



Islington Junior Middle School

October 2018



Monthly Newsletter October Edition



Inside

Everything you need to know to support your children with a successful start to the school year!

“Education is not the learning of facts but the training of the mind to THINK.”

- Albert Einstein

Principal's Message



We had a great start to our year, with many exciting initiatives under way! We would like to thank all of our parents and community members who came to our Curriculum Night BBQ. We enjoyed meeting you all and we look forward to a continued partnership in the education of your child. I would like to invite our parents/guardians to our first Parent Council meeting on October 15, 2018 at **6:00pm** for our council elections. If you would like to be one of the fifteen voting members on council, be sure to fill out a candidate form, given to



your child on September 28 and to be returned to our school office (either in person or via email) by October 12 at 4:00pm.

In the TDSB, October marks **Islamic Heritage Month**, an opportunity for students and staff to learn about the history, heritage and diversity of our Muslim fellow Canadians. We look forward to celebrating this throughout the month and at our Student of the Month assembly on October 26, 2018, to which you are invited.

We are also excited to offer our Grade 7 students the opportunity to visit Albion Hills from November 7 - 9, for a great adventure in outdoor education and team-building. Please continue to remind your children about the importance of coming to school prepared, ready to learn and ready to demonstrate respect for themselves, their peers, teachers and their environment. We look forward to a wonderful month of inquiring, exploring and learning!

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM (HPEC)

As you may know, the Ministry of Education recently directed all school boards across the province to use the re-issued 2010 HPEC as of this September. The Ministry of Education has the right to set curriculum for Ontario students. You can learn about the re-issued 2010 HPEC (Grades 1-8) by visiting the Ministry's 2010 HPEC-Grades 1-8. Based on a preliminary review of the re-issued 2010 HPEC (Grades 1-8) by Board staff, while the wording may be different than the 2015 curriculum, the 2010 curriculum still contains many critically important topics. However, some areas of the 2015 version may not be specifically included or included but at a different grade level.

Should you have any questions or concerns about how the curriculum will be or is being taught in your child's classroom, we encourage you to speak with your child's teacher. In rare instances we recommend parents follow the TDSB Parent Concern Protocol which may involve sharing your concerns with the school's Principal or Superintendent.



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.**



PIZZA LUNCHES AND NUTRITION PROGRAM!

Upon popular request, Islington JMS will once again host weekly pizza lunches this year.

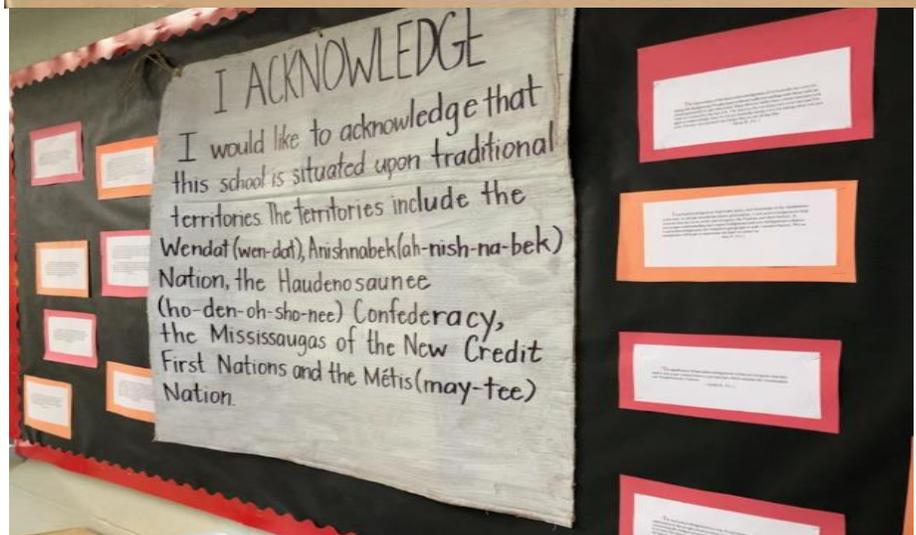
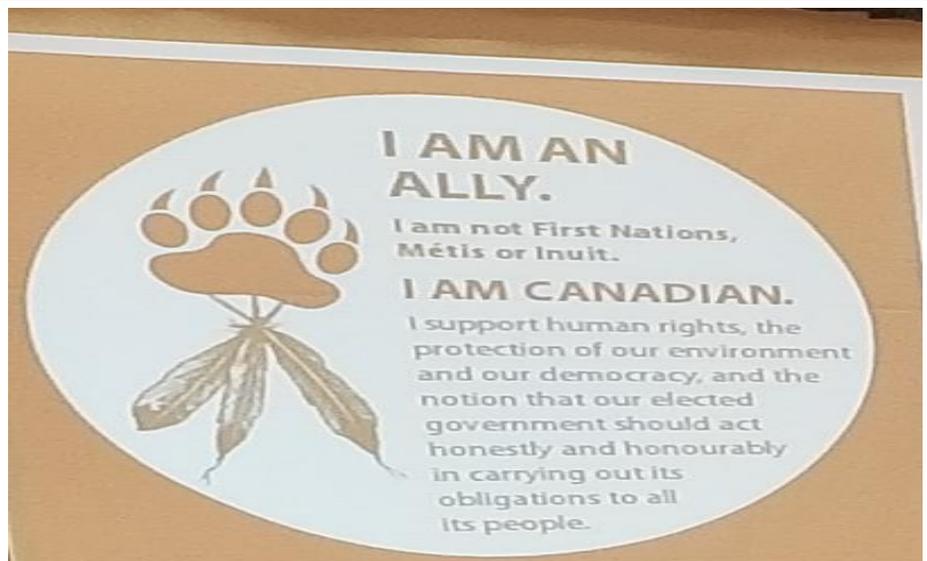
The pizza lunch dates for the September - December term are

