



*Islington Junior Middle School*  
*Community Newsletter*



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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Wow, what a busy month! I would like to wish good luck to all the teams that are competing this month. We look forward to seeing students and their families on Thursday May 19th at our Islington JMS STEAM Night. As part of our ongoing student and parent engagement, classrooms will be open from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for students to share their learning with parents and siblings. It is amazing to see all the interesting and different learning that is occurring in each class!

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday evening.

**NOTE**

Yard Supervision for Grades 1 to 8 begins at 8:35 AM and ends at 3:35 PM. Morning Kindergarten supervision begins at 8:45 AM. Afternoon Kindergarten supervision begins at 12:30 PM. Parents are responsible for their children's safety and conduct in the yard before and after these times.

**VISITOR SIGN-IN BOOK**

Visitors are requested to sign in at the main office and obtain a visitor pass. This is a safety measure to ensure that visiting adults are recognized and encouraged to feel welcome in our school.

**LUNCH BINS**

When dropping off a child's lunch please place it in the corresponding bin with his/her name on it.

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

Students are expected to go straight home after school. If parents or caregivers are willing to supervise them, students are welcome to play in the yard. Staff on duty are not there to supervise children; they are there to make sure students leave for home safely.

Morning yard supervision starts at 8:45 a.m., so please ensure your child does not arrive prior to this time. It is a matter of safety.

**Up and Coming Events @ Islington**

Parent Council Meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 p.m. , Track and Field – Centennial Park – May 3<sup>rd</sup> , Nikon Canada/CONTACT/TDSB/TPS Photo Exhibition/Contest@Islington –May 11@4pm, Boys Junior Soccer Tournament – Bloorlea - May 18, Boys Senior Soccer, STEAM Night – May 19 – 6pm Tournament – Bloorlea – May 26, Pizza Lunch – May 4, 11, 18 and 25, Gauss Math Exam – May 11 Senior Girls Soccer Tournament – May , Junior Girls Soccer Tournament – May 20, May 23 – start of EQAO to June 3, Cricket Tournament – May 30 at Centennial Park, SOTM Assembly May 27 @9:15am

## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

Regular student attendance and punctuality are 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.

TDSB elementary schools practice the Safe Arrival Program that requires schools to perform a school-home attendance check. Notify the school when your child will be absent. Students are expected to fully participate in learning opportunities and complete all homework assignments and tests when they are absent so make sure your child is getting homework assignments when they are absent. You can help ensure that your child is in school and on time for classes by:

1.  being involved in your child's education;
2.  knowing the school's schedule;
3.  communicating regularly with classroom teachers (use your child's planner to send notes to the teacher);
4.  calling the school if your child is going to be absent (416-394-7874);
5.  writing a note if your child is late due to an appointment;
6.  ensuring that your child gets a good night's sleep so that they have the energy they need for the next day.

## **DRESS CODE**

With the warmer weather comes a reminder to all of our students to continue to dress appropriately. As a place of learning we consider: short shorts, short skirts, halter and spaghetti strap tops, shirts and tops that do not reach one's bottoms, pants that hang far below the waist and tattered or slashed jeans to be inappropriate.

We continue to remind students that we all represent Islington Junior Middle School and that the broader community judges us by our dress, grooming and behaviour. We trust that all students will continue to uphold and build a fine image of our school within the community.

## **ARE YOU MOVING OR CHANGING SCHOOLS?**

If you know that you will be moving over the summer months or changing schools, please let the office know in writing as soon as possible. We will provide you with the necessary transfer forms to facilitate your child's placement at the new school. At the same time, this information will assist us in planning our next school year.

## **BOYS' SOCCER – JUNIOR/SENIOR**

We have started our practice routines for our Junior and Senior Boys Soccer teams. Mr. Kamino and Mr. Dhundup.

