

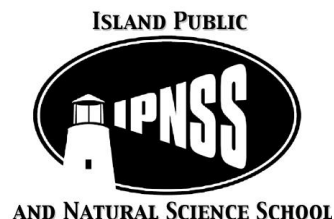
Island Breeze



The Newsletter of
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Beginning of February 2022

Dear Island Public School Families:

We opened the month with Duane D.O. Gibson virtually stopping by IPS to share his Black History 365 Stay Driven message. All students had the opportunity to view the TDSB opening celebrations of African Heritage and Black History month. On Ground Hog Day Warton Willie did not see his shadow which means an early spring - YEAH! We look forward to our Dance Your Heart Out dance-a-thon on February 14th. For the month of February our Character Trait focuses on 'Fairness'.

Just a reminder: On Friday, February 18th school is closed due to a P.A. Day for Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Scott Woolford, Principal

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

- Feb. 3 – [Black Canadian 365 Pres. w/ D.O. Gibson](#)
- Feb. 4 – Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
- Feb. 7 – Toronto Fire Fighter Safety Presentations
- Feb. 14 – *Dance Your Heart Out* Dance-A-Thon
- Feb. 15 – Term 1 Report Card Sent Home
- Feb. 16 – School Council Parent Virtual Event with Unlearn @ 6pm – info to follow
- Feb. 18 – Term 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Feb. 20 – [World Social Justice Day](#)
- Feb. 21 – Family Day Holiday
- March 14 to March 18 – March Break - School Closed

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.



Inclement Weather

Recess During Cold Weather

Elementary school students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightning in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold. When temperature and wind chill measure -28°C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses & lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature & wind chill reading is between -28°C & -20°C .

If a student's medical condition requires further consideration due to weather conditions, or if parents have other questions or concerns about how and when weather conditions affect your child's school day, please contact the school office to speak with Mr. Woolford.

School Closures

This is a reminder to parents and guardians that during times when weather is severe, it is very important to check both [IPS](#) and the [TDSB](#) websites for information on bus cancellations.



**Board-wide P.A.
Day
Friday, February
18, 2022
Parent-Teacher
Interviews
School Closed**

Family Day Holiday



There will be no school on Monday, February 21 to reflect the province-wide statutory holiday called Family Day. The holiday occurs on the third Monday in February each year for the purpose of emphasizing and celebrating the important of families taking time to be together.



Welcome to KINDERGARTEN

February 2022 is Kindergarten Registration month in the Toronto District School Board.

Kindergarten is the first step in a lifelong journey that will see your child learn, grow, achieve, and succeed at the TDSB. We look forward to sharing this journey with you and your child.

To Register for all Kindergarten Programs:

- Your child must be 4 years-of-age (Junior Kindergarten) by December 31, 2022
- If your child is currently registered & attending Junior Kindergarten, you do not need to register
- **For further information regarding Kindergarten Registration at the TDSB [Click here!](#)**
- **Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will schedule virtual registration meetings.**

Please bring to the virtual meeting the following information about your child:

1. **Proof of Age** (a birth certificate or passport)
2. **Proof of Address** (two pieces of identification that show your address, including lease/deed, etc.)
3. **Immunization card** (the card listing the needles your child has received – report online at www.toronto.ca/studentvaccines)

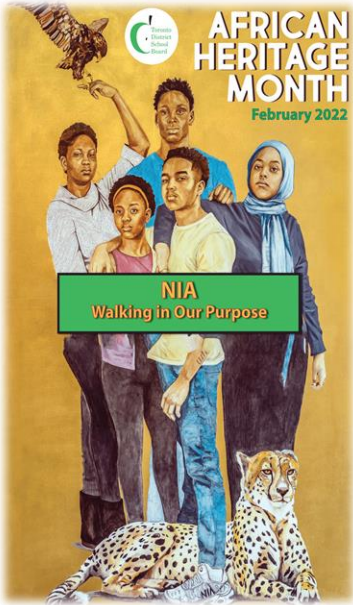
✓ **Please contact the school at 416-393-1910 for further information.**

February is African Heritage Month at the TDSB

During the month of February, the Toronto District School Board proudly recognizes African Heritage Month. It is an occasion to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of peoples of African descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for 2021-2022 is NIA: Walking in Our Purpose. The first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honourable Jean Augustine, introduced a motion to recognize February as Black History Month. The motion was carried unanimously by the House of Commons. In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada. At the Toronto District School Board, a motion to recognize African Heritage (Black History) Month was carried in January 2002 and reaffirmed again in January 2004.

An artwork created by students under the leadership of their teacher, Matthew Chapman, from Downsview Secondary Schools in 2020 has been updated to showcase this year's theme NIA: *Walking in Our Purpose*. Five principles of Kwanzaa are presented in this painting:

- Umoja (unity) the tattoo
- Nia (purpose) the logo on the shoe
- Kuumba (creativity) the logo on the shirt
- Imani (faith) the brand tag on the hijab
- Kujichagulia (self-determination) found in the fabric of one of the shirts.



February is Chinese Heritage Month at the TDSB

This year CHM coincides with one of the most important Chinese celebrations, the Lunar New Year began on Tuesday, February 1st. Lunar New Year is also known as the spring festival and begins with the first moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first moon of the lunar calendar 15 days later. This year's theme is *YEAR OF THE TIGER— Brave, Compassionate, Adventurous, and Optimistic*.

A poster contest was held and all students from the Toronto District School Board were invited to submit images that best reflected this year's theme. The selected images are posted below. All students and staff were invited to share their stories through the Chinese Canadian Memory Minute initiative (video link to be posted shortly). To learn about Chinese Heritage a power point was created highlighting the symbolism for various foods that are shared at festivals celebrated by Chinese Canadians.

Click to see the other posters:

[Poster One](#)

[Poster Two](#)

[Poster Three](#)

[Poster Four](#)

[Poster Five](#)

[Poster Six](#)

[Poster Seven](#)

[Poster Eight](#)



Annual IPS
"Dance Your Heart Out"
Dance-A-Thon



It's time for our annual Dance-A-Thon fundraiser! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day! Students are encouraged to dress in **RED, PINK & WHITE!** The Dance-A-Thon will be scheduled to take place on Monday, February 14, 2022. Proceeds from the Dance-A-Thon will go towards our Outdoor Classrooms & Learning Spaces which have played an integral part of our outdoor learning.