

Island Breeze



The Newsletter of
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End-of-October Beginning-of-November 2020

Dear Island Public School Families:

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of October. Now that we have settled into our new routines and reorganization, there are some exciting happenings continuing at IPS. Please review the Island Breeze for upcoming information that supports your child's well-being and academic learning and make IPS the place to be!

Looking ahead - Students from Grade 1 to 6 will be receiving a Progress Report in mid-November. It is meant to be an update on how your child is progressing so far with their learning skills & work habits and in the specific curricular areas. A more in-depth report card will be sent home in February. Kindergarten students will receive a Communication of Learning: Initial Observations mid-November. We will also be scheduling Parent-Teacher conference during this time to discuss your child's progress.

Thank you for your continued support, feedback and positivity during these unprecedented times!

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

- **Oct. 26 - School Council AGM @ 7:00pm**
- **Oct. 27, 28 & 29 – Planting of Tulips from Dutch Embassy**
- **Oct. 28 – Grade 4-6 Friendship In Action**
- **Oct. 29 & 30 – Food Gift Card Drive**
- **Oct. 30 – Halloween Activities**
- **Nov. 2, 3 & 4 – Virtual Classroom Curriculum Nights**
- **Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly**
- **Nov. 17 – Grade 1 to 6 Progress Reports & Kindergarten Initial Observation Reports Go Home**
- **Nov. 20 – Parent-Teacher Conferences (PA Day too)**

Safe Arrival

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.

Alternative Arrangements for Pick-up

If there are alternative arrangements for your child's dismissal or pick up, please send a note with your child.

Outdoor Space @ IPS Gets a Boost

Thank you to Tyler Ganton from *We Care Tree Care & Treecycle* for providing our students another area of tree logs. This area will allow students & teachers to be off the ground during outdoor learning and discussions. It will also add to an active play space during recess. Bravo!



Tulip Planting

IPS has been given the important task to plant over 2000 tulip bulbs that were provided to the Toronto Islands Parks by the Dutch Embassy. These tulips are symbols of the friendship that blossomed between the people of Canada and the Netherlands during the Second World War. Canada continues to receive a gift of 20, 000 bulbs from Holland each year. Classes will be scheduled to plant in various areas around the school between October 27th and 29th. This important symbol of remembrance ties into our discussion around Remembrance Day.



Thank you to Our Island Community

On a beautiful Friday afternoon while the students were waiting for the ferry this wonderful band showed up and shared their gift of music. The students enjoyed the wait 😊



Thank you to the Toronto Island Parks

Thank you to the Toronto Island Parks for planting several more trees near the school grounds. We are so fortunate to have a natural shade canopy for students and staff to enjoy. A tradition at IPS is to invite classes to “adopt” one of the new trees and care for it.



IPS School Council AGM Monday, October 26 @ 7:00pm



Indoor Foot Wear for Students

Please send your child to school with indoor shoes. Our caretakers and teachers will thank you for helping to keep our classroom clean. Students may also require running shoes for physical education that are clean and dry. We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter!



Virtual Curriculum Night Sessions – Nov. 2, 3 & 4

Families will have an opportunity to virtually meet their child classroom teacher via a Google Meet during our Virtual Curriculum Night Sessions. Each classroom teacher will select an evening and time to hold their Curriculum Night (November 2, 3 or 4). Teachers will share an overview of the school year's learning, classroom routines, homework expectations, procedures that are specific to the classroom and the use of resources that support your child's learning. Your child's teacher will be in contact you regarding the date and time of the virtual curriculum night. Specific or individual questions regarding your own child's learning can be address at the Parent-Teacher Conference in mid-November or as always by reaching out individually to your child's teacher or the office.



TDSB French Programs Application Deadline

For Families interested in the Toronto District Board's system-wide French Programs, we offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in Senior Kindergarten) and Middle French Immersion (begins in Grade 4). AN offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2021 are:

- Early Immersion: Applications must be completed online between November 2 and November 27, 2020
- Middle French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between January 4 and January 29, 2021

Offers of placement within your chosen program (not a specific school) will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window. Families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

Virtual Web-Chat Information Sessions (for Early French Immersion (SK) application and placement process):

- Monday, November 2, 2020 @ 7:00pm
- Thursday, November 12, 2020 @ 7:00pm
- Thursday, November 19, 2020 @ 10:00am

For more information about the Virtual Information Sessions, please visit:

- www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions

For more information about French as a Second Language programs, application process and important dates, please visit:

- www.tdsb.on.ca/french

As Halloween approaches we wanted to remind you of some important information about Hallowe'en festivities at IPS!



Hallowe'en Food Gift Card Drive" – Thursday, October 29th & Friday, October 30th

IPS will be kicking-off the Annual "Food Drive" a little different this year. Thursday, October 29th and Friday October 30th, we are asking IPS Families to donate **food gift cards** in-lieu of non-perishable food items. City-side Families will be able to drop-off their donations at the ferry docks in the morning. Island-side Families will be able to drop-off their donations at Wards ferry docks. We will deliver these to Daily Bread Food Bank.

Hallowe'en Classroom Costume Information – Friday, October 30, 2020

- As per our usual Halloween festivities, students may choose to wear a costume to school for the day
- **Students will continue to be required to wear a mask/face covering**
- Individual classrooms may choose to hold Halloween activities as they choose
- We suggest that you label your child's costume with his/her name
- **Costume Information:** A reminder that costumes that depict excessive violence or are culturally exploitative in nature are not in the spirit of the children's holiday or IPS school culture. Please do not send weapons/replicas of weapons, knives, guns, swords etc. if these are a part of your child's costume. Thank you for your cooperation!

Hallowe'en Classroom Activities – Friday, October 30, 2020

- If your child's class is having a party, please note that we will continue to have students bring their own snacks. Due to the present restrictions, there will be no sharing of food between students.
- **Treat Snack Bag:** We are working with IPS Nutrition Services to provide each student with a special treat snack bag for the afternoon. This will include a rice-crispie square, chocolate brownie, small bag of chips, fruit roll-up, apple slices and an apple juice box. All snacks will be peanut/nut free.
- **Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office ☺**

Celebrating Hallowe'en Safely – Saturday, October 31, 2020

Both Ontario Public Health and Toronto Public Health encourage families to celebrate Halloween 2020 in a safe and fun way. While Halloween will look different this year, there are still many ways to have fun and celebrate safely. Please click the links for further information:

- [Ontario Public Health: How to Celebrate Halloween During Covid-19](#)
- [Toronto Public Health: Celebrating a Safer Halloween During Covid-19](#)