



Islington

Junior Middle School

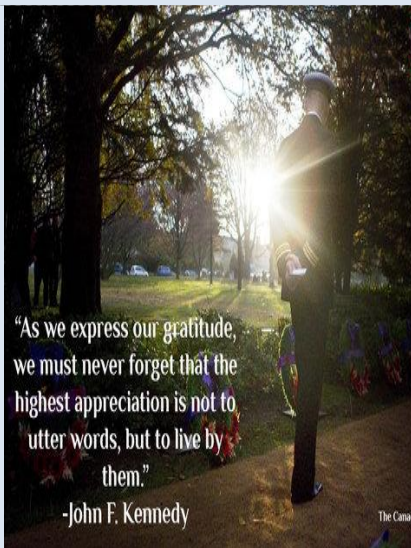
November 2018



Monthly Newsletter November Edition



Remembrance



"As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by
them."

-John F. Kennedy

Principal's Message



We have had a wonderful October at Islington JMS, filled with amazing learning opportunities, both in and outside the classroom. Take a moment to read this newsletter and learn about all the exciting programs and initiatives happening at the school. If you would like to contribute ideas and insights, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, the office or, to attend our parent council meetings. This past month, we celebrated Islamic Heritage Month and Somali Heritage Month at the TDSB. Our students participated actively in this important celebration. We look forward to learning more about November as Aboriginal Education month. This month provides an opportunity to centre Indigenous perspectives, histories and contemporary realities across the curricula.

In our classrooms, we focus on treaties, the legacy of residential schools, as well as the achievements and accomplishments of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Over the course of this month, students, staff and community members will be recognizing a number of important days to deepen knowledge and learn together about our shared history, building stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. We invite you to our annual Remembrance Day assembly on November 12 at 10:00am in our school gym. Our intermediate students worked with a local artist to design a Remembrance Day mural that celebrates a diversity of war heroes. This can be seen outside the gym wall. We are continuing to shape our school goals in Equity, Achievement and Wellbeing and we are embarking on a number of initiatives, including professional learning for our teachers in order to obtain those goals. We encourage you to ask your children about what they are learning, what questions they are asking and what mindset they are using. Wishing everyone a wonderful November!

School Advisory Council (SAC) wants you!

Attending the SAC meetings is a great way for us to get your input and let you know about specific volunteering opportunities. This year meetings are scheduled for **November 12, December 10, February 11, April 15, May 13** from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the school library. November's meeting will focus on updates about the school's master plan and identifying SAC priorities for this year including fundraising initiatives. More detailed information about the meeting will be posted closer to the date on the school website.

Volunteer opportunities: We are currently seeking volunteers to help with the daily nutrition program between 8:00am and 9:30am. There may be a need for additional volunteers that could help between 7:30am and 9:30am on Wednesday mornings with a weekly breakfast program that is in development. Interested volunteers should contact the main office at 416-394-7870.



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
3:10pm	End of Instructional Day (Grades 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 3:30 p.m. **We recommend that children not be in the schoolyard beyond the supervised times unless with a parent/guardian.**

FAMILY BREAKFAST AT OUR SCHOOL!

Our school recently received a grant from *President's Choice* for a Breakfast program! This is different from our daily Nutrition Program. It sets out to offer a morning breakfast to students in order to set them up for success in class. On November 7th, we will hold our FIRST breakfast and we will invite families/parents to join us. It will begin at 8:15am in the large multi-purpose room. The menu will include eggs, veggies, fruits and juices. All are welcome to attend. Our parent volunteers, along with ECI students will help with the preps and the serving! The objective is to get this going about once a week – **we are currently working with our parent council to recruit more volunteers!**

KIDS HAVE STRESS TOO! WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Partnering with our parents for the health and wellbeing of our students, is a big priority for us!

Our parent community has expressed an interest in participating in parent workshops held by Toronto Public Health on topics that support their children. The first of these workshops will be held on **November 23, 2018**, in the school music room at 9:15am. We look forward to seeing many of you there, right after you drop off your children for school!

EQUITY AND WELL BEING



In celebration of Somali Heritage Month in October, a number of our Grade 7 and 8 students attended a conference at Kipling Collegiate Institute on October 25, 2018.

The panelists were young adults of Somalian culture who engaged younger students in an inspirational dialogue about educational and personal success.

They explored topics such as how they navigated the Western culture and their Somalian culture which sometimes were conflicting and how they steered through it successfully. They also visited a Marketplace for the students to browse and network. They saw different career paths, different job opportunities, and other such bridges that will lead them to continued success.

PLAYGROUND ACTIVITY LEADERS IN SCHOOLS (PALS)

The PALS program is back! This program, facilitated by our teachers in partnership with TPH, trains junior students to run fun and safe activities for our younger (grade 1 – 3) students during recess times. The program intends to reduce conflict during recess and to provide an inclusive structure for all students to take part in collaborative play. It is also a wonderful leadership opportunity for our junior students who run the games. Look out for them in bright red pinnies in the school yard!



