

Island Breeze



The Newsletter of
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Mid-February 2021

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 hear a storyteller share Viola Desmond's story of determination to stand up to racial segregation. On Ground Hog Day Warton Willie did not see his shadow which meant an early spring - YEAH! Other good news is we return to in-person learning on Tuesday, February 16th. For the month of February our Character Trait will continue to focus on 'Fairness'.

Just a reminder: On Friday, February 12th school is closed due to a P.A. Day for Parent-Teacher Interviews.

We are looking forward to virtually connecting on Thursday, February 11th for our Dance Your Heart Out!

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. 11 – Dance Your Heart Out Dance-A-Thon**
- **Feb. 12 – Teacher/Parent Interviews – School Closed**
- **Feb. 15 – Family Day – School Closed**
- **Feb. 16 – Return to In-person Learning**
- **Feb. 16 – Storytelling – All Aboard (K to Gr. 6)**
- **Feb. 18 – LazyLegz: Everyone Can Dance! (Gr. 1-3)**
- **Feb. 19 – World Social Justice Day (UN)**
- **Feb. 23 – Visions of Turtle Island Performance (K to Gr. 2)**
- **Feb. 25 – Britta B. – Rebel with a Rhyme (Spoken Word Workshop) (Gr. 4 to 6)**
- **March 16 to March 20 – March Break Holidays – 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 & 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 & lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature & wind chill reading is between -28C & -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. During COVID-19 restrictions, classes will pivot to remote learning.



**Board-wide P.A.
Day
Friday, February
12, 2021
Parent-Teacher
Interviews
School Closed**

**Podcast: TDSB Human Library:
[Conversations around Equitable,
Anti-Racist and Anti-Oppressive
Practice has launched!](#)**

Check out the first TDSB Podcast:

- Natasha Henry speaks about *African Canadian Experiences and the Curriculum*

ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL
*Dance Your Heart Out
Dance-A-Thon*

Thursday, February 11, 2021

*Wear **Red** And **White***

*Join To Help Fundraise For
The Outdoor Learning Space*



IPS Dance-A-Thon Kindergarten to Grade 3

- 9:30am to 10:15am

Join Zoom Meeting

- <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/97865979201?pwd=cUxRT3RiNmVdK1E3eWQ2bWFXbEIMUT09>
- Meeting ID: 978 6597 9201
- Passcode: 454828

IPS Dance-A-Thon Grade 4 to 6

- 10:40am to 11:25am

Join Zoom Meeting

- <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/93422023137?pwd=N1pjNmYyM3lYRXF4TS9mY1QwdXZFQT09>
- Meeting ID: 934 2202 3137
- Passcode: 301067



Kindergarten Registration



February 2021 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, 2021
- 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 Chinese Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board](#)

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Chinese Heritage Month (CHM) during the month of February 2021. This year is the Year of the Ox: Loyal, Honest, Responsible, Hard-Working and Logical. Many Chinese Canadians will celebrate Lunar New Year on Friday, February 12. The 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 full moon of the lunar calendar 15 days later. Though celebrations will be altered this year because of the pandemic, the spirit and joyfulness will remain the same through virtual events and in-home family-based festivities. Further information about these initiatives are currently available on our official CHM site <https://bit.ly/2021CHM>