

Island Breeze



The Newsletter of
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April 2018

Dear Island Public School Families:

We are now well into Term Two and the spring weather is finally here! There are so many exciting events and happenings over the next month that IPS continues to be the place to be! Please check the school website, twitter, newsletters for the most recent and up-to-date information! Also contact the school anytime to inquire ☺ Prior to the March Break, our school-wide focus on *Inspirational Math* was incredible! Students continued to math problem solve with a growth mindset! Congratulations to all IPS students for participating in our *Dance Your Heart Out* Dance-a-Thon fundraising event in February - we raised over \$3000 for our Grade 5 & 6 students to get to Ottawa in June. Thank you to our awesome School Council for supporting this as well!

On April 11th IPS will celebrate International Pink Day with students, staff and parents! We encourage everyone to wear pink to show their commitment of celebrating diversity and respecting each other while we continue to message anti-bullying. Students will also post their thoughts on the message board about Pink Day to support anti-bullying discussions. The Grade 5/6 class will also be leading the Assembly to further the discussion school-wide around anti-bullying. April's character trait is *Cooperation*. This will be clearly demonstrated in our school-wide efforts on April 20th during Earth Day Activities where the Eco Club will help lead our school activities that promoted environmentally responsible actions. Please also note that on Monday April 30th [School Council](#) will be hosting a presentation for parents called *Social Media Fitness*.

Please be sure to mark your calendar for May 11th in the afternoon for our incredibly-awesome-amazing student-led Annual Arts Day Celebration!!!!

Scott Woolford, Principal

School Office Hours
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m. Student Office Helpers)
Monday to Thursday
(to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays)

A Glance Ahead

- April 11 – Pink Day; Walk To School
- April 20 – Earth Day Clean-up & Track & Field Day
- April 24 – Vision & Hearing Clinic
- April 30 - [School Council](#) *Social Media Fitness for Parents* event - 6:00pm
- April 30 to May 4 – Visiting Artist
- May 8 – Grade 1/2 Kindergarten Classes YPT Trip – Production of *Salmon Girl*
- May 11 – IPS Annual Arts Celebration Day
- May 21 – Victoria Day Holiday
- May 23 to May 29 – EQAO – Gr. 3 & 6 Assessment Days
- May 30 – Walk to School (weather permitting)

SchoolConnects Safe Arrival Program

If your child is absent, please leave a voice message on our Safe Arrival line (code 1). Please do not email your child's absence as staff may not be available to access or pass on the information to the appropriate staff. We have recently moved to an automated call-out system. **When you receive a call, you are required to listen to the entire message and follow the prompts accordingly.**

Alternative Arrangements for Pick-up

If there are alternative arrangements for your child's dismissal or pick up (ie. going home early or someone else is picking up your child), please send a note to the office.

REMINDER - IPS Parent Volunteers

As always, we welcome all volunteers into the school. If you have had a police check completed, please see Ms. Mac in the office to complete your annual offence declaration. If you need to have a police check completed, please contact the school office for the necessary paperwork or speak with Mr. Woolford at the docks Monday mornings. In order to volunteer with children in the school, you must have a current TDSB approved police check. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr. Woolford.

Spring Ferry Schedule Change

Monday, April 9 2018 to Tuesday, May 15, 2018 the ferry schedule will change to the Spring Schedule. Please see below for details:



City-side Families – Kindergarten Students

- 8:30am supervision available at Jack Layton Ferry Docks to board ferry at 9:00am to Hanlan's Point
- Between 4:00pm to 4:30pm pick-up at Jack Layton Ferry Docks

City-side Families - Grade 1 to 6 Students

- 8:15am drop-off at Jack Layton Ferry Docks to board ferry at 8:30am to Hanlan's Point
- Between 4:25pm to 4:45pm pick-up at Jack Layton Ferry Docks

Island-side Families – Grade 1 to 6 & Kindergarten Students

- 8:30am school-bus pick-up at Wards Island dock
- 3:55pm drop-off at Wards Island Dock



International Day of Pink Wednesday, April 11th Overview of the Day



The **International Day of Pink** is a day of action, born when a youth in a secondary school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying; and hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and stopping discrimination.

Island Public School staff, students and parents all are encouraged to wear something pink to show their support of diversity and to challenge gender stereotypes. Around the world discrimination continues to be the leading source of conflict. Discrimination includes ableism, ageism, classism, heterosexism, homophobia, racism, sexism, transphobia, among many other forms. Stereotypes (ideas) may lead to prejudices (attitudes/feelings) which may lead to discrimination (actions) and affect how we work, study and treat one another; they create barriers, bullying, harassment, hate and violence.

The **International Day of Pink** is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity – it's also a commitment to being open-minded, understanding of differences and to learning to respect each other. Remember to wear **PINK** 😊

Wearing Pink

IPS Students are welcome to meet at arrive at school in a "Sea of Pink"



I Wonder...Wall

Students will post their thoughts/messages around Pink Day on the wall at the entrance of the school. These messages will be shared over the morning announcements throughout the month of April.

Grade 5/6 Assembly

The Grade 5/6 students will lead the Pink Day school-wide assembly under the direction of Ms. Hoffman to further share the message of Pink Day.

