

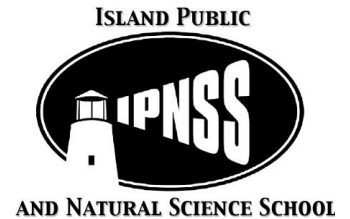
# Island Breeze



The Newsletter of  
Island Public School



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## November 2022



It has been an incredibly busy month at Island Public. Our students observed Veterans Week with a variety of in-class activities and a whole school assembly on Remembrance Day.

In mid-November, paper copies of the progress reports were sent home, followed by parent-teacher interviews that fostered discussions pertaining to your child(ren) progress at school. In the following weeks ahead, plans are progressing for a variety of grade-level, school-wide and community events including a Scholastic Book Fair (onsite), AIA Christmas Boutique, Cookie Distribution to Seniors in the Community, and Grade 5/6 Ottawa Trip Information Evening. Stay tuned for further details as we will be sharing additional information.

Please visit the school website for regular school updates including time sensitive posts, our digitalized Google calendar, and information that must be shared at short notice - accessible online at <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/island/>

Gary Pieters  
Principal

### School Office Hours

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Thursday (4:00 p.m. on Fridays)

### Recess and Lunch Times

10:25 am (Recess); 11:50 am (Lunch); 2:05 pm (Recess)

### Winter Ferry Schedule – Until April 6, 2023 (to Ward’s Island)

8:15 am - Grades 1-6 students commute to Ward’s Island  
9:00 am – Kindergarten students commute to Ward’s Island  
3:45 pm - K-6 Students commute to city-side

\*Please be on time for student drop off in the morning and pick up at the end of the school day. If your child is late and misses the ferry, it is your responsibility to accompany the child on the next ferry, and to contact the office for the bus to school. \*

### Alternative Arrangements for Pick-up

If there are alternative arrangements for your child’s dismissal or pick up, please inform our office administrator by email or phone at 416-393-1910.

### Safe Arrival Program

One measure of keeping students safe is ensuring students have safely arrived at school. If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason, it is important that you contact the office immediately and report the reason for the absence or late arrival by email or phone at 416-393-1910.

### Calendar: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/island/Calendar>

- November 25 – Deadline for applications - Early French Immersion. Info: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process/Early-French-Immersion>
- November 25 – Deadline for applications - Elementary Central Interest Student Programs. Info: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/Elementary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs>
- December’s Character Trait is Kindness and Caring
- December 2 – PA Day (No School for Students)
- December 3 – AIA Christmas Boutique. Info <https://bit.ly/3OArZ7o>
- December 6 – Grade 5/6 Ottawa Trip Info Night
- December 8 – Scholastic Book Fair & Holiday Hoopla
- December 9 – Scholastic Book Fair (Last Day) - Students
- December 19 - SST (School Support Team) Meeting
- December 21 – Cookie Distribution (Island-side)
- December 23 – Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break
- December 24-January 8 – Winter Break (School Closed)
- January 9 – First Day Back to School

## New TDSB Trustee – Ward 9 - Alexis Dawson

Congratulations to our newly elected Trustee for Ward 9 Alexis Dawson. Info: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward9>

### Family and Caregiver Early Literacy Guide

The Family and Caregiver Guide has been developed to outline this vision of early reading in the TDSB in partnership with families and communities. This Guide is led by our vision of families and it provides an overview of the foundational early reading skills and essential instructional approaches. Suggestions of strategies for families and caregivers are shared that extend, respond and honour children's competencies in early literacy behaviours.

A family/caregiver website is also available for families to continue to explore early literacy in their home and community. Translated versions of this Guide will be available on the web page.

### Traditions and Celebrations of the Holiday Season

We are approaching the holiday season and it is a time of the year that provides opportunities to either learn more about or to celebrate the full and rich global diversity of holidays traditions and celebrations that are a microcosm of the society in which we live. At school and in the community, we are planning to participate in a variety of activities including a Holiday Hoopla – Sing Along at School for Families, Christmas Boutique (at Algonquin Island Association), and a Cookie Donation Event for Seniors in our Community (Island-Side). Please check the calendar for dates for each of these events, as well as information shared by either your child (ren) classroom teachers or from the office.

I am willing to consider a generous donation to the school of a large Christmas Tree (Holidays) that can be illuminated with colourful lights, decorations and ornaments; a Menorah (Hannukah – including Menorah Lighting); and a Kinara (Kwanzaa) that can be displayed prominently within the school lobby.

The last day of school will be on Friday, December 23rd, 2022. The school will be closed for the Holidays from December 24th-January 8th, 2023. School reopens on Monday, January 9th, 2023.

