

# Island Breeze



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End-of-January 2018

Dear Island Public School Families:

It is hard to believe we are at the end of January marking the halfway point in the school year! The month of January's character trait was 'Teamwork'. Our students, parents and staff continue to demonstrate teamwork each day as we all work together to ensure student success and a positive school environment! Prior to the winter break, our students and staff came together over the last week of December to create beautiful cards to attach to baked cookies for all of the Senior's on the Island ☺ This outreach is an incredible way to show our appreciation of being a part of the Island community. I have received several thank you notes from these residents. For the month of February we will be focusing on the character trait, 'Fairness'.

Our first term of school is drawing to a close and we are approaching the halfway mark of this school year. On Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> all students will take their report cards home to share with their families. Grade 1 to 6 students' report card will continue to communicate your child's learning strengths, areas of needs and possible next steps for improvement as it relates to achievement of the curriculum expectations for each subject area and their achievement of the learning skills and work habits. Please discuss the Report Card with your child and pay close attention to the 'Learning Skills' on the Report Card. Kindergarten students will receive a *Communication of Learning* report outlining their key learning, growth in learning and next steps for learning in the four areas of the Kindergarten Program.

Scott Woolford, Principal

## **School Office Hours During Revised Ferry Schedule**

**9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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. 2 - Inspirational Math Sharing Assembly**
- **Feb. 7 – Canada Winter Walk To School**
- **Feb. 13 – Report Cards Go Home (Term 1)**
- **Feb. 14 – Dance-A-Thon**
- **Feb. 15 – Teacher/Parent Interviews (Evening)**
- **Feb. 16 – Teacher/Parent Interviews (Morning) – School Closed & Family Ski Day**
- **Feb. 19 – Family Day – School Closed**
- **Feb. 26 – Start of IPS Spirit Days**

## **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.

## **REMINDER - IPS Parent Volunteers**

As always, we welcome all volunteers into the school. If you have had a police check completed, please see Ms. Mac in the office to complete your annual offence declaration. If you need to have a police check completed, please contact the school office for the necessary paperwork or speak with Mr. Woolford at the docks Monday mornings. In order to volunteer with children in the school, you must have a current TDSB approved police check. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr. Woolford.



## 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 and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -28C and -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. This results in a school closure for that day.

Parents can access information via the websites and on news stations.



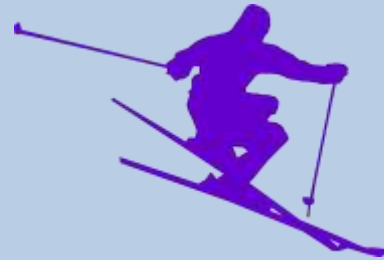
**Board-wide P.A. Day**  
**Friday, February 16, 2018**  
**Schools Closed**

## **IPS School Council Event**

Check out the website for registration info:

<http://www.ipsschoolcouncil.com/>

**Family Fun Ski Day**  
**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Horseshoe Valley Resort**



## **Kindergarten Registration**

February 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 Toronto District School Board. 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, 2018.
- If your child is currently registered and attending Junior Kindergarten, you do not need to register again.

**When registering at the school, please bring the following information about your child:**

1. **Age** (a birth certificate or passport)
  2. **Ontario Health Card (OHIP)**
  3. **Address** (two pieces of identification that show your address, such as a telephone bill, utility bill etc.)
  4. **Immunization card** (the card listing the needles your child has received).
- ✓ **Please contact the school at 416-393-1920 for further information or to make an appointment.**
  - ✓ **Online registration begins February 1, 2018 – Click link: [2018-19 Kindergarten Registration Information](#)**



**Dance Your Heart Out**  
**Dance-A-Thon**



It's time for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dance-A-Thon fundraiser! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day! Students are encouraged to dress in **RED & WHITE!** **The Dance-A-Thon will take place on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.** Proceeds from the Dance-A-Thon will go towards the Year-end Grade 5 & 6 Trip to Ottawa. Last year's dance-a-thon proceeds went to the Grade 3 to 6 Right to Play "Play Your Part" Leadership Program and the Kindergarten to Grade 2 new Outdoor Classroom area.

