

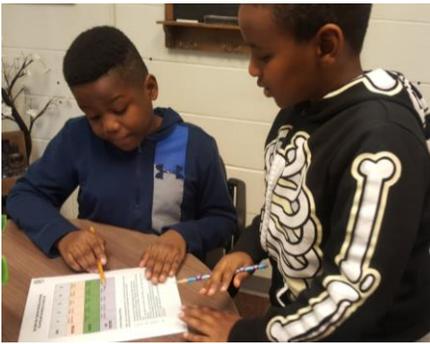


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**THE SMALLEST
ACT OF
KINDNESS IS
WORTH MORE
THAN THE
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INTENTION.**

- OSCAR WILDE



Monthly Newsletter December Edition

Farewell from Mrs. Emiliani

As many of you are now aware, I will be moving on to a new journey as the Principal of Humbercrest Public School, beginning January 7, 2019. Although this is a very exciting opportunity to which I very much look forward, it is with a heavy heart that I leave Islington JMS. IJMS is a school like no other, special in ways that I cannot encapsulate in mere words. The children, staff and families are among the most supportive, strong, unique and brilliant that I have ever had the honour to serve and to learn with and from in my career as an educator. I want to thank each and every one of you for making my journey at this school one of fond memories, deep learning and one of both personal and professional growth. A part of IJMS will always be with me and help guide my leadership in future endeavors. I wish all of our staff, students and community the very best. You will be deeply missed!





Community Police Liaison Committee



Invites you to attend our monthly meeting

**Islington Public School
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
7-8 p.m.**

This is a great opportunity for you to

1. Meet your neighbourhood officers personally.
2. Share any concerns.
3. Learn safety tips.

<https://www.22divisioncplc.ca/>



We will continue our pizza lunches into the new year and the dates have already been determined. The pizza order forms will be coming home on **Monday January 7, 2019** and they are to be returned on **Monday January 14, 2019**. We will be holding seven pizza lunches this term, from January until the March break.

The dates are below:

- JANUARY 23, 2019
- JANUARY 30, 2019
- FEBRUARY 6, 2019
- FEBRUARY 13, 2019
- FEBRUARY 20, 2019
- FEBRUARY 27, 2019
- MARCH 6, 2019



SCHOOL HOURS AND SUPERVISION

8:35 AM	Supervision in main schoolyard provided
8:50 AM	Entry Bell
10:05 - 10:15 AM	Recess
11:35 AM	Lunch
12:35 PM	Entry Bell
2:00 - 2:10 PM	Recess
3:10 PM	End of Instructional Day (Grade 6-8)
3:15 PM	End of Instructional Day (Kindergarten)
3:20 PM	End of Instructional Day (Grades 1 - 5)

The main schoolyard is supervised from 8:35a.m. - 8:55 a.m., each recess, and over the lunch hour each school day. The schoolyard is not supervised after 3:35 p.m. **We recommend that children not be in the schoolyard beyond the supervised times unless with a parent/guardian.**

ANOTHER FAMILY BREAKFAST ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2018!!!

Back by popular demand is our FAMILY BREAKFAST! We invite you all to come on Wednesday December 5, 2018, between the hours of 8:15am and 8:55am for a breakfast with in our large multi-purpose room. We will serve a variety of foods that include pancakes, frittata wraps, fruits, cereal and much more. Our last breakfast was a HUGE success and we hope to have a similar turn-out! We believe that a healthy, comprehensive breakfast in the morning, sets all students up for success. We also love sharing this meal with our families as we continue to make our school the Heart of the Community. We also want to thank all the amazing volunteers to give of their time to prepare and serve the breakfast.



EQUITY AND WELL BEING

PARENT WORKSHOPS AT OUR SCHOOL!

Our first parent workshops held on November 23rd and November 30th at 9:30am in our library was a great success! Parents identified the topic, “supporting our children with stress and worry” as an area of need. Our Toronto Public Health nurse and social worker co-facilitated a great discussion centred around strategies parents can use at home to support their children with stress and to build resiliency. Our parents have asked for another workshop before the holiday break and we want to accommodate their request. Our next workshop will happen on December 14, 2018 at 9:30am. You are welcome to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served.



GIRLS LEADERSHIP GROUP

Our GLG went to Copper-wood Trails on November 1, 2018. In their work with horses and other animals on the farm, they learned significant messages about the importance of self-awareness, self-confidence and love of self. We look forward to offering our students similar opportunities throughout the year.

OUR FAMILY WALL!

In our endeavour to make our school reflective of ALL our students and to make this school YOUR school, we have started building a “family wall” that features family portraits of our students and their caregivers, taken by our Photo Club on Curriculum Night. We are very proud of this space in our school and invite you come see it! We will continue adding portraits as we get more photos!



