

Island Breeze



The Newsletter of
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Dear Island Public School Families:

On Ground Hog Day, February 2nd Wiarton Willie did see his shadow which meant six more weeks of winter; we continue to encourage students to wear appropriate outdoor clothing! Students at IPS continually strive to create good questions through their own predictions and observations! Student-led inquiry leads to more questions than answers – sparking student voice and interest to lead the way! For the month of February our Character Trait has focused on 'Fairness'.

Just a reminder: On Friday, February 16th school is closed due to a P.A. Day for Teacher-Parent Conferences. This past week we sent home Term One Grade 1 to 6 report cards and the Kindergarten Communication of Learning. We also held a successful Dance-A-Thon on Valentine's Day – please return your pledge envelopes to help get the Grade 5 & 6 students to Ottawa! On behalf of the IPS staff we wish you a safe and enjoyable long Family Day weekend!

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. 15 – Girls Volleyball Tournament
- Feb. 15 – Teacher/Parent Interviews (Evening)
- Feb. 16 – Teacher/Parent Interviews (Morning) – School Closed & Family Ski Day
- Feb. 19 – Family Day – School Closed
- Feb. 23 – Gr. 5/6 Science Centre Class Trip
- Feb. 26 – Start of IPS Spirit Days
- Feb. 28 – Walk to School; Splash 'n' Boots K-Gr. 2 Class Trip
- March 12 to 16 – March Break Holiday – School Closed
- March 21, 22 & 23 – Sheldon Outdoor Ed Trip – Gr. 5 & 6

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
Parent Interviews

IPS School Council **Event**

Check out the website:

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

Family Fun Ski Day
Friday, Feb. 16th
Horseshoe Valley Resort



FERRY DOCK DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP STUDENT ROUTINE

As you know ALL Island Public School Parents/Guardians must show the IPS Parent Access Card in order to be given permission to temporarily enter the ferry docks compound for drop-off and/or pick-up of students.

Families were provided with two access cards.

In addition, you may also take a picture of the card and upload it to your cell phone to show when requested.

Thank you for continued support.