**Here is how the Dance-a-Thon will work:**

- 1) Students have received a Dance-A-Thon Info Package which will include a pledge sheet and envelope.
- 2) Encourage friends, family, co-workers and neighbour's to sponsor your child by making a donation in support of the school using the pledge sheet provided. Please DO NOT canvas door to door. Have fun collecting pledges!
- 3) Prior to Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, total your child's donations. Please make cheque(s) payable to Island Public School c/o Dance-A-Thon. The deadline to return pledge forms is Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please place cheque(s) and/or cash in the envelope provided. Don't forget to fill out the front of the envelope fully and include the pledge sheet which will be provided.
- 4) On the day of the Dance-A-Thon each grade group will dance approximately one hour. In keeping with our theme, students are encouraged to come dressed in **RED & WHITE!**
- 5) **Parents wishing to join their child class for the Dance-A-Thon are welcome! Please review the schedule!**

**Dance-A-Thon Schedule for Parents to Join**

Grade Group	Dance Time	Ferry Time from Wards	School Bus from Wards
Grade 1 & 2	9:30am to 10:30am	9:10am	9:25am
Kindergarten & Daycare	10:30am to 11:30am	10:00am	10:15am
Grade 3 to 6	1:00pm to 2:00pm	12:30pm	12:45pm
School-wide Classroom Dance	2:30pm to 3:00pm		

- 6) Classes will be provided with a Music Picks List to choose some dance tunes.
- 7) Prizes awarded for fundraising – every \$40 fundraised students may choose from one of three different Pledge Prize Gift Cards! Siblings may "pool" their donations together to get a prize to share.

**PLEDGE PRIZE GIFT CARDS CHOICES**

**\$10 Tim Horton's**

**\$10 Toys R Us**

**\$10 Cineplex Odeon**

**Students can choose from any one prize for every \$40 fundraised!!!**

**Siblings may "pool" their donations together to get a prize to share!!!**

**Fundraising Packages have been sent home with students 😊**



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We are environmental stewards working hard to learn, practice, and teach habits for the betterment of our environment and our world for the future . . .



## IPSS is now a Platinum Status ecoschool!

In case you haven't yet heard our exciting news, we're happy to share it again –the Island School is now a **Platinum ecoschool** –the *highest status possible*, and one that only 1/5 of all Toronto schools have achieved! Thank-you to every student, parent and staff member who helped contribute to this worthy goal.

## Waste Reduction: Glows and Grows

As you know, one of our big initiatives at IPS is Waste Reduction, and specifically, to get food waste out of the landfill stream. Compost in landfill wreaks a surprising amount of havoc –contributing to toxic leachate in the soil, and toxic gas (methane) into the atmosphere. Here's a short video that explains this concept in kid-friendly language.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHYzRaepMw>

**The Good News (the GLOW)** is that in two waste audits, done in November 2016 and November 2017, our waste reduction was significant –from 8kg to 2 kg.

**The Challenge (the GROW)** is that almost 75% of our waste stream was still composed of FOOD WASTE. We still have a little way to go. The Ekokids would love to see our Waste Stream with 0% food waste by June, 2018. Does that seem like a goal we can achieve?

## Stay tuned for...Waste-Free Lunches!

**Mark your Calendar!** The Parent-Eco-Team will be presenting for the FIRST TIME at the February School Council Meeting: **Tuesday, February 13th at LONGO's**. Please attend as we present a school-wide-super-cool initiative to support Suzuki's Buyerarchy of Needs.

## How can I help?

> **Please continue** to use (or increase your use of) REUSABLE containers in your child's lunch. Here's one source, [www.ukonserve.com](http://www.ukonserve.com) but there are many, many more.

> **Please continue** to pack reusable water bottles –**Just Say No** to single use plastic drink containers, and if you haven't yet, buy an IPS-water bottle for your child, . . .and yourself!

> **Please consider** joining the Summer Watering Team –to help us water our trees, our pollinator garden, and the 3 Sisters Garden planned for Spring.



> **Please consider** this *Buyerarchy of Needs* from David Suzuki's *Queen of Green*

Together - we are definitely better!