

# Island Breeze



The Newsletter of  
Island Public School



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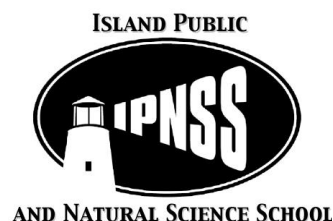
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**September 2022**

Dear Island Public School Families:

Thank you for the warm welcome as I join the school community at Island Public School as principal. During the first few weeks of schools, students are adjusting well to the routines of the school, new grade levels and classrooms.

During the first weeks of schools, we continue to focus on fostering community and well-being. As I engaged in daily school, classroom, playground, bus and boat interactions, I continue to observe community building attributes brought to life. Our outdoor school-wide assembly on Wednesday, September 21 provided a great opportunity to welcome everyone back, share school expectations through role playing and skits by Mr. Gies' class, and embed joy in our gathering with some music and dance to close the assembly. We will continue to build upon foundational goals to drive student achievement, well-being and equity through school improvement planning.

Our digitalized school calendar, website, Twitter, SchoolMessenger and monthly newsletters serve as virtual spaces for timely and effective information sharing and communications. I look forward to meeting parents and families during in-person visits to the school on either a drop-in basis or by appointment. I can be reached by email at [gary.pieters@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:gary.pieters@tdsb.on.ca), and at the school at 416-393-1910.

Yours in Education,

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)

## **Fall Ferry Schedule – Until October 10 (City-side)**

In the morning, students leave for school from Jack Layton Ferry Terminal at 8:30 am to Centre Island. In the afternoon, students leave for home from the Hanlan's Point Ferry at 3:45 pm, arriving at Jack Layton Ferry Terminal at 4:00 pm.

## **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.

## **School Calendar of Events**

- Sept. 23 – Terry Fox School Run/Walk/Roll/Wheel Event at 1:00 pm. <https://schools.terryfox.ca/8868>
- Sept. 27 and Sept. 29 – Fire Drill
- Sept. 30 – Orange Shirt Day (Every Child Matters) & National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
- Oct. 3 – Classroom Reorganization Date (If applicable to Island PS)
- Oct. 5 – World Teacher's Day
- Oct. 6 - Photo Day (Clear Images School Photography)
- Oct. 6 – Meet-the-Teacher/Curriculum Event (4:00 pm – 5:15 pm in-person at school)
- Oct. 7 – PA Day (No School for Students)
- Oct. 10 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct. 19 – School Council Meeting

## Medical Conditions

### Food or Insect Allergy/Asthma/Anaphylaxis Alert

Within the school, classrooms, playground and extended learning environments, the health, safety and well-being of staff and students is everyone's responsibility. Food allergy knowledge and awareness contributes to a safer environment and prevents allergic and anaphylactic reactions. Please check the ingredients on products sent to school with your child(ren), and avoid sending children to school with products whose ingredients include statements such as 'May contain...', 'Processed in a facility with', or 'Processed on equipment that also processes' – Peanuts/Peanut Products (Peanut butter, Peanut sauce, Baked goods, Trail Mix, Kernels); Tree nuts/nut products (Almonds, Cashews, Hazelnuts, Walnut, Pecans, Pistachio, Chestnuts, Macadamia nuts and more); Soy Products; Shell Fish (Crab, Shrimp, Crawfish, Oyster, Mussels, Octopus, Oyster, squid, Calamari and more). Please discuss allergy prevention with your child(ren) and the importance of not sharing snacks or lunches. For more information, please refer to the following TDSB Operational Procedure

PR563 – Anaphylaxis: <http://www2.tdsb.on.ca/ppf/uploads/files/live/100/282.pdf>

PR714 –Asthma Management: <http://www2.tdsb.on.ca/ppf/uploads/files/live/97/1983.pdf>

PR607 – Diabetes Management: <http://www2.tdsb.on.ca/ppf/uploads/files/live/98/1764.pdf>

PR536 – Medication: <https://ppf.tdsb.on.ca/uploads/files/live/100/259.pdf>

## Student Absences/Lates

Ensuring that students have safely arrived at school is everyone's responsibility. If your child(ren) is going to be either late or absent for any reason, please contact us at the school office by phone at 416-393-1910.

## School Council

If you are a parent/caregiver of a child(ren) at Island Public /Natural Science School and would like to be actively involved in the school council, please be sure to consider becoming involved in school council. The date for the next school council meeting will be on Thursday, October 19 from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm (Location to be determined). Information pertaining to the meeting and documents pertaining to the election process will be sent home on or by Monday, September 26, 2022.

## School-wide Assembly - Sept. 21 & Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Sept 30



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Our grade 5/6 student presenters led the way with great role playing presentations on school & classroom expectations. Thank you to our student audience for attentively listening during our inspiring outdoor school-wide assembly.  
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September 30 is Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is a reminder to learn from and listen to First Nations, Métis & Inuit peoples stories, experiences, perspectives & creations that are ongoing in **@tdsb** classrooms, schools and spaces.

