

Island Breeze



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End of March - Beginning of April 2021

Dear Island Public School Families

We are now well into Term Two and the spring weather is finally almost here! There are so many exciting events and happenings over the next month that IPS continues to be the place to be! Prior to the newly April (March) Break coming up in just three weeks, we will be focusing our attention to *Inspirational Math Days* where students take math problems and solve them using a growth mindset! Congratulations to all IPS students for participating in our *Dance Your Heart Out* Dance-a-Thon fundraising event in February - we raised over \$1200 for our Outdoor Classroom!

On April 7th IPS will celebrate the annual International Pink Day with students, staff and parents! We encourage everyone to **wear pink** to show their commitment of celebrating diversity and respecting each other while we continue to message anti-bullying. Students will also participate in a virtual anti-bullying magic show! Please also note that on Wednesday, April 7th [IPS School Council](#) will be hosting a Parent Engagement Evening around Anti-Bullying to support discussions and learning that happened during the school presentations.

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

- Mar. 22 – [World Water Day](#)
- Mar. 26 – IPS Earth Hour ([World Earth Hour Mar. 27](#))
- Mar 26 – "Rock Your Socks" [World Down Syndrome Day](#)
(Celebrated on March 21st)
- Mar 26 – "Purple Day" [Epilepsy Awareness Day](#)
- Mar. 29-April 1 – Inspirational Math Days
- Mar. 31 – School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- April 2 – Good Friday Holiday – School Closed
- April 5 – Easter Monday Holiday – School Closed
- April 7 – Anti-Bullying Magic Show (K to Gr. 6)
- April 7 – Parent Engagement Evening Anti-Bullying Presentation
- April 12-16 – "April-March" Break – School Closed
- April 22 – Earth Day
- April 30 – Visions of Turtle Island Performance (K - Gr. 2)

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.

Purple Day Epilepsy Awareness Day

Friday March 26th

IPS Students and Staff are encouraged to wear something purple on Friday March 26th to promote epilepsy awareness world-wide.



Rock Your Socks

On Friday March 26th Students are encouraged to wear colourful fun socks to raise awareness and support for 2021 World Down Syndrome Day (March 21)



TDSB Earth Hour 2021

On Friday, March 26, schools across the TDSB are recognizing Earth Hour from 2 - 3 p.m. Schools are asked to reduce their electricity usage for one hour. During Earth Hour, IPS will be using as little electricity as possible in the office, halls, classrooms, library, gym, cafeteria. Where possible, we encourage you to reduce your electricity usage over the weekend.

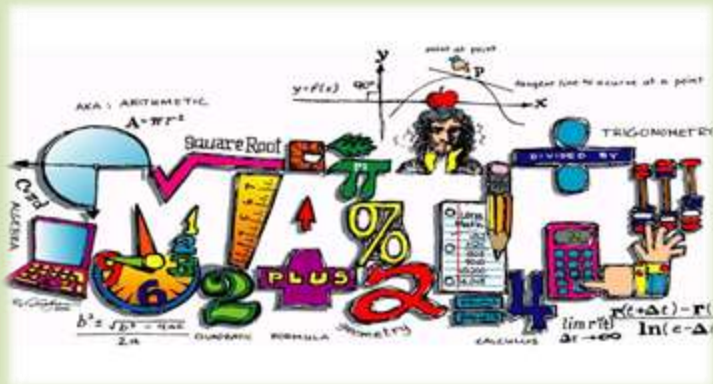
Podcast: TDSB Human Library

Conversations around Equitable, Anti-Racist and Anti-Oppressive Practice!

- Natasha Henry speaks about *African Canadian Experiences and the Curriculum*
- Gen Ling Chang speaks about *Understanding & Addressing Anti-Asian Racism*

The TDSB wants to hear your questions and concerns and makes every effort to address them as quickly as possible. In any situation, your child's classroom teacher is the first point of contact, followed by the school's principal, the school superintendent and your Trustee. For more information visit:

- <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns>



INSPIRATIONAL MATH DAYS

We are so excited to share with you our version of the “Week of Inspiration Math” (WIM). This school-wide initiative from Kindergarten to Grade 6 students involved in math open inquiry lessons to encourage a [Growth Mindset](#) when approach new math learning. Generally, a Growth Mindset is the concept of understanding that the brain has an incredible ability to grow and change *regardless of age* – also called brain plasticity! Watch this IPS favorite growth mindset video - [The Power of Yet](#) – a message for everyone!

