

# Islington Junior Middle School

Newsletter - June 2019 Edition



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## June: Perseverance

*Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another.*

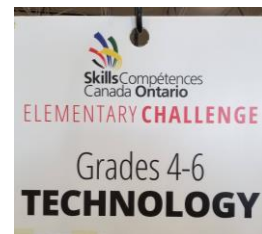
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Let's Talk Science Competition was held at McMaster University in Hamilton on May 7. Team Islington showed their science knowledge and skills with zeal!



Islington's Junior Skills Challenge Team competed on behalf of TDSB after winning at the City level. They moved on to the Provincial competition on May 6 and were bronze medalists! What STEAM power! See more inside...



## Principal's Message

It is difficult to believe that the end of the school year is fast approaching and almost here! We have made so many wonderful memories together this year and we will cherish them along with all the learning that happened as a result. I would like to formally thank my staff for their unwavering commitment to our students and their success, to our parents and caregivers for your enduring partnership with the school and to our entire community for helping to shape who our students are and who they can be.

The 2019-2020 school year at the TDSB begins on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, following the Labour Day long weekend. Please visit the link below for the next school year calendar, if you wish to plan ahead: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Calendar> I would like to invite the families of our graduating grade 8s to the celebration on Wednesday June 26th. Our Kindergarten graduation will be on Tuesday June 25th. We are looking forward to celebrating these special milestones and will be sending home correspondence with details about both. I wish you all a fun-filled, restful, productive, SAFE summer and, if your journey continues at Islington JMS, I look forward to welcoming you back in September! Here are some tips around summer fun and safety:

### SUN SAFE BEHAVIOUR

- Cover up: Even on days with a moderate UV index students should wear a hat and sunglasses.
- Stay cool: Students should stay in shady areas, particularly at midday.
- Use sunscreen: Choose sunscreens with SPF 15 or higher that include protection from both UVA and UVB rays.

### SUMMER AT THE TDSB!

#### **Continuing Education - Community Programs**

Registration is now open for Summer Learn4Life courses! Register at [www.learn4life.ca](http://www.learn4life.ca). Facebook.com/TDSBLearn4Life @TDSB\_ConEd

**Elementary Summer School** This summer, we are opening schools to help build reading, writing and math skills in students from K - Grade 8. Visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/summer](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/summer) for a complete list of participating schools.

**Continuing Education - Summer Music Camps** Add to your child's summer vacation with music camp. Through three unique programs – Summer Sounds, DownTown Summer Strings and Toronto Summer Music Camps – Grades 3-9. Registration is open now. For information, please visit [www.tdsbsummerncamps.ca](http://www.tdsbsummerncamps.ca)

**Continuing Education – Improve your English** This summer, adults can build literacy and English language skills. Adult ESL program is free for eligible learners. For more information, visit [www.ESLtoronto.ca](http://www.ESLtoronto.ca) or call 416-338-4300.

#### **Summer International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Programs**

Register your child in TDSB's half and full day international languages summer programs for students SK to Grade 8. Visit [www.ILPrograms.ca](http://www.ILPrograms.ca) for a complete list of participating schools and language classes.



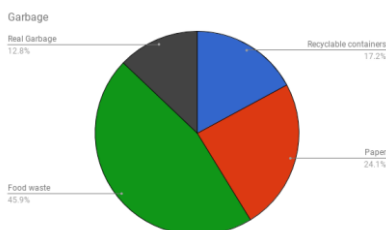
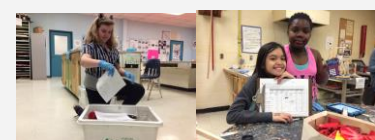
## Full STEAM Ahead

On May the 2nd a team of 11 grade 7 and 8 students ventured on the GO train to McMaster University in Hamilton to compete in the Let's Talk Science Competition. The competition consisted of a Science Gameshow Quiz and a design and building challenge. The day was a lot of fun and the students learned a lot about science....and public transportation!

