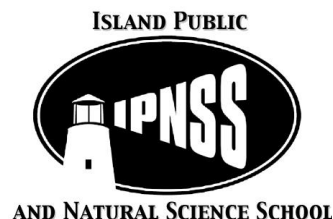




Island Public/Natural Science School
30 Centre Island Park, Toronto, ON M5J 2E9
Scott Woolford, Principal
Mary Linton, Superintendent of Education
Stephanie Donaldson, School Trustee



School Website: <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/island>

Middle of April 2022

Dear Island Public School Families

On April 13th IPS will celebrate the annual [International Day of Pink](#) with students, staff and parents! We encourage everyone to **wear pink** to show their commitment to 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. Our Grade 6 students participated in the [TDSB Envision Conference](#) on March 30th which focused on honoring and celebrating 2SLGBTQIAP+ communities. They learned about allyship and advocacy in relation to support student individuality within inclusive and safe spaces.

Scott Woolford, Principal

Try Mr. Woolford's Pink Day Math Problem

To celebrate Pink Day, Mr. Woolford wants to provide each student and staff with a pink day band. On each pink day band there will be several pink beads to represent the words acceptance or love, anti-bullying, and action. Each pink day band must have 3 beads to represent these words. If there are 210 students and 40 staff, how many beads in total does Mr. Woolford need to purchase to make each of these bands.

Mr. Woolford also needs to purchase the right amount of ribbon to put the beads on. He decided that for each person to wear the pink day band around their wrist, each band would need to be at least 35cm long. How much ribbon needs to be purchased?

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

- April 11 – Storytelling Workshop (K-Gr. 6) – Just Kidding
- April 11-18 – IPS Rocks Scavenger Hunt
- April 13 – [International Day of Pink](#)
- April 13 – Storytelling Workshop (K-Gr. 6) – My Secret Bully
- April 15 – Good Friday Holiday – School Closed
- April 18 – Easter Monday Holiday – School Closed
- April 22 – [Earth Day](#)
- April 28 – Holocaust Remembrance Day Student Event
([Grade 4 to 6 Students](#))
- May 23 – Victoria Day Holiday – School Closed
- June 2 (Save the Date) – IPS School Council Family BBQ

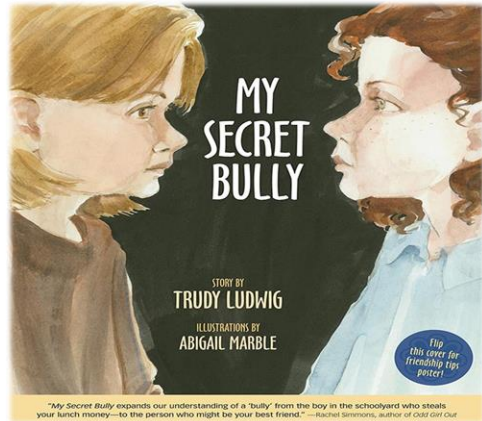
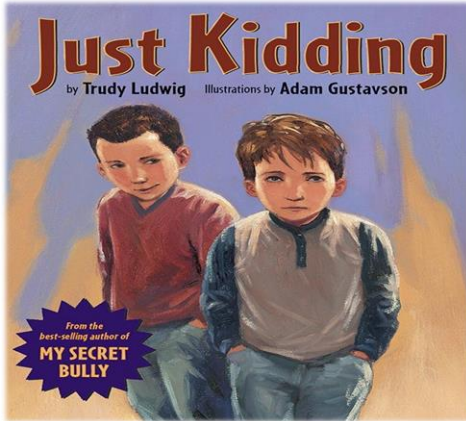
SchoolConnects Safe Arrival Program

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.

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, reclaims her power from the bully. Students will participate in conversation with the storyteller that further reflect on the messages in the story.



International Day of Pink

April 13th



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.



Preparation and Painting:

1. IPS Students have been given an opportunity to pick a rock during school time on the island
2. Children will decorate the rocks at home with ideas that generate from the theme described above. All children will use eco-friendly paint or chalk to colour their rocks at home with the help of their parents
3. Parents and children are encouraged to place their decorated rocks in and around the public spaces before April 11th. Examples of public spaces are the island lawns, Harbour Square Park or Harbour Square Park West. Place them responsibly, so as to not obstruct pedestrian paths, or place rocks within the private properties of apartment buildings around the ferry docks.

Scavenging:

Families can scavenge to find and take a PHOTO of the rocks between April 11th to 18th. Please note: the rocks are not to be collected. Photos of the rocks can be uploaded to social media using the following hashtags:

- #ipsrocks (to Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter); and tag @IPS_Mr_Woolford (Twitter only).
- Email Scott.Woolford@tdsb.on.ca with the subject "#IPSROCKS" and attach photos and the location of the rocks found, with the child's name and grade included to be posted on the school website!
- Eg.: "Jane Doe, Grade 4 found 3 rocks; Harbour Square Park picnic table, blue easter egg rock; Harbour Square Park West bridge, spring chick rock; Toronto Island boat play area, green plant rock."

Cleaning Up:

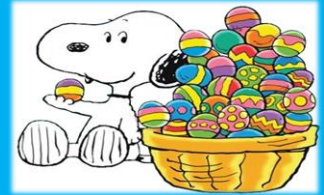
- All families will be encouraged to clean up by picking up the rocks before April 22nd.

We look forward to seeing what people create, "hide" and find until April 18th!
The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee-IPNSS School Council



IPS will be celebrating Earth Day by participating in [Clean Toronto Together](#) on Friday April 22th. 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.

Reminder - No School
Friday, April 15th
Good Friday
Monday, April 18th
Easter Monday



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.

Holocaust Remembrance Day Student Event for Grade 4 to 6 Classes



LIBERATION75

The Past is Now: The Holocaust and Antisemitism Explained
Holocaust Remembrance Day Student Event

VIRTUAL | FREE

APRIL 28, 2022

9:00am - 4:45pm EDT

Bring your class to one or more of our grade-specific educational programs on Holocaust Remembrance Day!

More than 14 leading Holocaust education organizations will help students:

- develop empathy, moral courage and inclusive caring
- build connections between the past and present
- explore the impact of hate-driven ideologies on human rights
- harness memory to recognize warning signs from the past
- understand and promote inclusion and acceptance
- build courage through exploring examples of upstanders
and much more!

SIGN UP EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED

LIBERATION75.ORG

PRESENTING ORGANIZATIONS

Author, Kathy Kacer

Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Classrooms Without Borders

Echoes & Reflections

FAST - Fighting Antisemitism Together

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre
for Holocaust Studies (FSWC)

Ghetto Fighters' House Museum

JTeach

Montreal Holocaust Museum

The Johannesburg Holocaust
and Genocide Centre

The National Holocaust Centre
and Museum (UK)

USC Shoah Foundation

Vancouver Holocaust Education Museum

Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust
Remembrance Center

