  
ENGLISH**



*Mr. Stephen Wood*

**UPPER SCHOOL  
SOCIAL  
STUDIES**



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# ATHLETICS

August 2021

## HOME Games During the Month of September 2021

September 7	JV & V Volleyball vs Huguenot 5:00 / 6:00 pm
September 15	Middle School Football vs Norfolk Christian 6:00 pm
September 16	JV & V Volleyball vs Fuqua 5:00 / 6:00 pm
September 17	Varsity Football vs King & Queen 7:00 pm
September 21	JV & V Volleyball vs Kenston Forest 5:00 / 6:00 pm
September 21	Middle School Football vs Portsmouth Christian 6:00
September 29	Middle School Football vs NSA 6:00



Fall Sports Schedules can be downloaded from the Athletics Page on  
the school website [www.iwacademy.com](http://www.iwacademy.com)

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# AROUND CAMPUS

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Our faculty were back on campus August 9-13 working in their classrooms, attending meetings and doing a little team building. There is no doubt this group is “Charger Strong” and ready for a great school year!



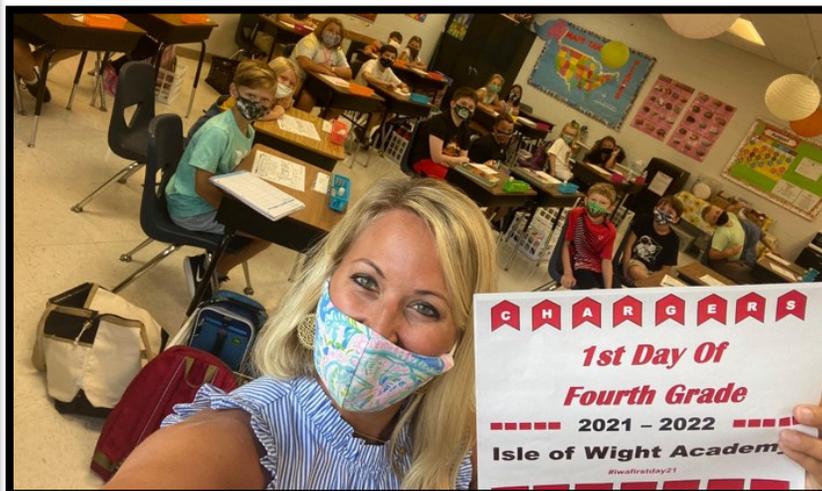
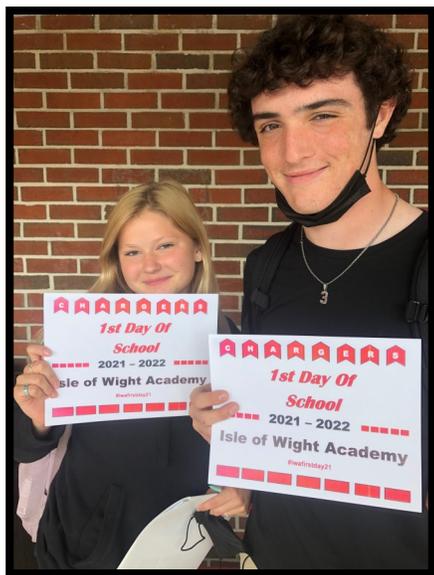
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# AROUND CAMPUS

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## FIRST DAY OF School



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# AROUND CAMPUS

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Headmaster Mark Munford and SCO President James Thompson welcome the Upper School students back to campus. The students and faculty are all excited to be back to school and we look forward to an outstanding 2021-22 academic year!

— WELCOME —  
BACK TO SCHOOL



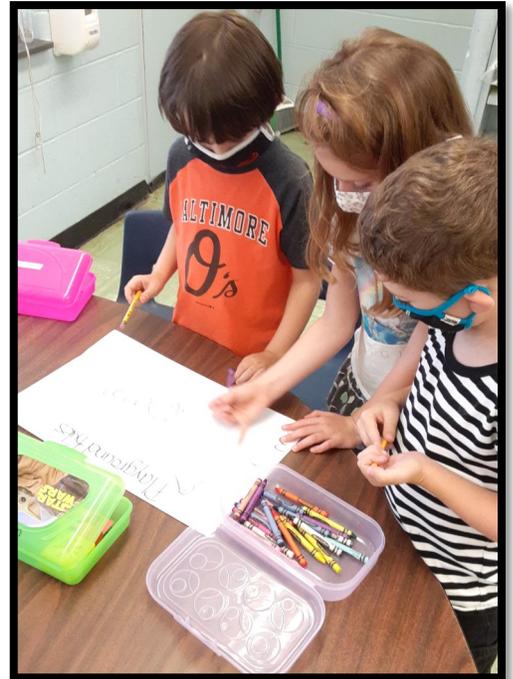
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# IN THE CLASSROOM

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Ms. Olson's first grade class has been working on school rules in Social Studies. Students worked in groups to create rules for different places at school. They did a fantastic job!



