

EDUCATION

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Indus responds to Ice Bucket Challenge

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

The first day of school, Sept. 2, Indus School participated in the ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) ice bucket challenge, after receiving a challenge from the Northome School.

Indus honor students were chosen to do the "honors" of dousing the Indus principal and teachers with ice water, as the entire student body watched and cheered.

Funds raised through this challenge will go to



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support ALS research and also to assist a Northome community member who has ALS.

Indus principal, Michael Underwood, also challenged the Interna-

tional Falls, Littlefork, and Lake of the Woods schools to participate in the ice bucket challenge.

A video of the event can be viewed on the new Indus Facebook page.

Library launches Reading Ready program

International Falls Public Library has launched a new program for children from birth until kindergarten and their parents.

Reading Ready seeks to help parents prepare their children to read by reading to them. The library has booklets for any interested families to pick up and fill out with the titles of books they read to their child. Every time they read 250 books to their child, the child can pick out a free book to keep and read. Your child can fill out as many of these books as they (and you) can read before they enter kindergarten.

Reading books to your child is one of the very best preparations for them to learn to read. Studies have shown that hearing books read helps increase



Diane ADAMS

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your child's vocabulary, ability to describe things and events, letter and print awareness and is just fun.

If you read one story a day, beginning the day your child is born, by the time they enter kindergarten you will have read over 1,800 stories to them. Mem Fox, a children's author and reading advocate encourages parents to read

at least three stories a day to your child and yes, it might be the same story three times a day. If you follow that advice from the birth of your child, you will have read almost 5,500 stories to them.

What we are trying to say is that preparing your child to be a strong reader doesn't have to be difficult. Talk to them, sing to them, read to them, just put it into the flow of your day. Sing or talk as you drive about town. Make reading a book part of the bedtime routine.

We'd also like to encourage you to spend some time reading for yourself, whether magazines, books, short stories, whatever. Children will do what they see modeled and if you model reading, most of them will read, too.

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Would you like to learn more about the threats to human life and what you can do?

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, the state's largest pro-life organization, will present a free program at 7PM on Thursday, Sept 18, 2014 at The Evangelical Covenant Church, 1601 First Ave E. Int'l Falls. Taxpayer funding of abortion, helping pregnant women in need, efforts to save lives and more will be discussed.

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