

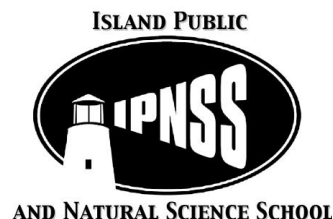
# Island Breeze



The Newsletter of  
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End of March - Beginning of April 2022

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 few weeks that continue to make IPS the place to be!

On April 13<sup>th</sup> IPS will celebrate the annual [International Day of Pink](#) 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 participate in storytelling workshops that spark further discussions and reflection on anti-bullying, inclusion, and kindness.

Scott Woolford, Principal

## **School Office Hours During Revised Ferry Schedule**

**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**

- March 30 – [TDSB EnVision Conference](#): Grade 6 Students
- March 30 – Prologue Performing Arts - Krystle Dos Santos  
Presentation [BLAK: Canadian Women in Music](#)
- April 1 – [World Autism Awareness Day](#) (April 2)
- April 7 – Prologue Performing Arts – Tribal Vision Dance  
Presentation of [Visions of Turtle Island](#)
- April 11 – Virtual Storytelling Workshop – Just Kidding
- April 13 – [International Day of Pink](#)
- April 13 – Virtual Storytelling Workshop – My Secret Bully
- April 15 – Good Friday Holiday – School Closed
- April 18 – Easter Monday Holiday – School Closed
- April 22 – [Earth Day](#)

## **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.

## Prologue Performing Arts Presentations



### BLAK: Canadian Women in Music

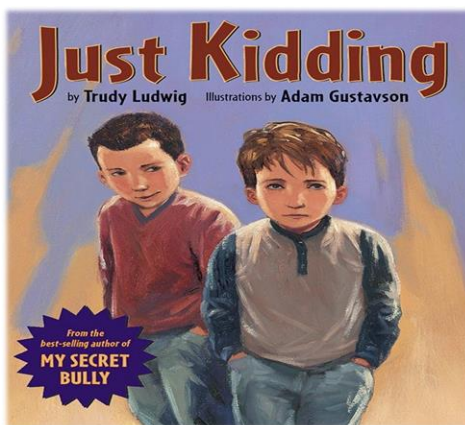
Krystle Dos Santos and her 4-piece band take you on a powerful musical journey celebrating notable Black Canadian women in music. She shares historically important stories about the underground railroad, civil rights movement and key events in black history while weaving in iconic songs from the eras in which these women lived and performed. Students will learn about contemporary opera soprano Measha Brueggergosman; Canada's First Lady of the Blues Salome Bey; Vancouver's First Lady of Jazz Eleanor Collins; internationally renowned Opera Singer Portia White, BC Entertainment Hall of Fame inductee Candus Churchill; and jazz singer-songwriter Dee Daniels. Krystle also shares songs by some contemporary Canadian artists, along with some of her own from her award-winning album Bloom | Burn. Students will be introduced to an array of musical styles including spirituals, jazz, blues, soul, R&B, pop and hip hop. The show also includes a multimedia component with photos and videos of spoken word poetry.

### Visions of Turtle Island

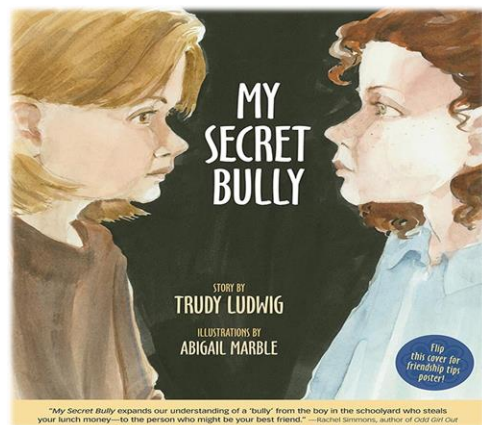
Students will have an opportunity to explore First Nations history and traditions in Tribal Vision's high-energy online performance! The artist will explain the history and significance of their dances and illustrate the cultural experience of First Nations peoples in Canada. This show is an introduction to the powwow culture of North American Indigenous people. Students will join the artists for an interactive Q&A to learn more about their regalia, dances, and First Nations history. Tribal Vision Dance is a family dance troupe from the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. The group is comprised of champion singers and dancers with a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with young audiences and families to build a deeper understanding and appreciation of First Nations culture.



## School-wide Storytelling Workshops



A joke that has a sharp edge to it can cut you to pieces. That's what D.J. finds out from his encounters with Vince, a smart aleck classmate whose biting humor is more hurtful than funny. With the help of his dad and teacher, D.J. learns how to stand up to put downs and make healthier friendship choices. This story helps young readers understand that one-sided fun really isn't much fun after all. Students will participate in discussions with the storyteller that reflect on being kind and kindness.



An inspirational story that instantly draws young readers into Monica's world where friends use name-calling, humiliation, and exclusion. Monica learns to face her fears and reclaim her power from the bully. Students will participate in conversation with the storyteller that further reflect on the messages in the story.

## World Autism Awareness Day (April 2)

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ IPS

This year's observance will address inclusive education. Students will be provided with a puzzle piece to create a large bulletin board of inclusive messages and actions that continue to build upon the inclusive environment that they help to create at IPS.



## International Day of Pink

April 13<sup>th</sup>



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 encouraged to wear something pink to school



### I Wonder...Wall

Students will post their thoughts/messages around International Day of Pink on the I Wonder...wall at the entrance of the school.

### School-wide Assembly

Students will lead the Cooperation & Pink Day school-wide assembly to further share the message of Pink Day, Inclusion and Cooperation.

IPS will be celebrating Earth Day by participating in [Clean Toronto Together](#) on Friday April 22<sup>th</sup>. We will be among the over 200,000 residents, students, businesses, organizations, and community groups as we do our part for 20 minutes to clean-up specific areas around IPS.



April 22, 2022



### LOOKING AHEAD TDSB Elementary Summer School

The focus of the 2022 Elementary Literacy & Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through the month of July. Programs, embedded in Literacy & Numeracy are developed by the local summer school principal to reflect the local school focus. Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8 from July 4 to July 29, 2022. [Click here](#) for more information.