

A note from Your John Ireland Parent Advisory Committee Chair:

It seems that Spring is trying to make an appearance but is having a difficult time. Hopefully by the time you are reading this the weather has warmed and the rain has slowed. Either way it's a welcome site to see the signs of Spring popping up, but with the coming of Spring also means that the end of the school year is right around the corner. I hope your school year at John Ireland and Little Angles has been as good to you as it has us.

We started this month's meeting with a recap of Luck of the Irish, and it was a good year. We had a record number of raffle ticket sales and around 300-350 dinner tickets were sold. With those sales and all other things combined this brought our total over the \$50,000 mark. This was one of the best years we have had in a while. Thank you to all the parents that gave their time and talents to the event. It cannot be successful with you. Thank you also to all the businesses that were able to donate to the events, and the auctions. We are truly blessed and forever grateful.

Next we recapped the open house at the beginning of April that showcased all things great at John Ireland and Little Angels. Thank you to all who were able to attend and also thank you to the middle school committee members and JIPAC members that were able to be present to answer questions.

Speaking of committee members, we are in search of two members for the 22-23 school year. If you are interested please reach out to committee members or the school office. Being a part of this committee gives you the ability to be more involved with what is going on at the school. You get to have a voice for yourself but you also get to be a voice for the rest of parents as well. I have served four years on the committee and I can tell you that it is truly a worthwhile experience to be a part of. I strongly encourage you to join.

Our next meeting, which is also our last for the school year, we will be choosing new officers for the committee. They consist of a chair, vice chair and secretary. I'll let you know how it turns out in my next communication.

Our next topic was a discussion on enrollment for the next school year. Numbers are looking good and a reminder that if you have not already enrolled for next year please do so when you can. This helps the school and staff with planning for the year.

Teacher appreciation will be the first week in May and what a great group of teachers that we have. I would encourage everyone to at least drop them a note and let them know how much they are appreciated and how grateful we are to have them.

One of the duties of being a member of this committee is to be a point of contact for parents and also reach out with reminders and updates as the school year proceeds. This year we decided to divide who would contact who based off of the grade levels of our children. This way we are communicating with parents who are going through the same things or might have the same questions. In years past it has been divided up in different ways, so this month we dedicated some time to review that process and see if it works. From our point of view we feel that it has worked well and we plan to continue that way. What is your feedback being on the receiving end? I would encourage you to reach out to the committee member that communicates with you and let them know what you think. If you are not sure of who that is I would encourage you to reach me and let me know. You can reach me at cmish627@gmail.com.

Thank you
Chris Mish, JIPAC Chair