

Island Breeze



The Newsletter of
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Week Before the Winter Break December 2021

Dear Island Public School Families:

Thank you for joining us at the IPS Winterfest and supporting the Holiday Gift Card Food Drive! Bravo again to the students and staff who worked over the past several weeks organizing outdoor activities and preparing music for the day! Also over three days the Grade 5 & 6 Students led our 2nd food gift card drive campaign! This coming week students will be able to create special cards of thanks and appreciation for our Island Senior Residents.

December's Character Education trait has been 'Kindness and Caring'. We encourage families to continue to discuss ways to express kindness and caring throughout the year. Acts of kindness and caring can go a long way, and simple acts can mean so much to someone in need. On behalf of all IPS Staff, I wish you and your family a wonderful 'Holiday Season' and a 'Happy New Year.' I look forward to continuing our journey of learning together in the new year 😊

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. 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. 6 – IPS Parent/Guardian TPH COVID-19 Vaccination Education Session @ 7pm
- Jan. 14, 2022 – P.A. Day (No School)
- Jan. 20, 2022 – School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 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.



Rapid Antigen Screening Kits
In an effort to promote a safer return to the classroom after the winter break, take-home rapid antigen screening kits will be sent home on Monday, December 13, 2021. TDSB & Government of Ontario information regarding the take-home rapid antigen screening kits will be provided with each kit.

Island Public School Card Making



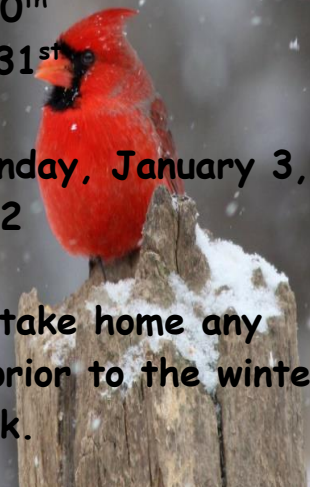
This year in lieu of cookie delivery IPS students will create holiday cards that will be mailed both to the Island Senior Residents and the Ferry Docks Personnel as a way for us to say thank you for their continued support. These cards will be created on December 15th and then mailed the following week.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

Winter Break Reminder

Monday, December 20th
to Friday December 31st

School Resumes Monday, January 3,
2022

All students will take home any
personal belongings prior to the winter
break.



Gibraltar Point Nursery Silent Auction

IPS Families are welcome to join Gibraltar Point Nursery to support their Silent Auction!

Begins on Saturday, December 11th
Ends on Tuesday, December 14th @ 11:00pm

Please log into the link below to preview &
register for this auction.

Auction Login :

<https://mobilbid.co/url/Zsq7Tp7S>

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

Google Classroom Reminder



Teachers have created 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.

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**PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN AGES 5-11
ARE INVITED TO A VIRTUAL COVID-19
VACCINATION EDUCATION SESSION**

Your School Liaison Public Health Nurse will:

- Discuss COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5-11
- Share COVID-19 vaccination resources
- Answer your questions about vaccination for children

Thursday January 6, 2022

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Join Online:



FOR MORE INFORMATION:



Please visit <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/>



Call the Toronto Public Health Hotline at 416-338-7600

French Programs Application Deadline - Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry)

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide Middle French Immersion Program (begins in Grade 4), we offer an [online process](#) to apply. To [apply](#) for the Middle French Immersion Program (Grade 4 entry) for September 2022, applications must be completed online between January 3 and January 28, 2022. An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants and will be made in the weeks following the close of the application window. Please note: Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in a French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the "sibling option" within the online application. For more information about the Middle French Immersion (Grade 4) application process, please join us for a Virtual Webinar Session on one of the following dates:

- January 6, 2022 - 10 am
- January 13, 2022 - 1 pm
- January 17, 2022 - 7 pm

For more information about French Programs, the application process and important dates, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

Online International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Programs

Online International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program is an enriching learning experience for students in grade K-8 to learn a new language and discover other cultures. Open to all TDSB and non-TDSB students, programs are currently offered online and there is no language background necessary. Activities will focus on building student's skills in oral communication, reading and writing. Registration is ongoing and can be done online by visiting the [program website](#).

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](#).

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.