ACHIEVEMENT

We are happy to announce that once again, the *Kids Cops and Computers* Program was approved at our school and over twenty Grade 7 and 8 students received brand new HP laptops in November! This is a partnership that we are very proud of as it helps our students get access to the tools they will need for ultimate success in middle school and high school.

As a staff, we are currently examining our school's most recent Census data to identify student and parent perceptions about and experiences with our school. We are using this important data to drive our professional learning, program for our students and to engage in critical discussion about areas in which we are successfully serving all students and where we need to place greater effort in ensuring that everyone feels included, welcomed and respected as valuable members of our school community. We are using this data in our Math classes in order to have students understand its contents and to also enlist their voice in addressing what the data is telling us. For instance, many students identified that as they get older, they are less likely to report incidents of bullying because it is seen as "snitching". They suggested we provide greater education to students about the importance of reporting such incidents and they also recommended a "caring adult" initiative, under which students are formally assigned one adult in the school to whom they can go to for help, support and advice during times of need. We will take their recommendations and plan accordingly.



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Our next **School Council** meeting will be held on **Monday December 10, 2018** in the school library at 6:30pm.

We invite you all to join us and share your ideas and insights on how we can make our school even better!

We will discuss volunteering opportunities, methods for communicating with your children's teachers, funding of special programs/ initiatives and many more important items!

All Parent Council dates are included below for your information:

Monday December 10, 2018

Monday February 11, 2019

Monday April 15, 2019

Monday May 13, 2019



TEN FRANÇAIS!

Looking for fun ways to help your child practice French at home?

(1) Carmen Campagne - <http://cf.tfo.org/emissions/carmen/> - She was a popular Canadian singer and Children's Entertainer who has an educational and interactive website geared to children. Explore different areas of the website including read-alongs, interactive games and a section for parents. There are opportunities for your child to practice their French reading, speaking and comprehension skills while having fun!

(2) CBC Radio-Canada: Zone des petits - <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse/prescolaire> - This is a website for younger children which includes listening to animated stories and videos and playing interactive activities and games. Children have the opportunity to interact with familiar characters including PJ Masks, Super Wings, and many others.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentguidefrench.pdf>

BRING YOUR USED CRAYOLA MARKERS!



For the month of November, the ECO club has taken on recycling of used **Crayola markers**. Each classroom is given a bin in which to place the used markers. **Families, if you have markers at home, please feel to bring them in and place them in the bin located by the office.** At the end of the school year, we will take the bins to the Crayola factory for recycling.

The Grade 2 classes have done a great job contributing to ECO literacy. Ms. Capone's class used the design plan process to build bird feeders and place them in the front of the school. Some are still out there for you to see! Her students observe the feeders on a regular basis to see whether or not the birds will eat from the feeders. Ms. Brown's class learned about recycling and its impact on the environment, using critical literacy as the means for asking important questions about our carbon footprint. The students created musical instruments using recycled materials.

Islington has again applied for Platinum status. We will be working very hard to make changes to the way we treat our environment.

A SNOWY NIGHT CONCERT!

Islington JMS is proud to invite you all to our WINTER CONCERT!! The evening will showcase the musical talent of our students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Musical pieces will be performed by our choirs, our band and our string orchestras. We look forward to having you all there to share in the excitement and fun.

When: Thursday December 6, 2018

Time: 6:30pm

Location: School gym

Doors will open at 6:15pm. All are welcome to attend.



Athletics



This past month the senior girls were busy with basketball. They had a great time playing in their tournament, displaying teamwork and sportsmanship. Thanks to Mr. Del Bove for taking the time to coach them.

The junior boys were also busy at volleyball practices. They as well participated in their tournament here at Islington. They displayed great skill and learned a lot about perseverance. They finished 2nd at the end of the day. A big thank you to Ms. Watters for being their coach and good luck in the quarter finals, boys!

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Vice Principal: Simona Emiliani
Superintendent: Tracy Hayhurst
Trustee: Patrick Nunziata
Co-Chair: Alex Song
Co-Chair: Daman Thable

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Event	Date
December 5, 2018	Family Breakfast at 8:15am Grades 5-8 at Raptors 905 Game at Scotiabank Arena
December 6, 2018	Winter Concert at 6:30pm
December 7, 2018	PA Day – no school
December 10, 2018	Parent Council at 6:30pm
December 14, 2018	Parent Workshop at 9:30am
December 11, 2018	Dental Screening
December 20, 2018	Student of the Month Assembly
December 21, 2018	Last day of school
January 7, 2019	First day back at school



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