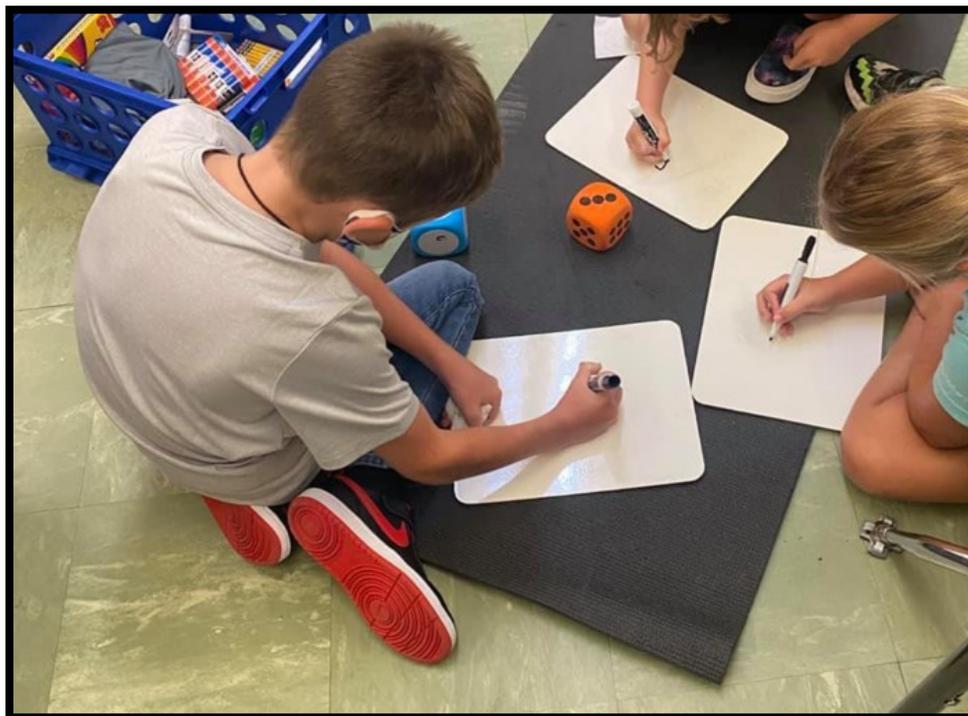
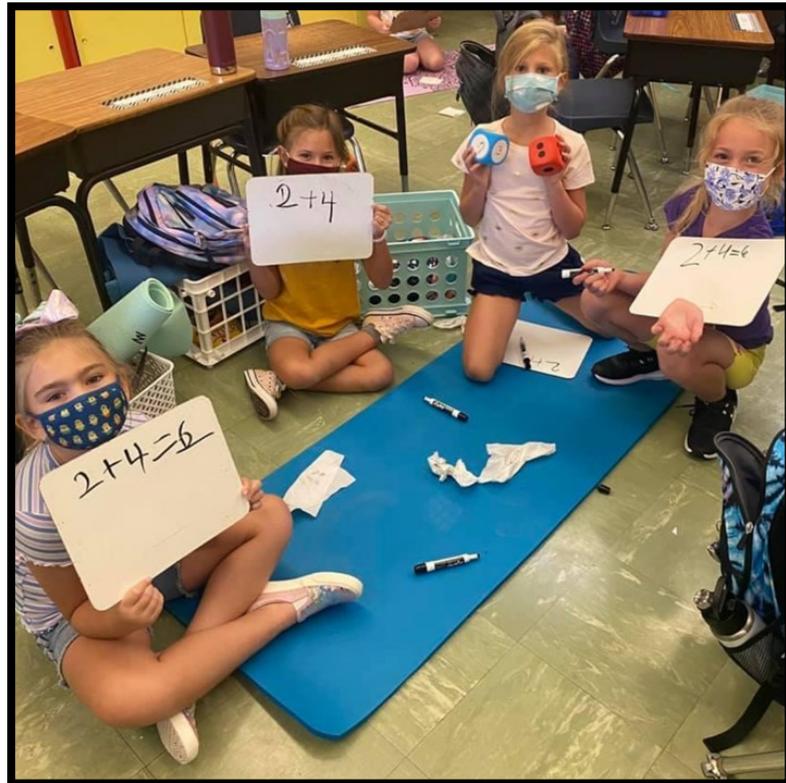


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Mrs. Williams' 2nd grade class had fun rolling dice to work on their addition facts!