On the 6th of May Benazir Khattak, Roxana Zou, Leo Lee, and Harshil Dipu travelled to the Skill Ontario Junior Skills competition to compete as representatives of our Learning Centre. The team designed and built a machine using pulleys which could be used to move sandbags in flooded regions. Their model's design and function won them 3rd place in the province! Congratulations!

## ECO News

On May 15th the waste crew performed a waste audit of our school's garbage, compost, and recycling bins. They randomly chose locations around the school and sorted the waste into their correct containers and weighed the results. They found similar results to the last years Waste Audit, particularly in the lunch rooms: there is too much food waste in the garbage. We hope that after sharing this information at the SOTM assembly and speaking with administration and caretakers we can work towards improving these results for next year. You can do it, Islington!!



## ATHLETICS



The **Senior Ultimate Frisbee** team competed at Swansea P.S. on May 16. Although they did not advance to the next round, the Islington team worked extremely well together and smashed all previous scoring records. Congratulations Panthers!

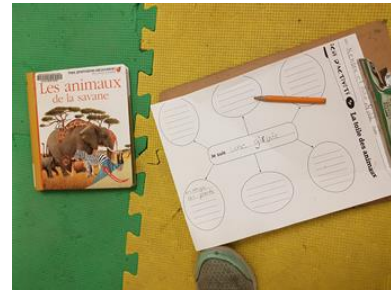
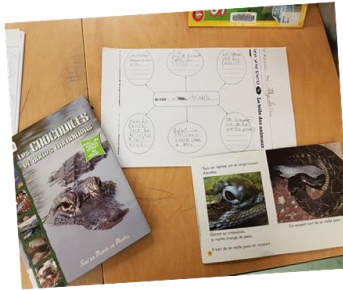
On May 21st the **Junior Ultimate Frisbee** team played their tournament at Castlebar School. They played four games in a row, and showed great ability, especially on defense. This year we had the most girls join the team ever which meant that there were only 4 boys playing on the team. Our team was made up almost entirely of grade 5 students, and they fought hard against some very tall grade 6 students. I hope to see them back next year for more frisbee fun!!

This year's **Track and Field** team had a great day at Centennial Stadium despite the gloomy and chilly weather. The team members which were mostly Grade 4 and 5 students, represented Islington well. Congratulations to all and good luck to Barin, Nekylah, Lazar and Raheel who are moving on to the Conference finals on June 3rd.





## De la classe de Monsieur Linforth 2<sup>e</sup> Année



Nous apprenons à ...

- Faire d'équivalence en mathématiques
- Montrer nos idées de différentes manières

**« Nous apprenons à lire des textes informatifs. Nous recherchons les informations des animaux sauvages. Nous recherchons en groupes. Chaque groupe a un animal différent. Nous avons trouvé des livres dans la bibliothèque. Nous avons utilisé les graphiques pour organiser les informations. Les animaux sont très intéressants.**

*The students in Mr. Linforth's Grade 2 class have been learning to show equivalence in Math. They are encouraged to push their thinking to be able to show their thinking in as many ways as possible.*

