



## Indiantown Middle School News

Congratulations to our Students of the Week! They include: Naomi Loudior, Omar Zamudio, Ader Vasquez, Ivette Diaz, Odilon Velasquez, Julie Falcon, Hojana Velasquez, Buenito Esteban, Cirilo Jose, Selbin Macedo, and Uzziah Davis.

Many thanks to Nancy Loveland, a retired public school librarian, who donated to the Indiantown Middle School's Media Center for Sunshine State incentives. As an advocate and supporter of public school Media Centers, this donation is her birthday gift to herself. We greatly appreciate her generosity!

Attention all parents of students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). All parents, caregivers or interested family members of students who have an IEP are invited to attend the third quarterly meeting of the Parent Advisory Council for Exceptional Student Education (ESE). The meeting will be held on February 9, 2010 in the Pinewood Elementary School Media Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

### IMS Art students explore altered books from Jaffe Collection



John Cutrone, right standing, brought an assortment of altered books to IMS last Thursday.

By Joyce Murphy

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IMS Art teacher Jennifer Love-Gironda will use grant money from the CHARACTER COUNTS! to fund an art project for her students.

### Michael Duane chosen as January's Student of Month at the Indiantown Western Martin County Chamber breakfast



L to R Donna Carman, Michael Duane, Shaun Keil, Richard Meyer

Michael Duane, a Senior at South Fork High School, was honored by his former teacher, Debbie Henderson.

The former IMS student has maintained a 3.9 GPA at South Fork and was chosen as this month's Student of the Month.

Duane runs track and is a member of South Fork's A.C.E. program. He also is attending Indian River State College.

Besides a plaque of recognition from the chamber, Duane received a membership at the YMCA and a savings bond from Bank and Trust of Indiantown.

### IRSC to host free legal seminars

Free legal seminars for the general public to be sponsored by the Martin County Bar Association and the Florida Bar Foundation.

A grant from The Florida Bar Foundation has made it possible for the Martin County Bar Association to provide a series of seminars open to the public and free of charge. The seminars are informational and are not attempts to promote any programs or anything to anyone.

All the seminars will be presented in the Johnson Auditorium at The Wolf High-Technology Center at Indian River State College Chastain Campus on Salerno Road, Stuart.

Here is the current schedule for seminars:

Family Law - Monday, February 22nd, 2010 - 10:00am - 11:00am:

Jennifer Alcorta Waters of Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, Beard, Bush & McCluskey, L.L.P. will help speak about family law topics including, child support, alimony, distribution of property and incident to a dissolution of marriage action, and parenting plan.

Presenter, Scott Devore,  
Immigration - Wednesday,  
March 3rd, 2010 - 2:00pm



Last Thursday, 55 eighth grade art students at Indiantown Middle School were treated to a presentation by John Cutrone of the Jaffe Center for Book Arts.

Cutrone talked to the students about the variety and style of altered books. Some were one of a kind. Some books were a limited quantity. Others were made using fabric dye or hand-made paper. Some were pop up books and some did not look like a book at all.

All were as unique as the artist that created them.

An altered book is when an artist takes a book and does "things" to that book to turn it into art, according to Cutrone.

Love-Gironda will use grant money from the CHARACTER COUNTS! to fund an art project for her students.

Students will have the opportunity to create their own altered books.

Love-Gironda hopes to teach critical thinking skills, art appreciation and character education through the project. Respect, Fairness and Caring, three of the six Pillars of Character, are key elements of the projects.

The altered books created by the students will be on display at IMS.

For more information on the Jaffe Collection, visit their website: [jaffecollection.org](http://jaffecollection.org)



**Above**  
John Cutrone shows students a book made of postcards.

**Below**  
Another form of an altered book.



**Presenter, Scott Devore, Immigration - Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010 - 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Scott D. Devore, Florida Bar Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law of Devore & Devore, P.A. will give a short presentation about getting a green card through marriage, naturalization, removal (deportation) and business visas. He will then answer questions.

**Surviving Spouse Seminar - Friday, April 23rd, 2010 - 2:00pm - 5:00pm**

Moderated by Attorney, Christine Moreno. Various presenters will address topics and issues that are important and relevant to surviving spouses.

The seminars will cover such topics as: wills, trusts, health care surrogates, property transfers, probate or non-probate property, social security, pensions, property exemptions, insurance, asset organization, income tax, estate tax, transportation, social networking, creditors claims and much more.

RSVP for any of the seminars is not required but would be appreciated at (772) 288-1020. Space is limited to 150 attendees.



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