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i3 Academy Newsletter • October 2020

A message from our Head of School:



i3 Families,

The weather is cooling down, and we hope you're enjoying the outdoors! Fall break will be here before we know it. Classes will not take place on October 9th-12th.

We are excited to announce that we are expanding i3 Academy to include sixth grade, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year! Student recruitment for all grade levels is going on now through January 18th. Parents/guardians can apply through SchoolMint. Please share this opportunity with your friends and family. Our i3 families are the best megaphones for the work we're doing. Please note: we will have a different process for current families who wish to remain for the following school year. That information will be shared in the coming weeks.

We want to welcome our new Young Professionals Education Council (YPEC) members to the i3 family! We know they will be instrumental in supporting and advocating for our school. We hope to introduce some of the members on The Live Wire very soon.

The Live Wire will continue most weeks on Thursday at 5 p.m. in our private Facebook group. Sometimes it will simply consist of administrators checking in and other times we will focus on specific topics

Attendance is very important. Please make sure your child is on campus by 8 a.m. each school day or present at morning circle if your child is off campus. In all formats, we need your child to be in his/her i3 uniform. If you have questions or need assistance with attendance, please contact our social worker Chris Bouyer at cbouyer@i3Academy.org.

As we enter into the cold and flu season, it is essential that our entire i3 family remains vigilant with hand washing and mask wearing. It is possible that your child's class will have to transition to remote at some point this fall. Please make sure that the emergency contact we have on file is correct. The nurses have some additional notes on page three that are helpful.

The partnership between home and school is very important to your child's success. We appreciate your help as we navigate the complexities of COVID-19. If you need assistance or have a suggestion, please reach out to us via email or phone.

Sincerely,

Martin A. Nalls, EdD
Head of School, i3 Academy

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Wearing a mask at i3 Academy!



Putting on a Mask:

Clean hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.

Put on mask by using the loops or ties.

Cover your mouth and nose. Make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.



While Wearing a Mask:



1. **Avoid touching the mask.** If you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.

2. Clearly label mask with student's name. **Do not share masks or reuse single-use masks.**

3. After each day of use, make sure cloth masks are washed before being used again. **Wash mask before wearing again.**

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES!



- **October 9th-12th - Fall Break**
- **Every Thursday - The Live Wire at 5 p.m.**
- **Now through Jan. 18th - Student application window for 2021-2022 school year (new students only)**

Announcements:

- We're expanding to sixth grade beginning in the 2021-2022 school year!
- Please share with your friends and family that the student application window is open! Families can apply through our website i3Academy.org.
- Returning i3 families will have an alternate process to indicate your child will be returning next year.
- We want to share your family's i3 story. Please complete this [form](#).
- One easy way to support i3 Academy is through Amazon Smile. Amazon will donate a portion of eligible purchases to i3 Academy at no additional cost to you. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app).
- Now through October 14th, please send shoe boxes to Ms. Castro's room for a Dia de Los Muertos project.

Reminders:

- School starts at 8 a.m. each day. Please make sure your child arrives on time. If your child is absent for any reason, please notify the school as soon as possible. The i3 team will make daily attendance calls to ensure families have the support they need during any absence.
- If you have issues with technology, please submit a [Help Desk Form](#).
- Additional uniform items can be ordered from our Lands' End [online store](#).
- Please label all items that you send to school with your child, including pullovers and face masks.

Nurses' Notes:

If your child is switching from remote learning to hybrid or in-person learning, you **MUST** turn in the Alabama Health Assessment Record.

- If you want your student to keep medications in the health room, please have your pediatrician complete the medication PPA form.
- We are now entering the cold and flu season. Please take extra precautions when symptoms arise. Continue following the CDC guidelines such as frequent handwashing, wearing a face mask, and social distancing.
- The best way to protect your student and family from the flu is to get the influenza vaccine. Please contact your healthcare provider for more information.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Nurse Kendrick at Tkendrick@i3Academy.org or Nurse Ebersold at Sebersold@i3Academy.org.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:



MS. ALANA KARL

DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT

Meet Alana Karl, i3's Director of Development. Ms. Karl is leading the fundraising campaign for i3 Academy. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She worked four years for a student group in Tuscaloosa. Then she moved to Louisville, Kentucky. While in Kentucky, she worked as a development officer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and then transitioned to working as an Admissions Recruiter for the University of Alabama. While working for UA, she received her master's in global business management through the Bama By Distance program. Ms. Karl is thrilled to be back in Alabama and a part of the i3 Academy team!