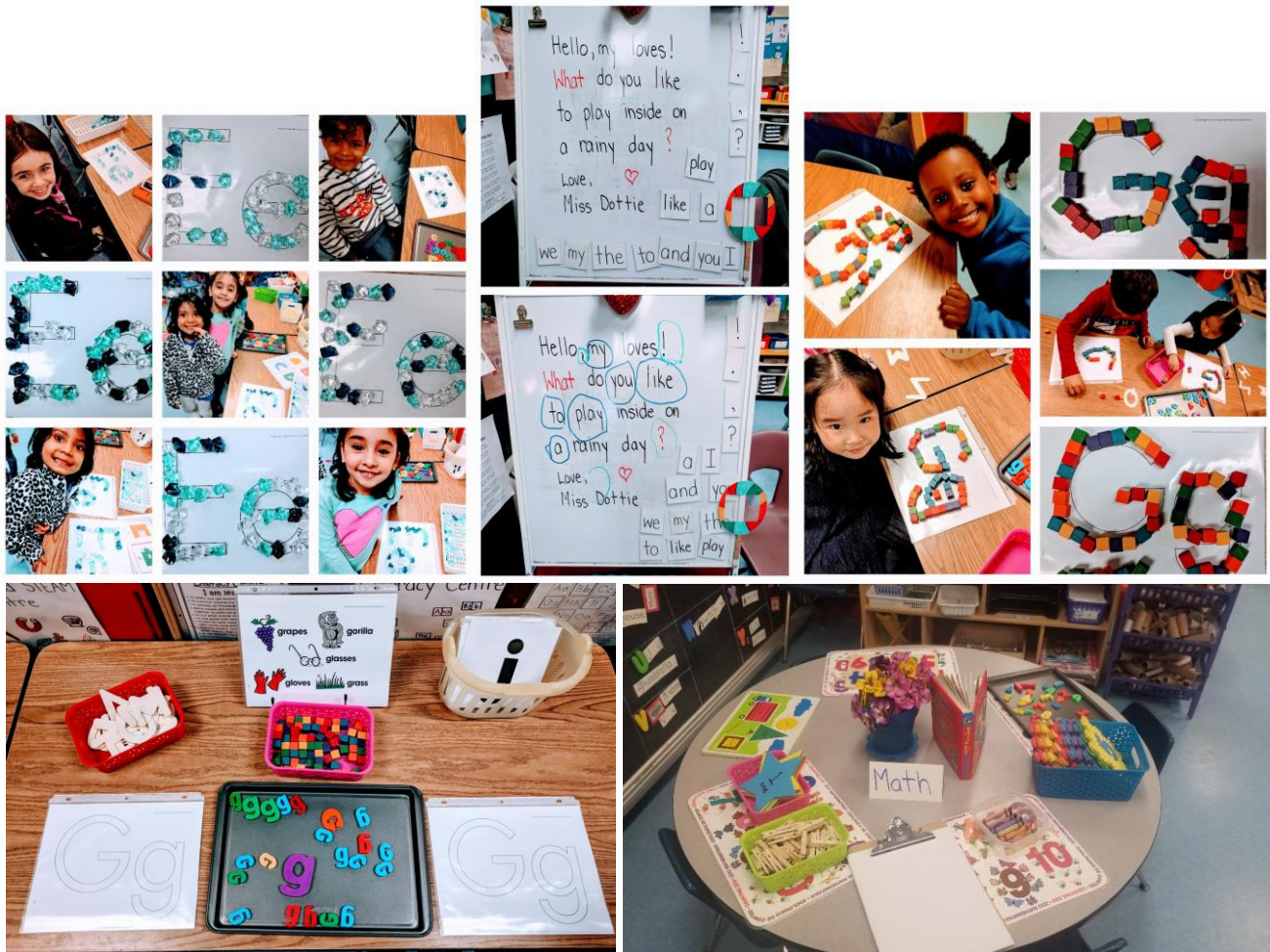
*"We are learning to read non-fiction texts from the library to learn about animals. We used graphic organizers to record our information."*



## WELL-BEING and EQUITY

Islington, along with the rest of TDSB, highlighted mental health and well-being during the week of May 6 – 10. Along with Student Ministry, we had Mental Health Monday announcements, Talk-o Tuesday to promote talking to someone about your problems, Wellness Wednesday where Intermediate students visited classes to discuss nutrition and healthy eating options. We played meditative music on Thoughtful Thursday when we had schoolwide quiet time for reflection, stretching, journaling etc. Finally, we wrapped up Friday with Fitness Friday when our PA system played lively music to get the whole school moving!! All these elements form a part of mental health and well-being that is a goal for students and staff alike – to keep us healthy, resilient and able to face the challenges that we encounter. We joined Fitness Friday with our WE Club who led Islington in WE Walk for Water, an initiative that raised funds to bring Fresh Water to communities around the world that do not have it.