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 21, 28

December 5, 12, 19

Our daily nutrition program will begin on October 9 for our kindergarten to grade 3 students and on October 15 for the rest of the school. Our snacks are prepared by our community members and they are in accordance with the Canada Food Guide. They are healthy, nutritious, FREE and available to ALL students.

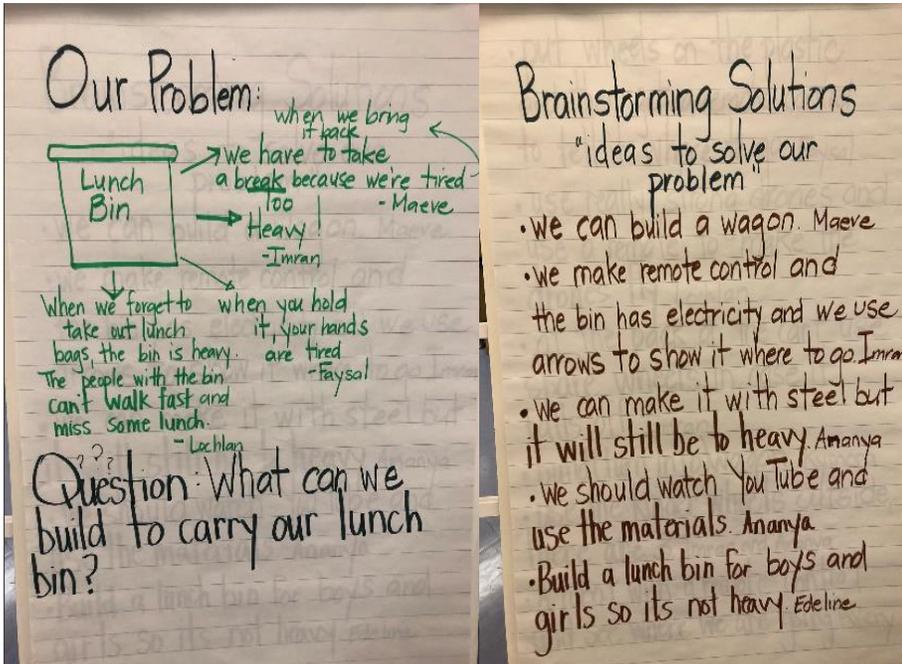


EQUITY AND WELL BEING

Our school is doing lots of work around student well-being and equity. In September, we celebrated the character trait of respect and our students learned about how respect is connected to our identities – cultural, racial, class, gender etc. and that, everyone deserves to be in a school where our identities are respected and celebrated. Through Orange Shirt Day, we talked about the experiences of Indigenous children in residential schooling and that, although this was a sad time in Canadian history, we MUST learn from it. Many of our classes are studying *Truth and Reconciliation* and determining what specific actions we can take individually and collectively to forge a new relationship with First Nations Peoples.

We are looking forward to celebrating Islamic Heritage Month in October! Our staff will be participating in a community walk on the October 5th PA day, during which we will visit various places in the community (including faith institutions) to explore how knowing our community makes us better educators, more equipped to create spaces in our classrooms and school that promote peace and inclusion.

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. In all grades, students are engaging in inquiries, both in and outside the classroom that require them to ask questions, plan, explore, design solutions, test their solutions and reflect on this process. The emphasis is increasingly on the PROCESS of learning rather than just on the PRODUCT (or the final mark awarded by the teacher). Our Kindergartens to Grade 2 students are currently using computer applications to learn computer coding and robotics. Our junior and intermediate students are engaging in this learning through our maker space lab as well as in other subject areas such as the Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, French, Health and many more!



