

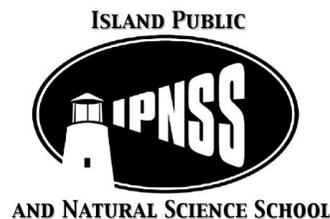
Island Breeze



The Newsletter of
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Mid-June 2022

Hello IPS Families

It is hard to believe we are at the midway point in June and going into the final stretch of the school year! **ALL THINGS IPS Student Celebration Day** was so enjoyed by students & staff, allowing us the opportunity to open our doors to our families to share & celebrate the many exciting activities that make IPS the place to be! At IPS we continue to make students' mental health and well-being a priority. We continue to encourage families to access the [TDSB Mental Health & Well-Being Resources](#). Parents are encouraged to save the date to join us for our 2nd [Unlearn](#) conversation around unconscious bias on June 22nd @ 8pm (More info to come!).

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

- June 16 – IPS Track & Field Day (Kindergarten to 6)
- June 20 – TDSB Track & Field Event (Gr. 4 to 6)
- June 21 – [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- June 22 – School Council [Unlearn](#) Virtual Parent Engagement Event – 8pm
- June 22 & 23 – Grade 4 to 6 Cycling Education Program
- June 24 – Kindergarten New Families Open House
- June 28 – Term Two Report Cards Sent Home
- June 28 – Grade 6 Graduation – 1:00pm
- June 30 – Last Day of School

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.



Track & Field Day

Thursday, June 16th
Afternoon



Students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will participate in planned outdoor track & field activities in the afternoon. This will provide IPS students an opportunity to try the many different sporting events that track and field offers. **Families wishing to join us and cheer on the student athletes are welcome to take the 12:30pm ferry to Centre Island and walk to school.** Contact the school for further information 😊

June is Pride Month

June is Pride Month at the TDSB! It's an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness among all staff and students about the rich culture and history of our 2SLGBTQIA+ community. At IPS we raised the Pride Flag on June 1st to celebrate along-side the TDSB. Please [click here](#) to view a Happy Pride message from TDSB Director of Education, Colleen Russell-Rawlins.

Pride Flag - Meaning of Each Strip



National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a time to celebrate and learn from First Nations, Metis and Inuit people about the diverse cultures, histories, experiences, creations, perspective, and achievements. Join the Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) for opportunities to engage with Indigenous artists, authors and speakers through various virtual workshops and panel discussions. Learn more!
www.tdsb.on.ca/IndigenousEducation

Cycling Education 2 Day Program Grade 4 to 6 Students June 22 + 23

Culture Link will join IPS to provide Grade 4 to 6 students an opportunity to learn cycling skills and safety through a Bike Rodeo of activity stations. Students will rotate through the educational stations learning safe bike handling skills, proper fitting of biking gear and overall road safety when cycling. The second day, the program will include a neighbourhood ride on the Island.

Parent Engagement Event Wednesday June 22nd 8pm **SAVE THE DATE**

IPS School Council has once again teamed up with Dundas Junior School Council to offer a joint virtual evening to continue the learning and conversation around unconscious bias. Unlearn facilitators return to lead parents from both schools in an engaging discussion around social and cultural inequality and challenges individuals to think about their unconscious biases through imagery. Join us for this very engaging and worthwhile event.



Bicycle Safety



Now that the warm weather is here, children will be participating in outdoor activities like bike riding. The Toronto District School Board and Toronto Public Health want kids to be safe while playing this summer outdoors. In addition, parents and caregivers can stay a step ahead by protecting children when they ride.

Here's how:

1. An adult should always supervise children 10 years of age or younger when they are using a bicycle or other wheeled sports equipment. Even older children may need on-going supervision when riding near the road.
2. Make sure children wear the correct helmet properly when they ride. Ontario's bike helmet law requires all children and youth under age 18 to wear an approved bike helmet when riding a bicycle.
3. Keep children away from traffic when they use wheeled sports equipment. Make sure they ride in a safe place.
4. Teach children how to:
 - a. steer, brake and ride in a straight line
 - b. wear the right safety gear, and
 - c. do a safety check every time they ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use in-line skates or wear shoes with wheels.
5. Be within arm's reach when your children are learning to ride any wheeled equipment.
6. Always walk a bicycle, scooter or skateboard across a street intersection, instead of riding across.
7. Tell children that you are happy when you see them riding safely.
8. Remind children of the safety rules when they forget.
9. Be a good role model - wear a helmet and safety gear yourself. Children copy what adults do