

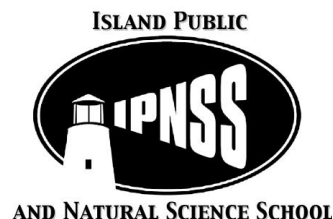
# Island Breeze



The Newsletter of  
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End-of-October 2021

Dear Island Public School Families,

It's hard to believe we are coming to the end of October! IPS continues to be the place to be! Teachers were very excited to see the many families join their virtual curriculum night. The weather is changing, and it is important that all students dress for the weather as we will continue to utilize the outdoors for learning when we can. Thank you again for all you are doing to ensure the safety of IPS students and staff by health screening your child(ren) prior to leaving home.

Scott Woolford,  
Principal

## School Office Hours

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

## Safe Arrival

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.

## Alternative Arrangements for Pick-up

If there are alternative arrangements for your child's dismissal or pick up, please send a note with your child.

## A Glance Ahead

- Oct. 26, 27 & 28 – Daily Food Bank Food Gift Card Drive
- Oct. 27 – School Council Elections & Meeting
- Oct. 29 – Halloween Activities
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 16 – Grade 1 to 6 Progress Reports & Kindergarten  
Initial Observation Reports Go Home
- Nov. 19 – Parent-Teacher Conferences (PA Day too)



Follow the Principal, Mr. Woolford on Twitter @IPS\_Mr\_Woolford  
The purpose of the account is to not only provide timely and accurate information of school events and activities but also to provide families with an opportunity to become further engaged in the school community.

**IPS School Council  
Virtual Election &  
Meeting  
Wednesday, October  
27<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7:00pm**



**[French Programs Application Deadline](#)**

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Programs, we offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in JK and SK, for September 2022 only) and Middle French Immersion (begins in Grade 4). An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants.

The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2022 are:

- Early French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between November 1 and November 26, 2021.
- Middle French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between January 3 and January 28, 2022.

Offers of placement within your chosen program (not a specific school) will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window. Families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

**Virtual Information Sessions**

Virtual Information Sessions for the Early French Immersion application and placement process are available in November on the following dates:

- November 8, 2021 @ 7:00pm
- November 15, 2021 @ 10:00am
- November 23, 2021 @ 7:00pm

For more information about the Virtual Information Sessions, please visit

- [www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions)

For more information about French programs, the application process and important dates, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french) or click on [Application Process](#).

As Halloween approaches, we wanted to remind you of some important information about Hallowe'en Festivities at IPS!



## Hallowe'en Food Gift Card Drive"

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

IPS will be kicking-off the Annual "Food Drive" once again with a *Food Gift Card Drive*. Beginning Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we are asking IPS Families to donate **food gift cards** in-lieu of non-perishable food items. City-side Families will be able to drop-off their donations at the ferry docks in the morning. Island-side Families will be able to drop-off their donations at Wards ferry docks. All donations will be delivered to Daily Bread Food Bank.

## Hallowe'en Classroom Costume Information – Friday, October 29, 2021

- As per our usual Halloween festivities, students may choose to wear a costume to school for the day
- **Students will continue to be required to wear a mask**
- Individual classrooms may choose to hold Halloween activities
- We suggest that you label your child's costume with his/her name
- **Costume Information:** A reminder that costumes that depict excessive violence or are culturally exploitative in nature are not in the spirit of the children's holiday or IPS school culture. Please do not send weapons/replicas of weapons, knives, guns, swords etc. if these are a part of your child's costume. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Classroom Activities

Friday, October 29, 2021

If your child's class is having a party, please note they are welcome to bring their own snacks to eat that day. We will continue with the practice of students not sharing snacks.

## Treat Snack Bag

Each student will receive an afternoon treat snack bag created by IPS Nutrition Services. Snacks will include a rice-crispie square, chocolate brownie, small bag of chips, fruit gummy snack, apple slices and an apple juice box. All snacks will be peanut/nut free. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

# Hallowe'en Safety Tips

Hallowe'en provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family parties. Hallowe'en is a big event at schools and provides opportunities for parties, creative activities, art programs and impromptu history lessons. Hallowe'en is also a time for students, parents, and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security.

## TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:

- Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them. Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe or unknown.
- Have your child carry a flashlight.
- NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- NEVER trick or treat with people you do not know.
- Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.
- Accompany your child when trick or treating.
- If you cannot accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
- Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
- Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk
- If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
- Remind children that not everyone celebrates Hallowe'en, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours yards or gardens.
- With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
- Set time limits when children should return home.

Safely Handout  
Treats During  
Covid-19

Hosting A Safe  
Halloween Gathering  
During Covid-19

Stay Safe While  
Trick or Treating  
During Covid-19