



# Islington

Junior Middle  
School

June 2018



## Monthly Newsletter

June Edition



### Perseverance

I MAY NOT  
BE THERE YET  
BUT I'M CLOSER  
THAN I WAS  
YESTERDAY

## Principal's Message



It is difficult to believe that the end of the school year is fast approaching and almost here! We have made so many wonderful memories together this year and we will cherish them along with all the learning that happened as a result. I would like to formally thank my staff for their unwavering commitment to our students and their success, to our parents and caregivers for your enduring partnership with the school and to our entire community for helping to shape



who are students are and who they can be. The 2018-2019 school year at the TDSB begins on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, following the Labour Day long weekend. Please visit the link below for the next school year calendar, if you wish to plan ahead: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Calendar>.

I would like to invite the families of our graduating grade 8s to the celebration on Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Kindergarten graduation will be on Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>. We are very much looking forward to celebrating these special milestones and will be sending home correspondence with details about both. Please take a moment to read through this newsletter to find all the amazing programs offered for students during the summer and to also read about ways to keep our students safe during this time. I wish you all a fun-filled, restful, productive, SAFE summer and, if your journey continue at Islington JMS, I look forward to welcoming you back in September!



### Sun Safe Behaviour

Getting students outside and active is good for their health but too much sun can have serious side-effects, including burns, eye damage, premature aging of the skin and skin cancer. We encourage all students to practice "sun safety."

#### What exactly does sun safe behaviour look like?

- Cover up: Even on days with a moderate UV index students should wear a hat and sunglasses, especially if they'll be outside for over 30 minutes.
- Stay cool: Students should stay in shady areas, particularly at midday when the sun is strongest.
- Use sunscreen: Choose sunscreens with SPF 15 or higher that include protection from both UVA and UVB rays

## SCHOOL HOURS AND SUPERVISION

8:35 AM	Supervision in main schoolyard provided
8:50 AM	Entry Bell
10:05 - 10:15 AM	Recess
11:35 AM	Lunch
12:35 PM	Entry Bell
2:00 - 2:10 PM	Recess
3:10 PM	End of Instructional Day (Grade 6-8)
3:15 PM	End of Instructional Day (Kindergarten)
3:20 PM	End of Instructional Day (Grades 1 - 5)

The main schoolyard is supervised from 8:35a.m. - 8:55 a.m., each recess, and over the lunch hour each school day. The schoolyard is not supervised after 3:35 p.m. **We recommend that children not be in the schoolyard beyond the supervised times unless with a parent/guardian.**





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## TDSB Ward 3 Environmental Leadership Award

### The TDSB Ward 3 Environmental Leadership Award

is presented to a student at each of the elementary schools in Etobicoke-Lakeshore, as chosen by principals and school staff.

Candidates for this award must:

- ☆ be leaders in environmental stewardship;
- ☆ encourage and support others to take action; and
- ☆ be change agents who uses innovative approaches to solve environmental challenges.

The award will be presented by Trustee Pamela Gough at the school's graduation ceremony in June.



For more information, email [Pamela.Gough@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Pamela.Gough@tdsb.on.ca)  
or visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/ward3](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward3)



Our staff and students invite you ALL to our school-wide production of the **Wizard of Oz**. Purchase your tickets this week at lunch or after school in the library or purchase them on the night/s of the show. Tickets are \$4.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00.

Popcorn will be sold on the night of the show. Please be sure to read the parent letter coming home on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> regarding all cast members, the time at which they need to come to school and the clothes they have to wear. We want to thank staff, students and parents for all their support in the making of this amazing production!

# SUMMER AT THE TDSB!

## Continuing Education - Community Programs

Registration is now open for Summer Learn4Life courses! Take up an exciting new hobby, learn a different language, and meet people in your community. Put your hands to work through art and cooking. Take up a sport and stay active this summer. Classes begin July 3.

