

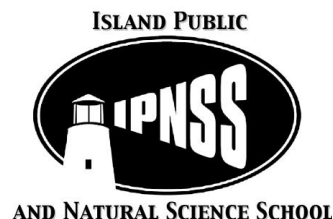
# Island Breeze



The Newsletter of  
Island Public School  
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School Website: <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/island>

## Beginning-Mid March 2022

Dear Island Public School Families:

March is here and the weather is beginning to feel more spring-like. With the changing of the weather, we ask that students continue to wear their appropriate outdoor clothing, especially boots. The field can be muddy and wet and teachers will continue to explore the Island with [Walking Excursions](#)! Our Dance-A-Thon raised \$3000 for our Outdoor Classrooms & Learning Spaces - Bravo! March Break is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> and before we break - we are looking at "celebrating IPS" by holding daily spirit days! For the month of March our Character Trait will focus on 'Honesty'.

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

- March 5 – [Weave a Nest on the Island](#)
- March 8 – [International Women's Day](#)
- Mar. 10 – [The Big Crunch Day](#)
- Mar. 7-11 – IPS Spirit Days
- Mar. 14-18 – March Break Holidays
- Mar. 21 – [International Day of Forests](#)
- Mar. 22 – [World Water Day](#)
- Mar. 26 – Toronto Earth Hour ([World Earth Hour Mar. 26](#))
- April 13 – [International Day of Pink](#)
- April 15 – Good Friday Holiday – School Closed
- April 18 – Easter Monday Holiday – 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.

# IPS Spirit Days - March 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>

Monday - School Colours Day (Blue & White)

Tuesday - Mismatch Day

Wednesday - Pajama & Stuffy Day

Thursday - Career Day

Friday - Class Theme Door Day



Look at what  
is happening at  
Artscape on  
the Island this  
weekend!

Saturday  
March 5<sup>th</sup>  
from 1-3pm.

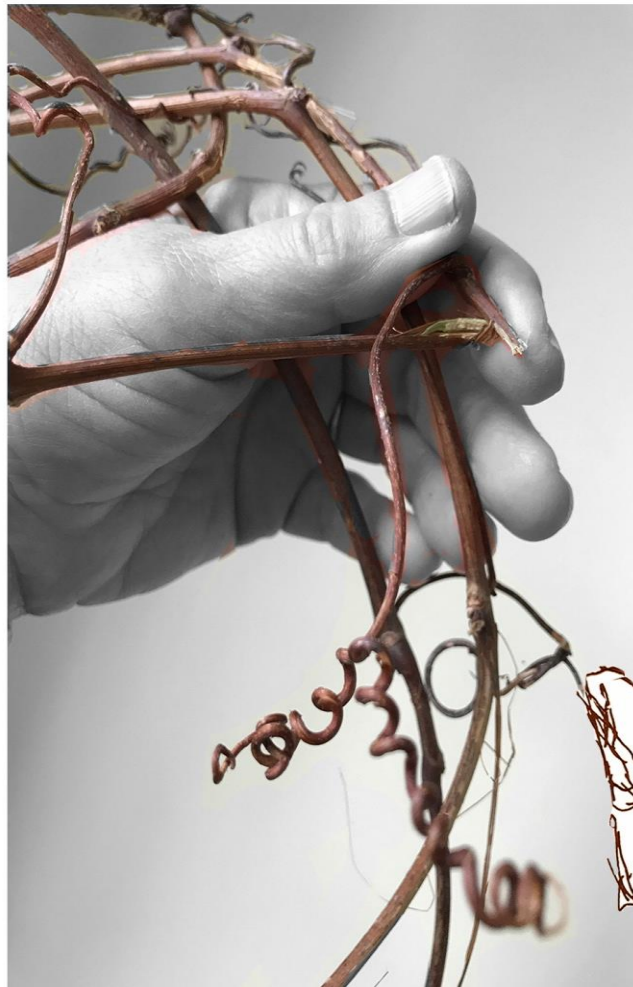
\*RSVP  
[info@bluerockcollective.com](mailto:info@bluerockcollective.com)

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## Weave a nest on Toronto Island

Artscape Gibraltar Point

Your nest will be included in an art installation on Toronto Island



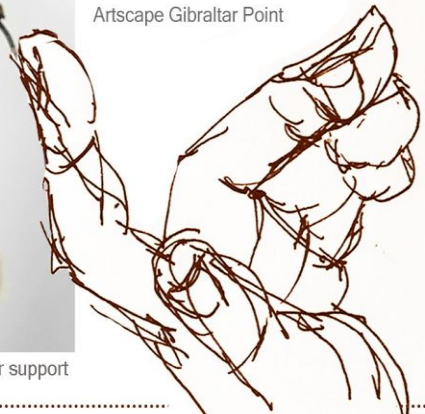
Saturday, March 5th, 1 - 3 pm  
443 Lakeshore Avenue, Toronto Island

Blue Rock Collective invites you to weave a nest as part of a larger art installation, *Human kind, Forest Mind*.

Each nest woven by community members is unique and contributes to the whole; each becomes dependent on the other, integrated into an installation. Nests embody the fostering of new life in the shape of an infinite circle, a union. As a statement of this moment in history, the gesture of creating a community-generated structure solidifies the idea of resilience during challenging times.

Transport to and from Ward's Island ferry:  
1pm (off the 12:30pm ferry from Toronto),  
return trip at 3:15pm (ferry departs 3:30pm).  
RSVP [info@bluerockcollective.com](mailto:info@bluerockcollective.com).

Presented by Maryam Zaraimajin and Suzanne Simoni as Blue Rock Collective in residence at Artscape Gibraltar Point



A special thank you to the K. M. Hunter Charitable Foundation for their support

**Virtual School**  
**Council Meeting**  
**March 10, 2022 @**  
**7pm**



**Virtual Great Big Crunch**

Get your apple of other crunchy fruit & vegetable ready to crunch LOUD on March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm with other healthy school food enthusiasts. IPS has registered for this event to show the importance of eating healthy foods to help maintain a healthy body and mind! Students are encouraged to bring an extra crunchy snack for this day.



**March Break Holiday**



Monday,  
March 14<sup>th</sup>  
to Friday,  
March 18<sup>th</sup>

**World Water Day Valuing Water**

Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, IPS will reflect on what water means to them. Water means different things to different people. How is water important to your home and family life, your livelihood, your cultural practices, your well-being, your local environment? Students will share their *I Wonders...* to create questions to investigate their own answers. IPS continues to practice the use of reusable water bottles to *Take Back The Tap* and does not purchase or support plastic water bottles.



**Podcast: TDSB Human Library:**  
Conversations around Equitable, Anti-Racist and  
Anti-Oppressive Practice!

- Natasha Henry - [African Canadian Experiences and the Curriculum](#)
- Jess Burke – [Understanding Judaism and Jewish Cultures](#)
- Gen Ling Chang - [Understanding & Addressing Anti-Asian Racism](#)

**High Water Levels Brings Increased Risks**

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and are reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation. As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weaken, becoming thinner or with higher flows breaking with little or no warning. During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high. Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.

**March is Greek Heritage  
Month at the TDSB**

March is Greek Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board! During the month of March, several activities will be shared by the board to mark GHM.

The theme for this year is "Harmony of Life – Health Mind, Healthy Body"  
"Αρμονια της Ζωης - Νους υγιης εν σωματι υγει"