## **MURAL PROJECT 2016** **Thank you HOME DEPOT**

We at Islington have started a Community Based project partnering up with the Toronto Police Services especially with 22 Division. The theme is Community and students from Grade 1 to 5 in Mr. Kamino's Art classes have been going on walks around the neighbourhood sketching and taking photos. The culminating project is for each class to create a 4'x8' mural on plywood that will be permanently installed on the wall in the hallway. We would like to thank Home Depot and especially Ray Goral the manager at the Home Depot Stockyards store for their donation of paint, brushes and plywood. Mr. Kamino

## **STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**May Integrity** : “Now join your hands, and with your hands your hearts” (William Shakespeare)

. Congratulations to the Honourable Mentions and the Student of the Month recipients for May.

Student of the Month / Honourable Mention: Mohammad, Sophie, Kevin, Nik'kolye, Sorafat, Danielle, Jimin, Jacob, Sarah, Ali, Jacqueline, Karthhi, Mokorinayo, Mamim, Sujata, Geon, Raheel, Jamal, Michelle, Rekik, Omer, Daniel, Michael, Nastya, Sham, Azima, Jamea, Hassan, Theodore, Zakariya, DmitriiLevitra, Jayden, Dannaayl, Joelle, Neila, Rahim, Merve, Pranav

### **Pedestrian Safety - Safety Tips for Parents**

Children under nine should be accompanied by adults or older children when crossing the street. At this age, their judgment and perceptual skills are still immature, yet they often eagerly try to cross streets on their own in order to demonstrate some independence. Teach your children the rules of the road - start when they're young. Think of it as gradually training your children about safety until all the connections are in place. By the time your child reaches age nine and can act independently, the road safety rules will be second nature.

- Teach children how to cross the street safely. Teach them to stop (before stepping onto the road), look left, right and left again, and listen for traffic before stepping out into the street.

Teach children to wait until the street is clear and to keep looking until they have crossed the street. They should also look the driver in the eye before crossing.

- Teach children to recognize pedestrian crossing signals but not rely on them. Before crossing, children should also be sure the traffic has stopped. Remind them to continue across if the light changes to "Don't Walk" while they are in the crosswalk.

- Teach children to be extra alert when crossing at a corner with no traffic lights.

- Teach your children to stop at driveways, alleys and areas without curbs and to never run out onto the street.

- Teach children about the dangers of crossing the street between parked cars or when not at a corner. Children should cross only at corners and pedestrian crosswalks, not diagonally or between parked cars.

- Teach children to respect the role of the crossing guard and to understand his/her signals.

- Teach children that wherever possible they should walk on the sidewalk. In areas without sidewalks, teach children to walk as far away from the road as possible, facing approaching traffic (when there is no choice but to walk on the road).

- Teach children that playing games at railway crossings or around trains can be deadly. Teach children that the only way to cross railway tracks is to use designated railway crossings.

Follow the same rules that you want your child to follow. You may want to cut across the street in the middle of the block, but you want your child to learn to cross at the intersection. Be a good role model.

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### **ECO CLUB**

The Eco Club has been active during our month of April participating in activities for Earth hour and Earth Day. We are educating staff and students about energy conservation, eco literacy, and taking pride in our environment. In May, we will do our waste audit to sort our garbage to track what we are throwing out and where we are put it.

### **The Gauss Mathematics Competition**

The Gauss Mathematics Competition will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2016. There are 16 grade 7 and 18 grade 8 competitors. Results will be announced in the June Newsletter. Good luck to all the participants.

### **Outdoor Cricket Tournament**

Spring is here and the Grade 7 and 8 boys and girls are getting ready for the outdoor Cricket tournament. Morning and evening they are polishing their batting and bowling skills. The boys and girls are tirelessly practising how to pitch the ball to a given target. They are focused to get their pitches on the correct line and length to knock the stumps off the wicket. It is amazing to see the enthusiastic learners improving every day in hitting boundaries and over -boundaries too. Looking forward to another exciting Spring Tournament at Centennial Cricket Pitches on May 30<sup>th</sup> , 2016. Go Panthers Go!