

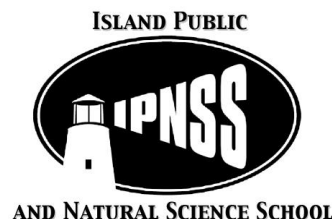
# Island Breeze



The Newsletter of  
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## January 2021

Happy New Year Island Public School Families:

As always, I hope you healthy and well and enjoyed your holidays. As you know our return for the first week of January was remote learning and with the recent government announcement, we will be continuing until January 25<sup>th</sup>. I have been fortunate to visit many of the google classrooms and google meets so far and have shared a story or two and have also enjoyed sharing in the student discussions too. I look forward to continuing my visits during our remote learning time to assist in the engagement of our students and support our amazing teachers. Thank you to the IPS teachers and support staff who have continued to provide remote learning platforms this past week that engage students and provide both academic and well-being activities. Bravo to the students who are all doing their very best to participate daily in their google classrooms and arriving to their google meets ready to learn! Thank you to all parents who have reached out to ensure they are aware of posted information regarding accessing the google classroom, links to google meets and daily schedules that teachers plan and share. Please continue to reach out anytime during these unprecedented times.

Regards,

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**

- **Jan. 4 – School Re-opens Remotely ☺**
- **Jan. 15, 2021 – P.A. Day (no School)**
- **Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day**
- **Feb. 9, 2021 – Term 1 Report Card Sent Home**
- **Feb. 12, 2021 – Term 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- **Feb. 15, 2021 – 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.

**When you receive a call, you are required to listen to the entire message and follow the prompts accordingly.**

## Technology Requests

Please continue to reach out to either your teacher or the office regarding any support with technology needed to access the remote learning. It is so important to be sure our students have access to the remote learning platforms until we are back to in-person learning.



## P.A. Day – Friday, January 15, 2021

On Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> all TDSB Elementary schools will be closed to classes due to a scheduled PA Day.

## Nutrition Program Refund

For those families who participate in our nutrition programs (hot lunch or snack), our plan will be to refund the cost of these programs during our time in remote learning (up to January 25<sup>th</sup>). Please watch for a refund via your cashless school account which could take up to 5 business days.

## TDSB Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry)

Applications to the Middle French Immersion program for September 2021 are being accepted for students who are currently in Grade 3. Click [here](#) to visit the TDSB website for further information and the online application process. *The application deadline is January 29, 2021.*

## 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 2020-21 school year, you must start the online registration process now and follow the prompts.*

### Upcoming Virtual Info Sessions

<a href="#">Alpha II Alternative</a> TBD	<a href="#">City View Alternative</a> Jan. 28 @ 7:00pm
<a href="#">Delta Alternative</a> TBD	<a href="#">Equinox Holistic Alternative</a> TBD
<a href="#">High Park Alternative</a> Wednesday, Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm	<a href="#">Quest Alternative</a> Thursday, Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm
<a href="#">Horizon Alternative</a> TBD	<a href="#">Spectrum Alternative</a> TBD
<a href="#">East Alternative School of Toronto</a> TBD	<a href="#">Africentric Alternative School</a> 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.

## Mental Health and Well-Being Resources During COVID-19

The health and well-being of all our students will continue to be our priority. During the remote learning time, teacher will continue to provide activities that support the health and well-being of our students. Please continue to reach out to the school during these unprecedented times. Families are encouraged to visit the TDSB webpage for [Mental Health and Well-Being Resources](#).

*Below are some COVID-19 Specific Resources that are helpful:*

- [Wellness Together Canada](#)
- [Youth Mental Health Resource Hub](#)
- [How to Support your Child's Mental Health During Covid-19](#)
- [Talking to Children about Covid-19 and Its Impact](#)
- [Coping with @Home Learning: Caregiver Tips](#)
- [TPH COVID-19 Mental Health Resources](#)

## Stay Healthy This Flu Season

Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot. Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school. The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- Reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- Reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- Watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- Informing the school if your child is ill;
- Keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.



For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health), contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.