ACHIEVEMENT



As a school, we continue to place emphasis on the development of global competencies to ensure that our students have the transferrable skills they will require for a future that is difficult for us to predict. These competencies include: Critical thinking/problem solving, Citizenship, Communication, Collaboration, Creativity/Inquiry and Entrepreneurship. Our primary students are working with computer programming through coding applications. Our intermediate students are currently working on inquiry projects that tie together Mathematics and social awareness.



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NEW WARD BOUNDARIES

On Dec. 1, 2018, new ward boundaries will come into effect for the **Toronto District School Board**.

These changes are a result of the Government of Ontario's decision to reduce Toronto City Council from 47 to 25 councillors and realign the City of Toronto's ward electoral boundaries to reflect provincial electoral ridings. By law, the TDSB is required to align its ward electoral boundaries with the City's.

We congratulate and look forward to working with new Ward 3 trustee, Patrick Nunziata.

To view the new map and to see which schools will belong to each ward, please visit New Ward Boundaries on tdsb.on.ca at

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Municipal-Election-2018/New-Ward-Boundaries>

PLEASE CALL IN!



A kind reminder from our office staff: If you know that you are picking up your child early from school, please write a note in their agenda or call the school so that we can have them ready for you at the designated time. Also, to avoid students waiting in the office for prolonged periods, please ensure that they are picked up at the designated time specified in the agenda or on the phone. Thank you for your support with ensuring efficiency and minimal disruption to our learning programs.

EN FRANÇAIS!

Un groupe d'élèves aime toujours 'faire cuire des gâteaux' et 'faire de la crème glacée' au bac à sable pendant nos activités en plein air. Nous avons transporté l'idée de la mesure et de faire des mélanges ou des préparations à la salle de classe en faisant trois lots de pâte à modeler. Nous avons suivi une recette et mesuré les ingrédients soigneusement. Après, nous avons encore utilisé des tasses pour mesurer 15 morceaux de taille égale de chaque couleur de pâte. De cette façon, tous les élèves ont apporté de la pâte à modeler chez eux.

A group of students consistently enjoy 'baking cakes' and 'making ice cream' in the sandbox during outdoor play. We brought the idea of measurement and creating mixtures inside by making three batches of play dough. We followed a recipe and measured our ingredients carefully. We then used cups again to measure 15 equal-sized pieces of each colour so that students could bring some play dough home.



FREE AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP AND ACTIVITIES IN FRENCH

WHERE: RUNNYMEDE PUBLIC LIBRARY (2178 BLOOR ST. W)

WHEN: EVERY THURSDAY IN THE PROGRAM ROOM FROM 4PM TO 6:15PM (45 MIN SESSIONS EACH DAY AT 4PM, 4:45PM AND 5:30PM)

SESSIONS: OCT. 25, NOV. 1, NOV. 8, NOV. 15, NOV. 22, NOV. 29, DEC. 6

CONTACT & REGISTER: (416) 393-7697 RUNNYMEDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ECO NEWS

The Eco club has started up again for an exciting new year. We have worked hard to keep our school and community clean. Islington is proud to be awarded Platinum this year again. We have had our first meeting of the year in which several students from different grades joined and will help our school continue to maintain an Eco-friendly environment.

Our Boomerang lunch week was a success. From October 15th to 19th students were asked to bring all the garbage home from their lunches. This included all packaging and food waste. By initiating a waste-free, Boomerang lunch program, schools can work with families to support the environment. Also, by doing this, families can see which of the food being sent each day is actually been eaten.

Our ECO kick off assembly was held on Wednesday October 17th, 2018. Students participated in a game show that tested their knowledge on environmental education. It was good to know that the majority of our students are excited about eliminating waste from their lunches, walking to school, and making our community a better place to live.



Athletics



We want to THANK and congratulate our junior boys soccer team for taking Islington JMS to the western quarter finals and demonstrating great sportsmanship in the process, coached by Monsier Sanogo and parent Mr. Song.

A shout-out also goes out to our co-ed flag football team who also participated in a successful tournament two weeks ago, coached by Ms. Grossi and Mr. Del Bove.

Congratulations to all the Islington JMS students who participated in cross country finals. We are so proud of you and we thank Ms. Henning, Ms. Sena, Ms. Baker and Mr. Del Bove for dedicating their time to coaching this team.

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Superintendent: Tracy Hayhurst
Trustee: Pamela Gough
Co-Chair: Alex Song
Co-Chair: Daman Thable-Ray

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Event	Date
Family Breakfast at 8:15am	November 7, 2018
Grade 7s at Albion Hills	November 7 – 9, 2018
Interview forms come home	November 7, 2018
Interview forms returned	November 9, 2018
Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:00am in gym	November 12, 2018
Progress Reports go home	November 14, 2018
Photo Retake Day	November 15, 2018
Interviews with teachers	November 15 (evening), 16(morning), 2018
PA Day	November 16, 2018
SOTM Assembly	November 30, 2018



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