

Island Breeze



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Mid-February 2020

Dear Island Public School Families:

On Ground Hog Day, February 2nd Wiarton Willie did not see his shadow which meant an early spring – given the recent forecast spring seems so far away! We continue to encourage students to wear appropriate outdoor clothing! Students at IPS continually strive to create good questions through their own predictions, wonders 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 14th school is closed due to a P.A. Day for Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Our Dance-A-Thon will be re-scheduled to Thursday, February 13th – please return your pledge envelopes.

Scott Woolford, Principal

School Office Hours During Revised Ferry Schedule

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 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. 13 – *Dance Your Heart Out* Dance-A-Thon**
- **Feb. 14 – Teacher/Parent Interviews – School Closed**
- **Feb. 14 - School Council Family Ski Day**
- **Feb. 17 – Family Day – School Closed**
- **Feb. 20 – New Kindergarten Registration Evening**
- **Feb. 24 – School Council Meeting @ Longos (5:30)**
- **Mar. 2 to Mar 6 – IPS Spirit Days**
- **March 16 to March 20 – March Break Holidays – School Closed**

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 relocation for classes.



Board-wide P.A. Day
Friday, February 14, 2020
Parent-Teacher
Interviews
School Closed

IPS School Council **Event**

Check out the website:

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

Family Fun Ski Day
Friday, Feb. 14th
Horseshoe Valley Resort



Valentine Classroom Activities

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 ☺



Dance Your Heart Out

Dance-A-Thon



It's time for our 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 Thursday, February 13, 2020.** Proceeds from the Dance-A-Thon will go towards the new Inquiry-Maker Space Room in or Library Commons Area. Last year the dance-a-thon proceeds went to the Outdoor Learning Classroom and the Right to Play "Play Your Part" Leadership Program!

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

- 1) Students will receive 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 Thursday, February 13th, total your child's donations. Please make cheque(s) payable to Island Public School c/o Dance-A-Thon OR make a donation at Cash Online <http://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> and record on pledge form.. The deadline to return pledge forms is Thursday, February 13th. Please place cheque(s) and/or cash in the envelope provided or donate online. Please remember to complete the front of the envelope fully & include the pledge form 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's 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 to Wards | School Bus from Wards |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Grade 1s; 1/2; 2/3s | 9:15am to 10:15am | 9:00am | 9:15am |
| All Kindergarten | 10:15am to 11:15am | 10:00am | 10:15am |
| Grade 3/4; 4/5; 5/6s | 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 Indigo \$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 😊