

# Island Breeze



The Newsletter of  
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Dear Island Public School Families:

I would like to start off by sending out congratulations to our Boys and Girls Soccer teams! Each group played incredibly well! A special mention to the Boys Soccer team who was recognized publicly at the tournament as the most RESPECTFUL team ☺ Also a big congratulations to all the students who participated in cross country and to the five students who qualified to move forward (Julianna, Kennedy, Kaylee, Safina & Tyler). Our Responsibility Assembly invited classes and students to share what Responsibility looks-like, sounds-like and feels-like. Students will continue to focus on how they can actively demonstrate responsibility!

Hallowe'en is around the corner! Please read through the Halloween Activity & Safety Tip Information regarding costume choice and celebration food! Other items in this newsletter include Winter Ferry Schedule Information, New Ward Boundaries and TDSB French Program Information.

**Looking Ahead** - On Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, students and staff at our school will mark Remembrance Day with classroom activities and a school assembly. During Remembrance Day, our teachers make connections between global events and students' lives by promoting peace within our school community. On this solemn occasion, our staff, students, parents, and the wider community all join together in a call for peace. Parents wishing to attend, please contact the school office for details.

Scott Woolford, Principal

**School Office Hours**  
**8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Monday to Thursday**  
**(to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays)**

### **A Glance Ahead**

- **Oct. 22 – Photo Day (Retake Day TBD)**
- **Oct. 24 – Take Me Outside Day**
- **Oct. 29 to 31 - We Scare Hunger Food Drive**
- **Oct. 31 – Halloween Celebrations**
- **Nov. 9 – Remembrance Day Assembly**
- **Nov. 13 – Grade 1 to 6 Progress Reports & Kindergarten Initial Observation Reports Go Home**
- **Nov. 15 – Parent Interviews (Evening)**
- **Nov. 16 – Parent Interviews (Morning only) No School**

### **Safe Arrival**

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.

### **Alternative Arrangements for Pick-up**

If there are alternative arrangements for your child's dismissal or pick up, please send a note with your child.

### **IPS Parent Volunteers**

As always, we welcome all volunteers into the school. If you have had a police check completed, we will let you know when the best time to visit 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. 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 ☺

## 2018 Winter Fall Ferry Schedule & Student Departure and Arrival Information

### Winter Schedule Information: Beginning Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### City-side Students: Grade 1 to 6

- Please meet the Travel Safety Assistants at 8:15am to board the 8:30am ferry to Ward's Island
- Travel Safety Assistants will be at the ferry docks beginning at 8:15am to greet students
- At the end of the day, Grade 1 to 6 students will take the 4:15pm ferry from Ward's Island to the city-side ferry docks and arrive by 4:30pm. Parents are to arrive at the city-side ferry docks no later than 4:45pm to meet students

#### City-side Kindergarten Students

- Please meet the Travel Safety Assistants by 8:50am to board the 9:00am ferry to Ward's Island
- Travel Safety Assistants will be at the ferry docks beginning at 8:30am to greet students
- At the end of the day, kindergarten students will take the 3:45pm ferry from Ward's Island to the city-side ferry docks and arrive by 4:00pm. Parents are to arrive at the city side ferry docks to meet students no later than 4:30pm.

#### All Island-side Students (Kindergarten to Grade 6)

- Students are welcome to begin to board the school bus by 8:45am at Ward's Island Ferry Docks
- The school bus will leave once the Grade 1 to 6 City-side students arrive at Ward's Island Ferry Docks @ 8:45am
- At the end of the day, Island-side parents are to meet students at Ward's Island ferry dock by 4:00pm

### The Bondar Photography Challenge 2.0

IPS is once again fortunate to have partnered and joined with The Roberta Bondar Foundation's challenge to "*Connect with the Natural Environment*" through photography. Students will be encouraged to look carefully at their surroundings during the three changing seasons using point & shoot cameras to capture what they see in the natural world. Last year students highlighted their photographs at our Annual Arts Day in the spring, along with a special visit from Dr. Bondar herself! Her partnership with IPS recognizes the need within society to educate and improve knowledge of the environment that stimulates curiosity and interest! Visit the website for further information:

<https://www.therobertabondarfoundation.org/>

## Island Public School

### Photo Day

Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018



### Take Me Outside Day!

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

IPS is participating in Take Me Outside Day on October 24th! Teachers and participating classes will spend at least one hour outside. Take Me Outside Day supports educating and creating awareness among our students about the important connection between nature and our time spent outside. Committing to at least one hour of outdoor learning is our goal!