# Kinder Corner



Here are some examples of the hands-on literacy activities that happen in Kindergarten classes.

Hands-on letter formation combines counting with directionality and letter-sound recognition.

The Poem of the Week, an element of Shared Reading, gives students a chance to be 'word detectives' and search for 'Lollipop Words' (high-frequency words). Our detectives also look for punctuation marks!! The Leaders of the Day take turns to lead the reading by pointing to each word as all classmates say or sing the poem, count words, count letters in words, etc.

This math table develops numeracy skills where students can count, label, manipulate parts, and identify shapes.



## Student Achievement:

During the month of May it is important to take the time to acknowledge and celebrate Asian Heritage Month. Did you know that more than 40% of TDSB students identify as an Asian? It is important to have the opportunity to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Asian Canadians with our classmates and teachers. This month, the theme of Asian Heritage Month is, "Let us surprise you. Learn who we are." The continent of Asia is a land of great political, economic, social, ethnic, cultural and religious diversity. They have a history that contains success and challenges. They have geniuses and many inventions that changed the world. This month we recognize all people whose ancestors came from: East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia.



*Thank you to the students of Ms. Kyprianou's class and Heritage Ministry for their article and informative presentation to the school at our monthly Student of the Month Assembly*

## Your School Council

– would like to thank you for making T-shirt purchases to support our school projects while building school spirit! Missed ordering? We are taking orders up to June 5. See above.

Get Your  
Islington T-Shirt!

Designed by our  
very own  
students

Orders to the  
office by June 5.  
Only \$15



## Pizza Days



We are happy to  
be able to offer  
pizza days once  
again.

Pizza Days for the  
remainder of the  
year are on the  
following  
WEDNESDAYS:

June 5  
12  
19  
26



Islington JMS is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. Sabrina's Law requires every school board to establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas.

We all must do our best to keep nuts out of the school and yard during the school day. There are children AND staff in the school who have life-threatening allergies to nut products. **For this reason, we will remain Food Sharing Free. We ask that parents do NOT send baked goods for parties.**



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**Main Office - 416-394-7870**

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## SCHOOL HOURS AND SUPERVISION

**Please arrive at school 8:35 – 8:50 to be on time for entry at 8:55.**

**Class begins at 8:55.**

<b>8:35 AM</b>	Supervision in main schoolyard provided
<b>8:50 AM</b>	Entry Bell
<b>8:55 AM</b>	Classes begin
<b>10:05 - 10:15 AM</b>	Recess
<b>11:35 AM</b>	Lunch
<b>12:35 PM</b>	Entry Bell
<b>2:00 - 2:10 PM</b>	Recess
<b>3:10 PM</b>	End of Instructional Day (Grade 6-8)
<b>3:15 PM</b>	End of Instructional Day (Kindergarten)
<b>3:20 PM</b>	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 before 8:35, or after 3:35 p.m. **We recommend that children not be in the schoolyard beyond the supervised times unless with a parent/guardian.**

## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Event	Date
Bike Rodeo for Grades 1 – 5, 10:15 – 11:35	Mon June 3
Sleeping Beauty Production for JK – 3/4	Tues June 4
Pizza Day and T-Shirt Orders due	Wed June 5
Blanche Neige (Snow White) Production for SK - 6	Thurs June 6
Career Day for Grades 7 and 8	Thurs June 6
PA Day – No School	Fri June 7
Move-a-thon pledge forms due	Mon June 10
Grade 8 Ottawa Trip	Wed June 12 – Fri June 14
Pizza Day	Wed June 12
Move-a-thon	Fri June 14
Pizza Day	Wed June 19
Student of the Month and Awards Assembly	Thurs June 20
Tribal Vision Dance for Grades 1- 8	Mon June 24
Kindergarten Graduation in the afternoon	Tues June 25
Report Cards home, Pizza Day & Gr 8 Graduation	Wed June 26
Last Day of School	Thurs June 27
PA Day – No School	Fri June 28