Ms. Karl is married to Justin, and they have two young kids, Eloise and Tyler. She lives in Roebuck where they take many family walks, and she perfects her sourdough bread.

**Welcome, i3
Academy Young
Professionals
Education Council!**

**Amber Anderson
Brandon Dunn
Joel Gardner
Lorenzo Johnson
Ballard Jones
J.T. Moore
Deanna Reed
Amy Roberts
Claire Robinson
Mauri Robinson
Devin Wyatt**

**Scope out this event
from our partner
The Woodlawn Foundation!**



**To purchase tickets, go
to [WSD.Swell.Gives](https://www.wsd.swell.gives)**

Check out this outdoor performance by the Birmingham Children's Theater!



FREE PERFORMANCES OCT.17-18

Sheila and her friends decide to beat the summer heat by building the best fort ever—until a clever coyote arrives and sends them on a challenging adventure! This heartening story of friendship, ingenuity, bravery, and learning to care for our environment offers a unique twist on traditional storytelling by bringing a menagerie of found objects to life.

The Girl Who Swallowed a Cactus will captivate and inspire audiences of all ages.

Saturday, October 17th @ 10:00am & 12:00pm

Sunday, October 18th @ 12:00pm & 2:00pm

at the Avondale Park Amphitheater. Best for ages 3 - 10 years.

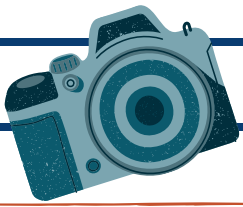
A outdoor theatrical experience for the whole family! Tickets are free, but in order to maintain physical distance between families, we are asking all audience members to reserve in advance and show their ticket confirmation (digital or printed) upon arrival.

All audience members aged 6 and older are required to wear a mask.

WWW.BCT123.ORG
OR CALL 205-458-8181 FOR TICKETS



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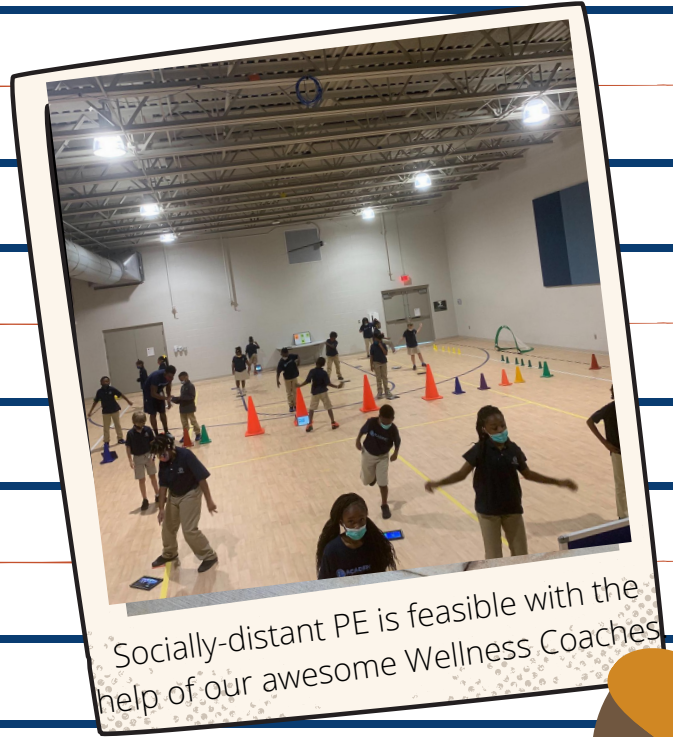


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Our tech team, Ms. Wright and Mr. Goldberg, are excited about our new Swivls.



Socially-distant PE is feasible with the help of our awesome Wellness Coaches



Our admin and student support team surprised the i3 teachers with Naughty But Nice Kettle Corn one Friday.



We love Ace, Ms. Mooney's bearded dragon.





Many of our remote students have amazing set ups at home! We love to see them tune in via Zoom and online platforms!



The playground is a favorite spot on campus.