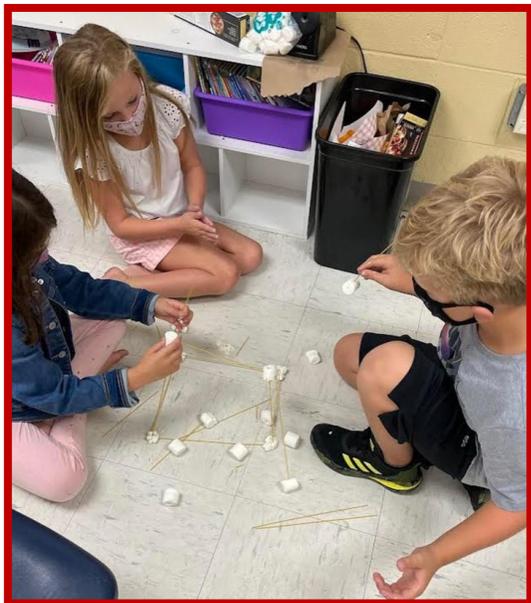
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# IN THE CLASSROOM

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Mrs. Seward's class worked in groups and used teamwork to build the tallest marshmallow and spaghetti tower.



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# IN THE CLASSROOM

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Our kindergarteners made cooking caps for the letter “C” since their letter book friend, Cass, likes to cook!

## Kindergarten



Mrs. Spain’s 4th grade class practiced using their imagination and creativity during Mrs. Hooper’s recent **STEAM** lesson.



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# IN THE CLASSROOM

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Mrs. Blythe's Lower School World Studies classes have been hard at work making models of our world.



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# IN THE CLASSROOM

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7th graders had a chance to use the microscopes for the first time to identify microorganisms in pond water.



Second graders in Mrs. Baise's class exercised some team-building skills to write their names using a marker, string and tape. But there was a catch... they couldn't touch the marker with their fingers! It took a lot of discussion and communication to be successful!





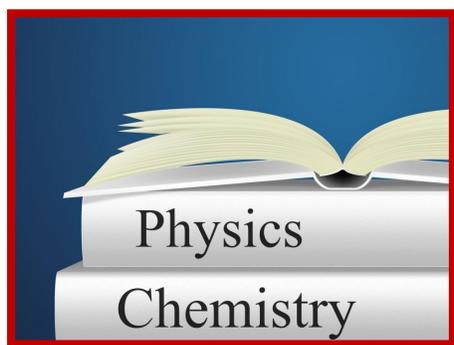
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Upper School Chemistry classes recently practiced proper lab techniques and measurement skills with the Rainbow Volume Lab. If students followed the procedure, a rainbow of color was made inside their test tubes.



Upper School Physics refreshed their scientific problem solving skills and used them to "Build a Boat, Hope it Floats". Their challenge was to build the least expensive boat that could float holding the most pennies. Congratulations to Connor, Madison, Zane and Christa for having the winning boat score!



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# HOME COMING & HARVEST FESTIVAL

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**October 22nd and 23rd are two days that you do not want to miss! Kick off the fun with Homecoming on Friday, October 22nd and then keep the fun going with the longstanding IWA tradition of Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 23rd. Mark your calendars now!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
for

**IWA**

**HOME COMING**

**October 22, 2021**

Homecoming is back this year! Make plans now to come back home to IWA on Oct. 22nd for all the fun- including Friday night football, good friends, and great food! It'll be a weekend of fun because the Harvest Festival will be on Saturday, Oct. 23rd!



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# HOME COMING 2021

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*Homecoming October 18-22, 2021 Presents*

## **Isle of Wight Academy**

*Where Dreams Come True*



**Monday: Pajama Day**



**Tuesday: Come Dressed As Your Favorite Character From Toy Story**



**Wednesday: Hawaiian Day**



**Thursday: Wear Camo / Come As A Jungle Animal For Lower School**



**Friday: Wear Your Charger Gear**



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# ALUMNI

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Several members of the Class of 1971 gathered together this summer for their 50th reunion. They looked over yearbooks, newspaper clippings and shared many stories from their days at IWA. We were glad that several of them managed a quick visit by school to take a tour of campus before their dinner to see how things have changed in 50 years!



