

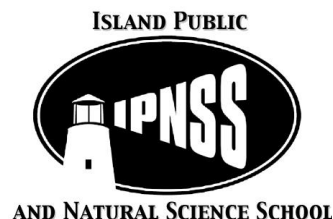
Island Breeze



The Newsletter of
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Mid-December 2021

Dear Island Public School Families:

The next two weeks will be a busy time for IPS with several events before we break for the winter holidays! Upcoming events continue to show how we come together as a strong and supportive community. The Grade 5 & 6 Students will lead our 2nd food gift card drive campaign on December 8th & 9th, all students will celebrate with the upcoming Virtual Winterfest on December 10th with hot chocolate & candies canes for a treat; all students will also create cards of thanks and appreciation for our Island Senior Residents on December 15th. And to encourage school spirit we will have a School-wide Pajama Day for fun during Winterfest!

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)

A Glance Ahead

- Dec. 8 & 9 – Food Gift Card Drive
- Dec, 10 –IPS Virtual Winterfest
- Dec. 15 – Card Making for Island Residents
- Dec. 17 – Last Day of School
- Dec. 20 to Dec. 31 – Winter Break School Closed
- Jan. 3 – School Re-opens ☺
- Jan. 14, 2022 – P.A. Day (no School)
- Feb. 15, 2022 – Term 1 Report Card Sent Home
- Feb. 18, 2022 – Term 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Feb. 21, 2022 – Family Day Holiday

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.

Holiday Food Gift Card Drive

The Grade 5 & 6 Student's are leading the Holiday Food Gift Card Drive. These donations will be delivered to the Daily Bread Food Bank to support its mission in providing families across Toronto additional support during these unprecedented times and over the holidays. You can drop your food gift card donation at the ferry docks between December 8 & 9th – look for the students in **Red & White**.

IPS Virtual Winterfest

IPS Families are welcome to join our Virtual Winterfest on Friday, December 10th beginning at 1:00pm. Each class will be preparing a song and share an outdoor activity to showcase on this day. Your child's teacher will be contacting to let them know when their recording day is scheduled in order to ensure all students have an opportunity to participate. We are excited to share this exciting annual event together *virtually*. Hot chocolate and candy canes will be enjoyed by staff and students during the virtual event. Zoom link to be sent to IPS Families.

Island Public School Card Making



This year in lieu of cookie delivery IPS students will create holiday cards that will be mailed both to the Island Senior Residents and the Ferry Docks Personnel as a way for us to say thank you for their continued support. We have consulted with TPH regarding the 7 day time period for the safe receiving of these cards. These cards will be created on December 15th and then mailed the following week. We are inviting students to bring a Loonie donation towards the purchase of postage for delivery of these holiday cards.

Google Classroom Reminder

Teachers have created individual Google Classrooms as a way to communicate to IPS families and showcase classroom happenings. Homework, upcoming topics/themes, or student sharing of ideas take place on the Google Classroom. Please be sure you visit your child's teacher google classroom. If you require access, please contact your child's teacher directly.



Gift Giving & Exchanging in Schools

To support safe gift giving this year, TPH makes the following recommendations:

- Consider gift cards as gifts
- Consider donations to charitable organization in lieu of gifts

TDSB Specialized Elementary Schools & Programs

TDSB Students have access to specialized schools and programs that offer unique opportunities and a focus on a variety of interests. Each has specific requirements as well as unique admissions criteria, with applications made directly to each program.

Grade 6 to 7 School Transitions

For the most recent and updated information on neighboring school virtual open houses, alternative school application processes and packages, IPS parents and students are encouraged to check the [TDSB Alternative Schools Website](#). *For the 2021-22 school year, you must start the online registration process now and follow the prompts.*

Upcoming Virtual Info Sessions

Alpha II Alternative TBD	City View Alternative TBD
Delta Alternative January 18, 2022 @ 7pm	Equinox Holistic Alternative TBD
High Park Alternative TBD	Quest Alternative TBD
Horizon Alternative January 12, 2022	Spectrum Alternative TBD
East Alternative TBD	Scarborough Village Alternative TBD

The Waterfront School, TDSB

Grade 6 students who reside within the IPS attendance boundary, have a option to attend [The Waterfront School](#) located at 835 Queens Quay as their middle school. There will be a Virtual Info Session to be scheduled in the new year.