## 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.

To view the new map and to see which schools will belong to each ward, please visit New Ward Boundaries on [tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Municipal-Election-2018/New-Ward-Boundaries>

## TDSB French Programs Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, we offer an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) which begins in Senior Kindergarten;
- Junior Extended French (JEF) which begins in Grade 4

We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy. The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2019 are:

- ✓ Applications for Early French Immersion (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between October 29, 2018 and November 26, 2018
- ✓ Applications for Junior Extended French must be completed online between January 7, 2019 and February 4, 2019

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window. Please note: families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

For further information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and dates for Information Evenings, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french)

## Legalization of Cannabis

The recreational use of cannabis became legal in Canada on October 17, 2018. The Toronto District School Board has provided resources, including lesson plans that align with Ontario's Health and Physical Education Curriculum, to schools to support staff and students. These lesson plans aim to provide accurate information, teach healthy living concepts and promote substance misuse prevention strategies among youth. The TDSB continues to work with Toronto Public Health and the Ministry of Education regarding the further development of curriculum and professional learning.

Despite the changes to cannabis-related laws, the recreational use of cannabis is not permitted on TDSB property. Similar to alcohol, impairment is also not permitted or tolerated on school property. As with any prescribed medication, cannabis-based medications are permitted in accordance with TDSB Operational Procedure 536 (Medication).

For information on resources you may find helpful in discussions with your children, visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/cannabis](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/cannabis)

As Halloween approaches we wanted to remind you of some important information about Hallowe'en Festivities at IPS and Hallowe'en Safety Tips!



#### **WE SCARE HUNGER Food Drive – Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

IPS will be kicking-off the Annual We Scare Hunger Food Drive. Beginning Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, we are asking IPS Families to donate incredible non-perishable food items. City-side Families will be able to drop-off their donations at the ferry docks in the morning. Island-side Families may bring their donations to the school. *Thank You* to the ferry docks personnel for partnering with us to make this happen 😊

#### **IPS Hallowe'en Parade & Costume Information – Wednesday, October 31, 2018**

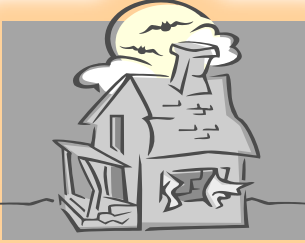
- Our **Hallowe'en Parade** will take place in the afternoon
- As per our usual Halloween festivities, students may choose to wear a costume to school for the day and classes will be invited to parade in the school after lunch. Individual classrooms may choose to hold Halloween activities as they choose.
- We suggest that you label your child's costume with his/her name.
- **Costume Information:** A reminder that costumes that depict excessive violence or are culturally exploitative in nature are not in the spirit of the children's holiday or IPS school culture. Please do not send weapons/replicas of weapons, knives, guns, swords etc. if these are a part of your child's costume. Thank you for your cooperation!

#### **Hallowe'en Classroom Activities – Wednesday, October 31, 2018**

If your child's class is having a party, please note the following food guidelines that **must** be followed due to severe allergies and to promote healthier snack options:

- Snacks that contain (or say "may contain") peanut and/or nut products are **not permitted**.
- Any home baked goods are not to be shared at school.
- Any store bought baked goods must clearly indicate that they are "nut-free" with original packaging with ingredient list displayed.
- All treats/snacks that are intended to be shared must be sent in sealed and original packaging with ingredient list clearly displayed.
- **Samples of suggested items that could be shared must come in original packaging/container and could include:**
  - ✓ Fruit platters
  - ✓ Veggies and dip
  - ✓ Cheese and crackers
  - ✓ Chips or popcorn
  - ✓ Drinks – juice boxes, water
  - ✓ Pre-packaged rice krispie treats

Please be diligent about reading ingredient lists as manufacturers often change their products without notice. As always, it will be the choice of all parents as to whether you wish your child to participate. Please speak to your child's teacher to be sure that you are aware of specific allergies/restrictions of students in individual classrooms. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office 😊



# Hallowe'en Safety Tips

Hallowe'en provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family parties. Hallowe'en is a big event at schools and provides opportunities for parties, creative activities, art programs and impromptu history lessons. Hallowe'en is also a time for students, parents, and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security.

If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:

- ✓ Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them.  
*Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe or unknown.*
- ✓ Have your child carry a flashlight.
- ✓ NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- ✓ NEVER trick or treat with people you do not know.
- ✓ Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- ✓ Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- ✓ Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.
- ✓ Accompany your child when trick or treating.
- ✓ If you cannot accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
- ✓ Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
- ✓ Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- ✓ Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- ✓ If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- ✓ Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
- ✓ Remind children that not everyone celebrates Hallowe'en, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbours yards or gardens.
- ✓ With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
- ✓ Set time limits when children should return home. Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them.