Illini Central Grade School Administrative Report

Enrollment as of 11.12.2026

Year	Pre-K	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
Nov. 26/27	57	33	51	53	50	41	42	327
Sept. 26/27	51	31	51	52	50	41	42	318
August 25/26	57	44	47	50	42	42	48	330
Sept. 24/25	67	43	49	41	46	42	44	332
Aug. 23/24	73	48	41	42	41	47	40	332
22/23	80	37	38	44	42	38	50	329
21/22	62	270						332

Celebrations & Thanks

- Thank you to our PTO for continuing to support our students, staff, and families! Their Trunk or Treat was very well attended, and they were able to partner with community businesses to bring even more to the event! Adam Coers at AC Architecture donated hot dogs, chips, & a drink to all children attending (over 200!), and Jill Douglas at SJB Promotions gave out youth IC t-shirts at her location. Thank you also to the PTO for feeding our teachers a delicious, home-cooked meal on both Parent/Teacher Conference nights, and for sponsoring a new t-shirt design contest for our students! Two student t-shirts will be selected as winners, then they will be printed and for sale for IC families! What a fun way to boost school spirit and engage students!
- Congratulations to our staff "Golden Paw" Team of the Month winners, Jillian Clark & Annette Belcher! Their colleagues nominated them for the team of the month for their ongoing helpfulness, quick responses, flexibility, dedication, and ability to pull off the "impossible" from sub coverage to car pickup. Great job!
- We're also excited to celebrate our "Inclusive" Students of the Month for October! They were: Ava Vaughn, Maggie Francis, Alice Griffin, Grant Atkins, Aiden Skelton, Beau Kennett, Milo Parr, Madi Jones, Johnnie Lee, Kendall Kirby, Karliah McGraw, Trinity McCawley, Brantley Wilkin, Benson Young, Solon VanTine, Hattie Avart, Saylor Clark, Blake Otto, Neveah Millard, Wrenly Watson, and two additional students who have opted not to have their picture or information shared. Next month we're focusing on Self Control.
- Thanks also to the Mason City Fire Department for hosting our Kindergarten students for a field trip in October! They were able to learn more about the department, how to be safe, what firemen look like in their gear, and probably the most exciting thing…ride on a firetruck back to school!





Book Blast

This is the grade school's fifth year participating in Book Blast, which is a program through Books R Fun that works with our students to help increase their personal libraries. Research demonstrates that book ownership increases success for students, and this program has brought over 5,000 books to our students' personal libraries! If you aren't connected to a student who goes here and would like to donate to purchasing books for our school, you can go to the community donation page at https://tinyurl.com/yddf8vnr. Donations can be received through November 18th. The program delivers at least one brand new book to every student in our building, K-5, regardless of how much fundraising they are individually able to complete. Students that are able to raise $135 through their networks will bring home a complete collection of 10+ books. Some students in our building have been able to bring home more than 50 books through this program since we began! Having just twenty books in the home increases the likelihood of a child achieving a higher level of education. The more books, the better the outcome, and the number of books can have the same or more of an impact than the parent's education levels.

Class Compliment Party for October

This month we were thrilled to have 10 classes earn enough Class Compliments to participate in our Class Compliment Party! The Cougar CREW team planned a fabulous activity that extended critical thinking, problem solving, and teamwork: a catapult & launching activity! Students (1st-5th) followed directions to build catapults in small groups using popsicle sticks and rubber bands. Then, teams got to test out their catapults by hurling tiny items through various obstacles. Kindergarten students also participated, spending their time working on the launching part and borrowing 4th grade's catapults.





Veterans Day at ICGS

While most of our students were unable to attend the Veterans Day assembly due to it being scheduled over our lunch periods, we were excited to celebrate veterans in our own ways and to contribute to the MS/HS assembly as well! Our first grade students visited to say the Pledge of Allegiance for the assembly, and they did a great job. Additionally, Mrs. Golden once again spearheaded our building's visual display in honor of veterans by making the huge flag and sign for veterans in the front of our building. Her class is pictured with the flag to demonstrate the massive scale of the project! Classrooms also did projects to learn about the holiday, and Mr. Shawgo also played TAPS for several groups and explained the importance of the holiday and song.




Upcoming Events

Nov. 20, 2026: Meet the Cougars Assembly
Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 11: PreK Winter Event & Program
Dec. 16: Grade School (K-5) Winter Program
Dec. 18: PTO-Sponsored Movie at the Arlee (K-5); End of 2nd Quarter