- Diwali – October 24
- Advent – Begins on November 27
- Hanukkah – December 19 to December 26
- Winter Solstice – December 21
- Christmas Eve – December 24
- Christmas – December 25
- Boxing Day – December 26
- Kwanzaa – December 26 to January 1
- New Years Eve – December 31
- New Years – January 1
- Orthodox Christmas - January 7
- Orthodox New Year - January 14
- Lunar New Year - January 21
- Chinese New Year - January 22



During the Fall 2022 Curriculum Night Event for Families, Ports Toronto generously donated a light dinner that was greatly appreciated by our students and staff who were onsite for the event. The school council also donated the drinks. We appreciated the efforts of our School Council Co-Chair Laura Maria Nikolareizi in making this happen!

## Scholastic Book Fair and Holiday Hoopla



Island Public/Natural Science School in person Holiday Hoopla Celebration and Scholastic Book Fair will be happening on Thursday December 8th in the afternoon. City-side parents can take the 12:30 pm ferry to Ward's. Island There will be a bus at Ward's Island at 12:45 pm to shuttle parents to school. Island-side parents will meet the bus at the Ward's Island Ferry at 12:45 pm. City-side parents will leave with the 2:30 pm bus for the 2:45 pm ferry.

Families and friends that can't join us in the school, can join us online with our Virtual Book Fair Extension! Our online shop will be open from December 5th to December 9th, but you can view a selection of the books you will find at the book fair. Beginning on December 5th, the link will be live for online shopping and is accessible online at <https://bit.ly/3EC4ru3>.

Your orders will be delivered to the school shortly after the fair, and we will distribute them. When checking out online, please include your child's name and their teacher's name for ease of delivery to the correct classroom.

Watch for news leading up to our Scholastic Book Fair! And if you would like to volunteer, please reach out to [svetlana.kovtiuh@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:svetlana.kovtiuh@tdsb.on.ca)

We are looking for four volunteers to join us on December 8th from 12:00 pm to 2:15 pm.

Forms of Payment (In-Person Fair): cash, credit. Note: Please note that we are working with Scholastic to obtain Wi-Fi-enabled machines, which will ease the checkout process.

## Remembrance Day Assembly

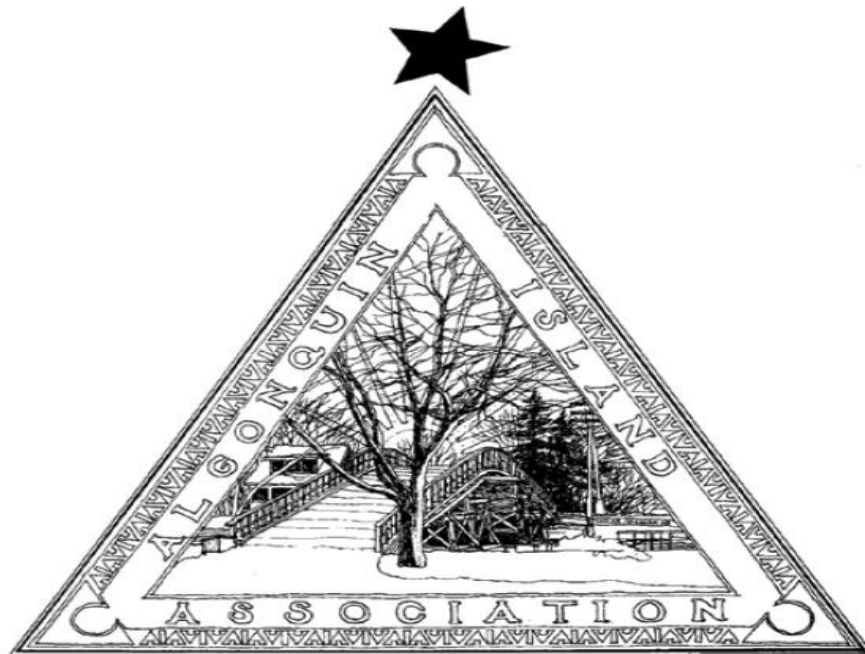


### Remembrance Day Program

Friday, November 11, 2022

- Classes are quietly seated in the gym – 10:45 am
- Poem 'In Flanders Field' – 10:55 am
- Indigenous Flag Song – Oh gi'chee dah = warriors - 10:57 am
- 'We all sing with the same voice' – Rm. 101 and Rm. 102
- Last Post – 11:00 am - Video
- Moment of Silence – Everyone
- All students received poppies.
- Short Message by Principal and Dismissal

*the* TORONTO ISLAND  
CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE  
2022



*Enjoy  
homemade food  
and egnog!*

*Over  
30 artisans selling  
their wares!*

***Boutique is open for sales:***

**Friday, December 2, 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm**

**&**

**Saturday, December 3, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Take the boat to Ward's Island and follow the signs to  
Algonquin Island and the Algonquin Island Clubhouse (AIA)  
Ferry Schedule: 416-392-8194

The Christmas Boutique is quickly approaching on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a Toronto Island community event.

The grade 5/6 students will be participating, and they will be selling Chili, and other items. The proceeds from their fundraising will help to offset the cost of their trip to Ottawa in June 2023.

This year, there will also be wrapping paper made by the students in their classrooms for sale.

All families are welcome to attend the Christmas Boutique held at the Algonquin Island Association on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.