

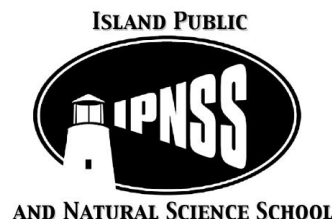
Island Breeze



The Newsletter of
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Mid-October 2021

Dear Island Public School Families,

Ensuring the health and safety of our students and staff is a priority and everyone plays a role. The most important thing families can continue to do to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19, is to screen their children daily for any COVID-19 symptoms and keep them home from school if they are sick or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/healthscreening. We appreciate your continued commitment to following these routines. We continue to be supported by Women's College Hospital who is providing Covid-19 PCR testing kits to families when necessary.

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. 13 – Drop-Off & Pick-Up Routines Update
- Oct. 20 – [Take Me Outside Day](#)
- Oct. 19, 20 & 21 – Virtual Classroom Curriculum Nights
- 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.

Updated IPS Classroom Organization

JK/SK

JK/SK

Grade 1/2

Grade 1/2

Grade 1/2

Grade 2/3

Grade 2/3

Grade 4/5

Grade 4/5

Grade 5/6

Specific teaching subjects will include:

- French, Music, Drama
- Phys. Ed., Health, Dance
- Student Resource Support
- Library, ESL Resource

TDSB Parents and Caregivers as Partners Virtual Conference

October 16th & 17th

IPS Parents & Caregivers are encouraged to join the TDSB for a virtual conference and learn strategies to support your child and hear from our inspirational speakers:

- Saturday: [Dr. James Makokis](#)
- Sunday: [Cherry Rose Tan](#)

TDSB is committed to parent, caregiver, and community engagement as an essential element to our shared effort to improve outcomes for children throughout their lives. Our role is to help build capacity by successfully engaging parents and caregivers by strengthening home-school partnerships, and aligning our collective efforts.

The Parents & Caregivers as Partnership Conference 2021 provides an opportunity to highlight innovation and high-impact strategies for partnering, collaborating, and nurturing parents and caregivers' partnerships and alliances.

Registration now at www.parentsaspartners.ca

IPS Virtual Curriculum Night Sessions – October 19, 20 & 21

Families will have an opportunity to virtually meet their child classroom teacher via a Google Meet during our Virtual Curriculum Night Sessions. Each classroom teacher will select an evening and time to hold their Curriculum Night (October 19, 20 & 21). Teachers will share an overview of the school year's learning, classroom routines, homework expectations, procedures that are specific to the classroom and the use of resources that support your child's learning. Your child's teacher will be in contact you regarding the date and time of the virtual curriculum night. Specific or individual questions regarding your own child's learning can be address at the Parent-Teacher Conference in mid-November or as always by reaching out individually to your child's teacher or the school office.



Take Me Outside Day!

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

IPS will be participating in Take Me Outside Day on October 20th! Teachers and participating classes will spend at least one hour outside. Take Me Outside Day supports educating and creating awareness among our students about the important connection between nature and our time spent outside. Committing to at least one hour of outdoor learning is our goal!

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

*Further info about elections and
zoom link will be shared in advance.*



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

For more information about French programs, the application process and important dates, please visit 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 26th, 27th & 28th

IPS will be kicking-off the Annual "Food Drive" once again with a *Food Gift Card Drive*. From Tuesday, October 26th to Thursday October 28th, 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. We will deliver these 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/face covering**
- Individual classrooms may choose to hold Halloween activities as they choose
- 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!

Hallowe'en Classroom Activities – Friday, October 29, 2021

- If your child's class is having a party, please note that we will continue to have students bring their own snacks. Due to the present restrictions, there will be no sharing of food between students.
- **Treat Snack Bag:** We are working with IPS Nutrition Services to provide each student with a special treat snack bag for the afternoon. This will include a rice-crispie square, chocolate brownie, small bag of chips, fruit roll-up, apple slices and an apple juice box. All snacks will be peanut/nut free.
- **Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office ☺**