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Attendance

Regular attendance is necessary to make progress at school. If your child is absent, the following actions need to be taken:

- 1 If a student is absent from school the whole day or part of a day, the parent should telephone the school prior to 8:30 in the morning or 12:30 in the afternoon, thus ensuring safe arrival. The telephone number is **416-394-7874**. A note from a parent communicating the child's absence is also acceptable.
- 2 If a student is to be excused during the school day, the parent or guardian should send a note to school with the student explaining the circumstance **and** the parent may telephone the school.

Students will not be excused from school without parental consent. Notes should include date(s) of absence and parent's or guardian's signature.

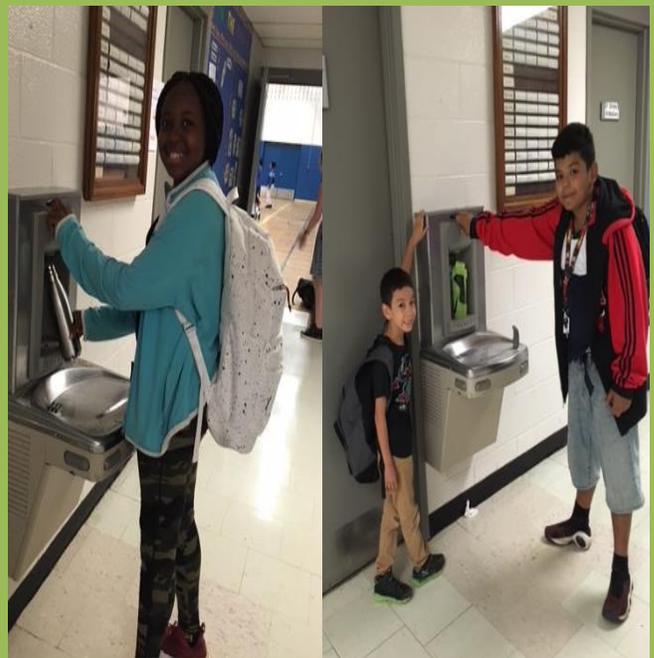
ECO NEWS

Get ready to be **WASTE FREE!**

October 15-21 is Waste Reduction Week. Please prepare to bring waste-free lunches, as we will be having "Boomerang Lunches" every day that week. This means that students will be bringing any garbage from their lunches home instead of throwing out garbage from their lunch at school. We hope this encourages families to consider packing lunch in reusable containers.

Also, we encourage re-usable water bottles, which students can refill easily at our water refilling station located just outside the gym. Check out these eco-friendly kids filling their bottles!

Eco Club



EN FRANÇAIS

Applications to the Early French Immersion program are made the year your child is in Junior Kindergarten (or is of Junior Kindergarten age) for entry in Senior Kindergarten. It is an entirely online process. **All communication will be sent via the email address you provide.** Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders.

Please visit the application site
www.tdsb.on.ca/pars.

- You will need your child's date of birth and OEN. The OEN is a 9-digit number found on any report card from the TDSB
- Please select the Early Immersion Program (SK) from the drop-down menu, and complete the application process

IMPORTANT DATES!

Application process opens: Monday, October 29, 2018

Deadline for applications: Monday, November 26, 2018



If you missed the chance to buy a CD of our AMAZING school-wide performance of *The Wizard of Oz*, NOT TO WORRY! We still have a number of CDs available for purchase at the school.

Each CD costs \$5.00. Please see the office for instructions on how to purchase. Keep the memory of your children's wonderful performance.

CHOICES FOR NINE!!



Our *Choices for Nine* information evening will be on **Wednesday October 10, 2018** in the Library at 6:00pm. Our school Guidance Counsellor, Leigh Doucet, will be facilitating the presentation and will address any questions regarding the high school transition for our Grade 8 students.

Below, please find the link to our High School Open House dates. Feel free to visit the high schools you and your child might be interested in during these times. If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact Leigh Doucet at:
leigh.doucet@tdsb.on.ca

Cross Country

Our Grades 1 – 8 students will be participating at the annual Cross Country meet on October 4, 2018, at Centennial Park.

The students will depart at 9:15 am sharp, by school bus for Centennial Park (256 Centennial Park Rd.)

Parents are welcome to meet us at the park to watch, support and cheer on the runners. You will have to scan the crowd and look for our bright Islington pinnies/shirts to locate us!

Students will still be running if it rains. If there are thunderstorms in the forecast, then the meet may be cancelled and rescheduled.

We wish our teams all the best for a successful run!



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Superintendent: Tracy Hayhurst
Trustee: Pamela Gough
Chair: Alex Song
Co-Chair: Surer Osoble

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE!

Event	Date
Cross Country Meet	October 4, 2018
PA Day (no school)	October 5, 2018
Thanksgiving Day (no school)	October 8, 2018
Choices for Nine	October 10, 2018 at 6:00pm
Parent Council	October 15, 2018 at 6:00pm
Photo Day	October 18, 2018
Student of Month	October 26, 2018



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