Register at [www.learn4life.ca](http://www.learn4life.ca). Facebook.com/TDSBLearn4Life @TDSB\_ConEd

## 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](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/summer) for a complete list of participating schools. @TDSB\_ConEd

## Continuing Education – Summer Music Camps

Add to your child's summer vacation with music camp. Through three unique programs – Summer Sounds, Downtown Summer Strings and Toronto Summer Music Camps – the TDSB offers band, strings and orchestral experiences for students from Grades 3-9. Registration is open now.

For more information, please visit [www.tdsbsummercamps.ca](http://www.tdsbsummercamps.ca)

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## Continuing Education – Improve your English with us

This summer, adults can build literacy and English language skills from July 9-31. Learn about your community and the services available. We offer a wide range of classes from beginner to advanced to help you improve your conversation skills. Adult ESL program is free for eligible learners. For more information, visit [www.ESLtoronto.ca](http://www.ESLtoronto.ca) or call 416-338-4300. @TDSB\_ConEd

## Summer International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Programs

Register your child in TDSB's half and full day international languages summer programs. Open to all students from SK to Grade 8 at 12 schools, our language learning programs involve activities like games, songs, dance, storytelling, traditional crafts and writing. Classes begin July 3 – 27.

Visit [www.ILEprograms.ca](http://www.ILEprograms.ca) for a complete list of participating schools and language classes. @TDSB\_ConEd

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## Our PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND NUTRITION PROGRAM!!

We have been very fortunate this year to have had the ministry funding and the wonderful help of parent volunteers who provided each of our students with a daily healthy snack in the morning. We thank them dearly for their enduring commitment to ensuring that our students are set up for success right from the beginning of the day! As the year wraps up, so will our nutrition program. This is to notify you that the last day for the program this year will be Friday June 15, 2018.

Although students will still have an opportunity to eat a snack, they will need to bring it from home as the school will not be serving snack beyond this date. We appreciated your support throughout the year, through our various fundraisers, and we look forward to another great nutrition program in the upcoming school year!





# Bicycle Safety

Islington JMS had a very successful Bike to School week! Now that the warmer weather has approached us, children will be participating in many outdoor activities like bike riding. The Toronto District School Board and Toronto Public Health want kids to be safe while playing outdoors this summer. Parents and caregivers can "stay a step ahead" by protecting children when they ride.

## Here's how:

1. An adult should always supervise children 10 years of age or younger when they are using a bicycle or other wheeled sports equipment. Even older children may need on-going supervision when riding near the road.
2. Make sure children wear the correct helmet properly when they ride. Ontario's bike helmet law requires all children and youth under age 18 to wear an approved bike helmet when riding a bicycle.
3. Keep children away from traffic when they use wheeled sports equipment. Make sure they ride in a safe place.
4. Teach children how to:
  - a. steer, brake and ride in a straight line
  - b. wear the right safety gear, and
  - c. do a safety check every time they ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use in-line skates or wear shoes with wheels.
5. Be within arm's reach when your children are learning to ride any wheeled equipment.
6. Always walk a bicycle, scooter or skateboard across a street intersection, instead of riding across.
7. Tell children that you are happy when you see them riding safely.
8. Remind children of the safety rules when they forget.
9. Be a good role model - wear a helmet and safety gear yourself. Children copy what adults do.



## A BIG THANK YOU!



On behalf of all of us here at Islington JMS, we want to **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support for our children, our school, our community. We are who we are because of you! Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe and restful summer!

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Vice Principal: Simona Emiliani  
Superintendent: Tracy Hayhurst  
Trustee: Pamela Gough  
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Event	Date
Parent Council	June 4, 2018
The Wizard of Oz	June 6 and 7 at 6:30pm
PA Day – No School	June 8
Grade 8 Ottawa Trip	June 13 - 15
Final SOTM Assembly	June 22 at 9:15am
Reports cards go home	June 26
Kindergarten Graduation	June 26
Grade 8 Graduation	June 27
Last day of school	June 28

### Pizza Lunches for this term:

June 6, 13, 20



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