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Run Club at Floro Torrence School 83 Prepares for Monumental Marathon

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Commissioners Discuss New After-School Initiative

STUDENT SOUND OFF



"You get to dress up in costumes and eat lots of candy." - Alex L.

ALL STAR



Arsenal Tech Alum Finds Niche in Restaurant Biz



November 8  
**ELECTION DAY**  
**NO SCHOOL**

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Music for All's Bands of America is hosting the annual Indianapolis Marching Band Tournament presented by Yamaha, with the support of the Arts Council of Indianapolis and the City of Indianapolis on November 9 at Lucas Oil Stadium. The competition is part of the Band's of America Grand National Championship. Targeting students who attend a school within Indianapolis, the Indianapolis Marching Band Tournament seeks to give all students access and opportunity to participate in a music program and tournament, building confidence and performance experience.

For tickets and information visit: [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org)

### 2016 IPS Participating Schools



### 3 Winning Categories

IMBT Corps-Style Winner

IMBT Show-Style Winner

Spirit Award Winner

### Benefits of Band Participation

- Strengthens time management & teamwork skills
- Growth from adversity
- Helps students lead healthy active lifestyle
- Instills mental fortitude and ethics



Why Music, Why Band? Obtained 10.20.2016 [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org)

March On! 10 Benefits of Playing in School Marching Band Obtained 10.20.2016 [www.marchingnotes.com](http://www.marchingnotes.com)

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NOVEMBER 19, 10am – 2pm  
at the Indiana State Museum



## Teaching & Learning

- More than 70 students at [Floro Torrence School 83](#) will participate in the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon on Nov. 5. As they prepare, students improve more than their physical fitness levels. Academics, attendance and discipline also show gains.
- **What do you like most about Halloween?** "When you're a kid, you get to dress up in costumes and eat lots of candy." - Alex L., a kindergarten student at Edison School of the Arts School 47.
- For the last five years, members of [Indy Metro Church](#) have organized and prepared meals for Arsenal Tech football players every Thursday. Beginning Dec. 1, the church is embarking on an initiative to feed all of the school's athletes. And they're looking for others to join the movement.
- Micah Nelson, the 2017 IPS Teacher of the Year, sits down with [Indianapolis Star columnist](#) Matthew Tulley to have a frank conversation about what she wants from lawmakers. ISTEP and the state's A-F school grading system were just a few of the topics.



## Efficient Operations

- At the October Agenda [Review and Action Sessions](#), the Indianapolis Public Schools Board of School Commissioners addressed topics including transportation, STEM programming, arts education and an exciting new after-school initiative.
- During fall break 2016, the [IPS Food Service Department](#) provided nearly 5,000 meals to students at

our open community sites throughout the city. The most recent fall break service outpaced last year's total of 3,102 fall break meals.

- Indianapolis Public Schools Board of School Commissioners recognized the finalists of the 2016-2017 [IPS Teacher of the Year](#) program during the Board Action Session on Oct. 27. Learn more about these excellent teachers.
- The [Indiana Center on Teacher Quality](#) has selected five school districts and one charter school to implement a process to improve student learning by providing a continuum of instruction from highly effective teachers. Indianapolis Public Schools is one of the chosen districts.



## Family & Community

- Arsenal Tech alum [Latoya Williams](#) stumbled upon a new career path when she opened The Grub House in May 2014. The cozy restaurant on North College Avenue has expanded to include two food trucks and a more diverse menu.
- Chalkbeat: [Enroll Indy](#) will open a school information center in late November inside the IPS Education Center in downtown Indy and will unveil a new website that focuses on school options. The ultimate goal is to streamline the application process for applying to IPS and charter schools.
- IndyStar: Restaurateur Kimbal Musk mulls the idea of creating "[learning gardens](#)" in and around Indianapolis, including at IPS schools. The modular, raised-bed gardens help students learn about nutrition, how to grow food and meal planning.



# IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK!

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Nov. 6



Octonauts Live!  
Oct. 29



Mass Ave. Monster Mash  
Oct. 30



State Police Trunk or Treat  
Oct. 29

