

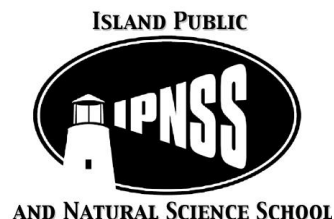
Island Breeze



The Newsletter of
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End-of-January 2019

Dear Island Public School Families:

It is hard to believe we are at the end of January marking the halfway point in the school year! The month of January's character trait was 'Teamwork'. Our students, parents and staff continue to demonstrate teamwork each day as we all work together to ensure student success and a positive school environment! Prior to the winter break, our students and staff came together over the last week of December to create beautiful cards to attach to baked cookies for all of the Senior's on the Island ☺ This outreach is an incredible way to show our appreciation of being a part of the Island community. I have received several thank you notes from these residents. For the month of February we will be focusing on the character trait, 'Fairness'.

Our first term of school is drawing to a close and we are approaching the halfway mark of this school year. On Tuesday, February 12th all students will take their report cards home to share with their families. Grade 1 to 6 students' report card will continue to communicate your child's learning strengths, areas of needs and possible next steps for improvement as it relates to achievement of the curriculum expectations for each subject area and their achievement of the learning skills and work habits. Please discuss the Report Card with your child and pay close attention to the 'Learning Skills' on the Report Card. Kindergarten students will receive a *Communication of Learning* report outlining their key learning, growth in learning and next steps for learning in the four areas of the Kindergarten Program.

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. 31 – The Waterfront P.S. Information Meeting for Grade 6 Families – 5:30pm at Waterfront PS**
- **Feb. 6 – Canada Winter Walk To School**
- **Feb. 12 – Report Cards Go Home (Term 1)**
- **Feb. 13 – School Council Meeting (5:30pm @ Longos)**
- **Feb. 14 – School-wide *Dance Your Heart Out* Dance-A-Thon**
- **Feb. 14 – Teacher/Parent Interviews (Evening)**
- **Feb. 15 – Teacher/Parent Interviews (Morning) – School Closed**
- **Feb. 15 - School Council Family Ski Day**
- **Feb. 18 – Family Day – School Closed; School Council Family Day with the Marlies @ 3:00pm at Scotiabank Arena**
- **Feb. 21 – Kindergarten Registration Evening**
- **Feb. 25 to Mar 1 – IPS Spirit Days**

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.

REMINDER - IPS Parent Volunteers

As always, we welcome all volunteers into the school. If you have had a police check completed, please see Ms. Mac in the office to complete your annual offence declaration. If you need to have a police check completed, please contact the school office for the necessary paperwork or speak with Mr. Woolford at the docks Monday mornings. In order to volunteer with children in the school, you must have a current TDSB approved police check. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr. Woolford.



Inclement Weather

Recess & Weather Conditions

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 -28C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -28C and -20C.

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 the School's and the TDSB's website for information on bus cancellations.

Our school can only be accessed if buses are running. On occasion when weather becomes too severe, then buses must be cancelled which results in school relocation for that day.

Parents can access information via the websites and on news stations.



**Board-wide P.A. Day for
Parent-Teacher Interviews
Friday, February 15, 2019
Schools Closed**

IPS School Council Event

Check out the website for registration info:

<http://www.ipsschoolcouncil.com/>

**Family Fun Ski Day
Friday, February 15th
Horseshoe Valley Resort**



Kindergarten Registration



**February 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 Toronto District School Board. 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, 2019.
- If your child is currently registered and attending Junior Kindergarten, you do not need to register again.
- You must register online prior to contacting the school to make a registration appointment.

When registering at the school, please bring the following information about your child:

1. **Age** (a birth certificate or passport)
 2. **Ontario Health Card (OHIP)**
 3. **Address** (two pieces of identification that show your address, such as a telephone bill, utility bill etc.)
 4. **Immunization card** (the card listing the needles your child has received).
- ✓ Please contact the school at 416-393-1910 for further information or to make an appointment.
 - ✓ Online registration begins February 4, 2019 – Click link: [2019-20 Kindergarten Registration Information](#)
 - ✓ **Registration Evening** – Thursday, February 21st at Maple Leaf Square Longos (once initial online registration is completed we will contact you to make an appointment for the evening registration)



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** & **WHITE!** **The Dance-A-Thon will take place on Thursday, February 14, 2019.** Proceeds from the Dance-A-Thon will go towards the Kindergarten to Grade 2 Outdoor Learning Classroom and Grade 3 to 6 Right-To-Play "Play Your Part" Leadership Program. Last year's dance-a-thon proceeds went to the Year-end Grade 5 & 6 Trip to Ottawa.

Here is how the Dance-a-Thon will work:

- 1) Students will receive a Dance-A-Thon Info Package which will include a pledge sheet and envelope.
- 2) Encourage friends, family, co-workers and neighbour's to sponsor your child by making a donation in support of the school using the pledge sheet provided. Please DO NOT canvas door to door. Have fun collecting pledges!
- 3) Prior to Thursday, February 14th, total your child's donations. Please make cheque(s) payable to Island Public School c/o Dance-A-Thon. The deadline to return pledge forms is Thursday, February 14th. Please place cheque(s) and/or cash in the envelope provided. Please remember to fill out the front of the envelope fully and include the pledge sheet which will be provided.
- 4) On the day of the Dance-A-Thon each grade group will dance approximately one hour. In keeping with our theme, students are encouraged to come dressed in **RED** & **WHITE!**
- 5) **Parents wishing to join their child class for the Dance-A-Thon are welcome! Please review the schedule!**

Dance-A-Thon Schedule for Parents to Join

Grade Group	Dance Time	Ferry Time to Wards	School Bus from Wards
Grade 1 & 2	9:30am to 10:30am	9:10am	9:25am
Kindergarten & Daycare	10:30am to 11:30am	10:00am	10:15am
Grade 3 to 6	1:00pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm	12:45pm
School-wide Classroom Dance	2:30pm to 3:00pm		

- 6) Classes will be provided with a Music Picks List to choose some dance tunes.
- 7) Prizes awarded for fundraising – every \$40 fundraised students may choose from one of three different Pledge Prize Gift Cards! Siblings may "pool" their donations together to get a prize to share.

PLEDGE PRIZE GIFT CARDS CHOICES

\$10 Tim Horton's \$10 Indigo \$10 Cineplex Odeon
Students can choose from any one prize for every \$40 fundraised!!!
Siblings may "pool" their donations together to get a prize to share!!!

Fundraising Packages will be sent home February 1st with students 😊