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Clarence Farrington's Partnership with Church Transcends Faith

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Increased Support Services for Students on Board Agenda

STUDENT SOUND OFF



"...The positivity spreads around the school!" - Abigail H.

ALL STAR



Angel Moed Lends Helping Hand for Holidays



ENJOY
WINTER BREAK!
DEC 19-JAN 2

CLASSES RESUME
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

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Happy Holidays

From Our Family To Yours!



WINTER BREAK MEAL PROGRAM

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at schools throughout our district December 19 – December 30.

(No service on Friday, December 23 or Monday, December 26)



CLICK HERE for the full list of school locations, dates & times.



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- Carle Wilson Frye, principal at [Clarence Farrington School 61](#), says the community partnership with Brownsburg-based Connection Pointe Christian Church supports teachers, students and parents.
- **What do you enjoy most about the holidays?** "I really love how everyone is so happy around the holidays. The positivity spreads around the school!" - Abigail H., eighth-grade student from Center for Inquiry School 84.
- Students in [Arsenal Tech's Computer Science](#) classes through the Career and Technology Center partnered with IUPUI to learn to code mobile apps and videogames. Students showcased their creations to school administrators and members of the local business community.
- **IPS in the News:** A class of [sixth-grade students](#) at James Whitcomb Riley School 43 spent the past two months learning about their neighborhood and helping to tell its story - through hip-hop and opera.



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- School accountability, Innovation Network opportunities, and increased support services for students are among the topics Commissioners addressed at the [December Agenda Review and Action Sessions](#).
- Families throughout Indianapolis are clamoring to get into IPS' coveted Choice schools. But if you haven't already filled out the [Choice application](#), there's still time before the Round 1 deadline ends on Jan. 6.
- Micah Nelson, IPS' 2017 Teacher of the Year, says there are many ways to develop "[happy learners](#)." She shares several of her tips on how to keep students engaged throughout the school year.
- **IPS in the News:** A growing problem in Indiana is the shortage of [school bus drivers](#) and Indianapolis Public Schools is looking for qualified drivers to fill the gap. IPS has 120 drivers and is ready to fill at least 30 more spots.



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- [Angel Moed](#), an Indianapolis resident, has put smiles on the faces of more than 2,600 youths through her Caring Christmas Project. For the last five years, she has delivered Christmas toys and stockings to kids at IPS schools.
- On Dec. 14, 150 students from [Eleanor Skillen School 34](#) and their chaperones delivered Bags of Cheer to workers on Monument Circle and inside Circle Center Mall. The 200 bags made by students are part of the school's goal to spread kindness throughout the community.
- Students from [Center for Inquiry School 84](#) and Center for Inquiry School 27 tackled several holiday classics during a joint performance at the Artsgarden in downtown Indianapolis before winter break.
- **IPS in the News:** Throughout Indianapolis Public Schools, men from all professions and walks of life are teaching students - both boys and girls - about the joys of reading, thanks to the [Real Men Read](#) program.



Santa's Holiday Breakfast
Dec. 24

Christmas at the Zoo
Dec. 14-23 & 26-30

Sullivan Santa Express Train
Dec. 1-23