IPS Vision & Hearing
Screening Clinic

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Information and permission forms have been sent home with students the first week of April. Please return asap!



Track & Field Day
Friday, April 20th
Afternoon



Students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will participate in planned outdoor track & field activities in the afternoon. This will provide IPS students an opportunity to try the many different sporting events that track and field offers. Families wishing to join us and cheer on the student athletes are welcome to take the 12:00pm ferry to Centre Island to walk to school. Contact the school for further information ☺

IPS will be celebrating Earth Day by participating in Clean-up Toronto Together Day on Friday April 20th. We will be among the over 200,000 residents, students, businesses, organizations and community groups as we come together for the 15th annual city-wide clean-up of public spaces.



April 20, 2018
School-wide
Participation

Island Public School Student Attendance

Regular student attendance is important in order for students to be successful at school. The Education Act states that it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that their children attend school regularly. A student's academic progress depends on regular class attendance. Even though we have less than three months to go before we break for summer vacation, there are many significant learning opportunities scheduled for our students!

You can help ensure that your child is in school and on time for school by:

- ✓ being involved in your child's education
- ✓ knowing the school's schedule
- ✓ communicating regularly with classroom teachers via email or agenda
- ✓ calling the school if your child is going to be absent
- ✓ writing a note if your child is late due to an appointment
- ✓ ensuring that your child gets a good night's sleep so that they have the energy they need for the next day.



Working Together for a Safer Community

One of the best parts of living in our community is the variety of activities we can enjoy in our parks and public spaces all year round. With spring here the days are getting longer and students may be spending more time outside. This is a good time to remind everyone to take extra care in enjoying all the outdoors can offer. As you know, we are fortunate to have a number of safety measures, programs, and policies that contribute to a caring & safe school. However, most incidents happen away from school and outside school hours. All parents, students and staff are reminded of the need to be aware and alert at all times, even in the most ordinary and everyday routines. IPS staff regularly speak to students about how to stay safe. We know that you too will want to help ensure our community is as safe as possible.

Here are some tips that you may find helpful when discussing safety with your child:

- travel with at least one other person whenever possible
- avoid taking shortcuts through parks & fields and walk in well-lit, well-travelled areas
- keep valuables such as cell phones, expensive jewelry, money, laptops and personal music devices (ipod, M3P players, CD players) out of sight as much as possible when in public places
- be aware of suspicious behaviour; if approached, try to remember what the person or car looked like so it can be reported

Parents can also help by keeping school contact information up-to-date, including cell and business numbers. It's important for our staff to have this information to know who to contact in cases of emergencies. Working together, we can make our communities safer for our children

Wednesday, June 13, 2018
Island Public School Presents
the Musical Production of:

SHREK
THE MUSICAL JR.

6:00pm
Young People's Theatre

Raz-Kids Online Reading Resource

Just a reminder that all IPS students in Grades 1 to 3 have access to the online reading resource called Raz-Kids. This resource provides students with levelled reading of digital books that students can listen to, read and record to support literacy learning at home. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.



TDSB Elementary Summer School

Elementary summer programs increase engagement and build self-confidence in our students. This summer, from July 4 - 27, we are opening schools across the city to help build reading, writing and math skills in students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Visit www.tdsb.on.ca/summer for a complete list of participating schools. @TDSB_ConEd

Island Public School Walking Excursions

The Toronto Public Islands have so much to offer IPS students that go beyond the classroom and allow teachers to plan hands-on learning experiences that involve the outdoor classroom! Below are the various walking excursion destinations/locations that students may participate in throughout the school year. Teachers will continue to notify families when they plan a walking excursion with their students. If you have any questions regarding a walking excursion, please contact your child teacher.

Destination/Location	Brief Description / Overview of Activity
Chickadee Feeding Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have an opportunity to feed wild chickadees by hand, observe their habitat and behaviour, and inquiry about living things
Franklin's Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have an opportunity to see first-hand how the story character Franklin is portrayed in a way that discovers nature, how plants grow at Kids Can Press Little Sprouts Garden and to learn about wetlands at Turtle Pond Students may also be able to explore the vine tunnel, at the treehouse, or with bronze sculptures of Franklin and his friends
Far Enough Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are able to explore their own inquiries about animals through first-hand knowledge of on-site farm staff Students may feed and assist in the care of these animals and also learn about various farm equipment
Saturn Playground & Splash Pad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fun way for to cool-off in June with classmates and learn about evaporation, humidity, water pressure/conservation
Collecting Maple Syrup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-partnership with the Outdoor Ed Natural Science staff, students will be able to participate in tapping, tasting and collecting maple tree sap to be converted into maple syrup - tree care will also be fundamental to this learning experience
Gibraltar Point Lighthouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have an opportunity to visit the area and learn the history of the lighthouse first-hand. <i>Please note that a separate excursion form will be sent home for classes who plan to climb the light house.</i>
Nature/Beach Walks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have an opportunity to explore the various different naturalized and park settings around the school including the treed and beach areas Please note that students will not be swimming in the lake under any circumstance
William Meany Maze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to explore the newly created cedar hedge maze located near Franklin's Garden with one entrance & exit to challenge students' sense of direction, decision making skills and memory! Also students will learn about the history of the maze.