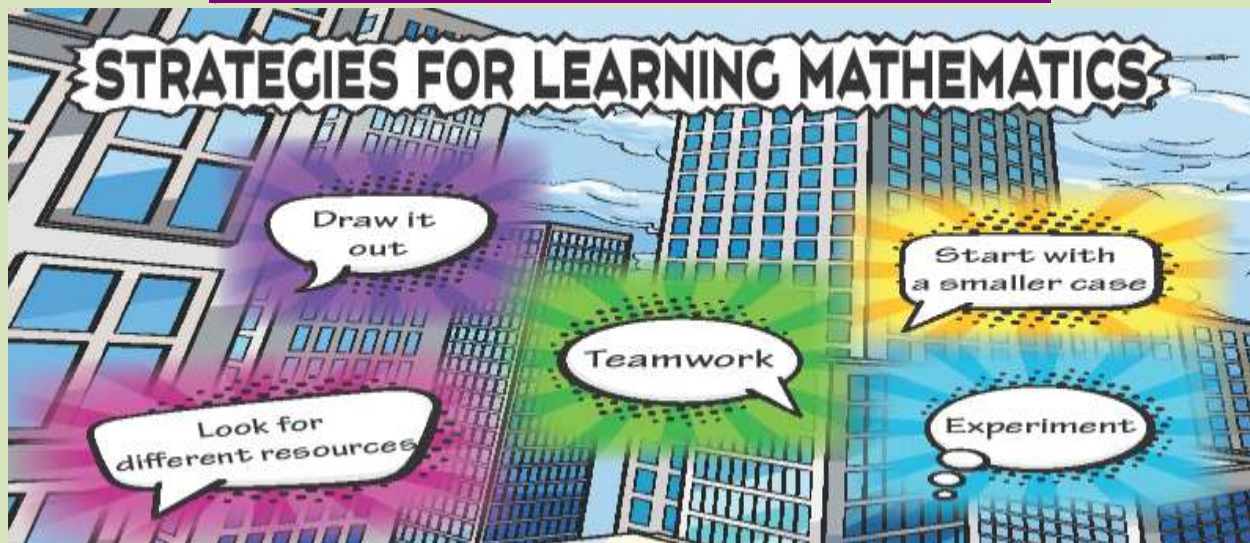
We will once again use the math lessons developed by Stanford’s University (www.youcubed.org) called Week of Inspirational Math (WIM). These open-end inquiry lessons are what we might call “low-floor/high-ceiling” activities where ALL students have multiple entry points to participate regardless of math level or initial concept understanding.

Parents are encouraged to register at www.youcubed.org and follow along, investigate the website - especially the [parent page](#)! This will encourage students to further their discussions, and thinking and sharing at home 😊

Our schedule below will allow for classes to investigate a chosen activity based on the focus:

- Monday, March 29th - Number Sense Focus
- Tuesday, March 30th – Patterns Focus
- Wednesday, March 31st – Shape, Space & Measures Focus
- Thursday, April 1st – Data & Probability Focus

Strategies for Learning Math Video



Virtual Anti-Bullying Magic Show Presentations

Wednesday, April 7th

The Virtual Anti-Bully Magic show is performed by Toronto based magician and illusionist Coby. Coby will discuss various types of bullying such as verbal, physical, social exclusion, and cyber bullying and then will share various combat strategies. The virtual magic show will be presented live to IPS in real time and the magic is highly interactive.

- Kindergarten to Grade 3 – Focus on Verbal & Physical Bullying begins at 9:30am
- 10:45am: Grade 4 to 6 – Focus on Cyber Bullying begins at 10:45am

IPS School Council Parent Engagement Evening: *Virtual Anti-Bullying Parent Presentation*

Wednesday, April 7th @ 7:00pm

This parent Anti-Bully Keynote Presentation is intended to mirror the presentation that took place during the school day with the students. There will be several themes and content will be covered around bullying and an informal discussion and Q & A period.



International Day of Pink

April 14th

(Celebrated at IPS on April 7th)



The **International Day of Pink** is a day of action, born when a youth in a secondary school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying; and hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and stopping discrimination.

Island Public School staff, students and parents all are encouraged to wear something pink to show their support of diversity and to challenge gender stereotypes. Around the world discrimination continues to be the leading source of conflict. Discrimination includes ableism, ageism, classism, heterosexism, homophobia, racism, sexism, transphobia, among many other forms. Stereotypes (ideas) may lead to prejudices (attitudes/feelings) which may lead to discrimination (actions) and affect how we work, study and treat one another; they create barriers, bullying, harassment, hate and violence.

The **International Day of Pink** is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity – it's also a commitment to being open-minded, understanding of differences and to learning to respect each other. Remember to wear **PINK** 😊

Wearing Pink

IPS Students are encouraged to wear something pink to school
Let's create a "Sea of Pink"

I Wonder...Wall

Students will post their thoughts/messages around Pink Day on the I Wonder...wall at the entrance of the school.

Anti-Bullying Magic Show

Students will be provided opportunities to connect the Anti-Bullying and Pink Day messages.

IPS Spirit Day Classroom Theme Doors

We encourage students to share what their classroom theme door is about!

Kindergarten Room 109



Kindergarten – Room 111



Kindergarten – Room 101



Grade 1/2 – Room 104



Grade 1/2 - Room 105



Grade 1/2 Room 106

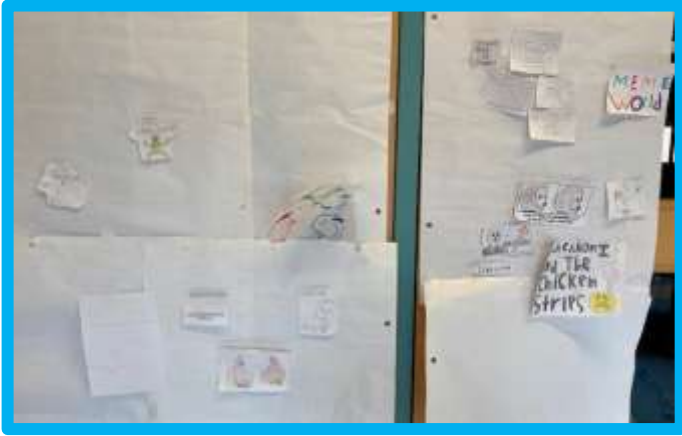


Grade 2/3 – Room 107



Grade 3 - Room 102





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