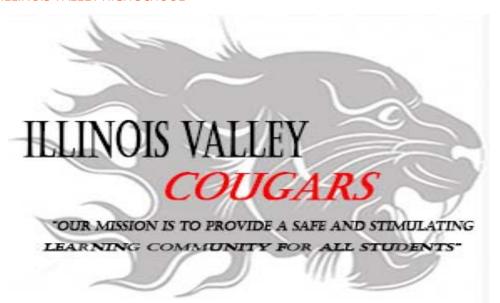
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Monthly Update

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MAKING IT HAPPEN AT IVHS!

Welcome Back!

What a great month to be a Cougar! The staff and students at IVHS have had an incredible month of change. We have 5 new staff members and a new administration and 352 students excited about the 2012/13 school year.

This September started off with a bang. We have successfully implemented our PBIS (positive behavior intervention and supports) program for the school year and have decreased discipline referrals and our attendance is up compared to last year. Our students are expected to display P.R.I.D.E. in our school: Perseverance-Respect-Integrity-Discipline-Excellence. For the month of September, our staff have recognized 211 students for displaying PRIDE in the hallways, cafeteria, and in the classroom.

Cougar Homecoming Week was last week and the students competed in spirit competitions as well as a parade through Cave Junction. Our students made stops at Evergreen Elementary and Lorna Byrne, high fiving all the elementary and middle school students.

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SUCCESS AT IVHS

We are implementing our SUCCESS Periods next week. The teachers at IV will be providing support for our students in four areas: Math, Writing, Reading/Social Studies, and Science. These core area teachers will provide intervention to students that are failing to reach proficiency in these classes. Our core teachers will request students to meet with on during Wednesday intervention/enrichment time. Priority will rotate by core area for kids that need intervention in multiple areas. We feel that intervening with students in their core classes has to be our priority to increase our graduation rate and student success. Students that do not need intervention in these four areas will get to experience an enrichment class of their choice. We are offering 18 different enrichments for these students ranging from computer classes, speech and debate, drama, and community service opportunities with the forest service, BLM, library, and the Fishwatch Program.

This type of focused intervention will allow teachers to work with the individuals that need support and create the atmosphere where failure is not an option!





Homecoming 2012

(Above) Cougar cheerleaders leading the parade through town for the annual Homecoming parade through town. Cheerleaders led the march through town with all the students and floats behind.

(Lower) The Cougar football team and cheerleaders stop to do the IV rumble with the students from Lorna Byrne. Thank you to the staff and students for participating in our Homecoming parade!

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