**50**  
YEAR  
REUNION



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# DEVELOPMENT

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## Where Does The Money Go?

As the Development Director here at IWA one question I am sometimes asked when we hold a fundraiser is, "Where does the money go?" It is my wish that everyone affiliated with Isle of Wight Academy understand where their money goes and what the money from our various fundraisers is used to benefit.

Tuition only covers general operating costs (such as teacher salaries, utilities and transportation costs). The Annual Giving Fund of IWA supports various areas such as academic programs, technology, and any other areas where the need is greatest. The Capital Giving Fund helps to support improvements to the physical campus here at IWA and can range from painting, to parking lot paving, to our current capital improvement plan to renovate our classroom buildings.

Several groups and organizations raise money at various times during the year to benefit their group and projects that they wish to support. Listed below are the organizations and a few of the types of fundraisers they may hold throughout the year. Participation in any of these fundraisers is voluntary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me to further to discuss any of these organizations or fundraisers. Please know that Isle of Wight Academy appreciates your support.

Sincerely,

Mary-Margaret Wells  
IWA Director of Development

### IWA Athletic Association

This group works to cover the cost of all middle and high school sports at IWA. They purchase uniforms and other equipment that teams need, pay for officials for games, and run concessions. Fundraisers: IWA spirit store sales, Bojangles and Pizza Hut lunches, BBQ sales, banner sales, golf tournament, concession and gate money from hosting home athletic events

### PTO

This group helps to fund requests from teachers for items that they would like for their classrooms (such as games, furniture, curriculum support materials). This group also helps by giving funds back to the school for various items that may be needed such as new stools for the science labs or audio-visual equipment or technology needs.

Fundraisers: This year the fundraisers will be the Harvest Festival (Fall) and the Boosterthon (Spring). The PTO also collects dues and sponsors Santa's Corner at Christmas.



# DEVELOPMENT

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## For the Kids Dinner and Auction

This event helps to fund various capital projects at the school as well as technology. New bleachers for the Jester Gym, the paving of the parking lot, the construction of the Early Learning Center and renovation of the Vaughan Gym, and the purchase of Chromebooks are all projects that were made possible with funds from the *For The Kids Auction*. Through this yearly dinner auction, funds are raised for capital improvements throughout the school.

## Pig Feast

The funds from this event each spring go into the general capital fund to help with improvements such as locker room renovations, landscaping, and other improvements on campus.

## Art Department

The art department helps to supplement supplies that are provided by the school which can help to enrich your child's art experience. They raise funds through the Square 1 art work fundraiser that is conducted each year.

## Fine Arts Festival

Traditionally the Music and Arts Departments host the Fine Arts Festival in the spring. Admission from this Festival helps to benefit the music and arts programs here at IWA.

## Class Fundraisers

### Charleston Wraps

The Charleston Wraps fundraiser benefits each individual student's class. All monies raised from these sales go into **individual class accounts** of the students that are selling the items. These accounts follow these students throughout their years at IWA so when they get older, they can have funds available to use for the Junior-Senior Prom, Ring Dance, and Senior class activities. Traditionally, the Senior Class uses any money that may be left in their account to make a gift to the school when they graduate (recent past gifts have included the Jester Gym stage curtain and new chairs for assemblies).

### Talent Show

In early spring, the Freshman class will hold a talent show. They host this as a fundraiser and the money goes into the account of the class that is hosting the show.

## Academic and Service Clubs

The Key Club, National Honor Society, SCO, JSCO and Science Club may all hold fundraisers to benefit their clubs. These groups may sell Chick-fil-A, donuts and hot chocolate or other items to help raise money for student scholarships they give or projects that their clubs want to undertake.

Thanks for all you do to support IWA and our Chargers!



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*Thank you!*

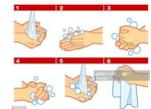
A big thank you to Lisa from Posh Pots for donating the flowers and her time and talent to help beautify the front of our main office!



## Important Information From The School Nurse Mrs. Upton

### 3 W's

- ⇒ **WEAR** A Mask Over Your NOSE and MOUTH (Please wash your cloth mask daily or wear a disposable mask. Disposable masks are best replaced daily when damaged or soiled.)
- ⇒ **WAIT** Avoid Close Contact
- ⇒ **WASH** Your Hands And Use Hand Sanitizer



**Please stay home if you are not feeling well to prevent the spread of illnesses**



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