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Fairness, Honesty, Respect, Compassion and Responsibility.

Principal & Vice-Principal's Message



It's November at ILPS! The clocks have been turned back and we are enjoying the last blast of summer! We celebrated with the Blue Jays in October and want to say thanks for a great season. Way to go, Jays!!

Students are participating in a wide variety of learning experiences and have settled into their learning routines. Our Hallowe'en parade was awesome! Have a look at the photos on the TV in the front foyer. The atmosphere throughout the school was respectful and fun on Thursday. Our Food Drive from the Intermediate event collected a large box of canned items to be shared with needy families in the community. Thank you to the Character Crew and Gayton, our CYC, for organizing it. We are looking forward to Bullying Prevention Week, Nov 16-20, and other spirit days in November.

On **Remembrance Day, Nov 11**, we are planning an assembly. Stay tuned for more info. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend – just sign into the office upon arrival. A wreath has been purchased on behalf of Island Lake by our School Council. It will be placed at the Cenotaph.

Thank you for continuing with your ongoing efforts to support your child's education. As always, we invite you to contact us with any comments, questions or concerns.

Mr. Sean Singh (x223) Mrs. Janice Dampier (x 224)
Principal Vice-Principal

Labour Negotiations Successful

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario has reached a tentative agreement with the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the provincial government. We would like to thank our community and our staff for the professional manner in which they managed the work-to-rule directive. The negotiations did not affect the delivery of the curriculum in the classroom. Those areas that were affected, like extra-curriculars and field trips are now back on. Please see the board/school website for more information.

Traffic Update



To all parents and guardians,

- We are all aware of the physical limitations of our parking and pickup/drop off areas. There is simply not enough room on school property for everyone to park.
- Thank you to all families who are respecting our pick-up and drop-off routines. Being able to "Walk-a-Block" keeps our students safe from vehicular traffic on school property.
- At the end of the day, cars are being left unattended in the parking lot behind parked cars or blocking the handicapped spots. Please do not leave your cars unattended. Handicapped spots must be accessible at all times.
- We have found the best solution for peak times is to park on the street in the designated areas and "Walk a Block" to keep our students safe.



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Island Lake School Council

Dear ILPS Community,

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 17th in the school Library from 7:00-8:30pm. During the meeting, School Council will present a motion on funding allocation. Funds raised in 2014-2015 for the Outdoor Classroom project will be consolidated into a single account designated specifically for the design and building of the Outdoor Classroom. If you are interested in participating in the vote or have any questions, please plan on attending.

Warm regards,

Your School Council

FUNDSCRIP: SUPPORT ILPS GROUP ID K82PMJ

FundScrip is an innovative fundraising program that allows ILPS to raise funds through the purchase of Gift Cards. No donations, no sympathy purchases, no door to door sales. ILPS earns fundraising dollars from things we buy every day! Please visit our School Council link on the ILPS website or visit www.fundscrip.com for Supporting Retailers, EFT forms, and quick start guides. *An easy solution to early Christmas Shopping!!*

PIZZA DAYS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RUN PROGRAM

School Council would like to provide Pizza Days bi-weekly beginning November 18 thru December 16th.

Meal Day Programs are available through the support of parent volunteers. We would love to offer Pizza Days on November 18th, December 2nd, and December 16th and are seeking parents who can offer their time between the hours of 11-1:00 on these dates.. Please email Tammy Woods at tammwwoods@orangevilleproperties.com if you are able to volunteer.

Without your help, we won't be able to provide this for our kids.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

'DECK THE HALLS WITH ILPS'

Thursday December 10th 6:30-8pm

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

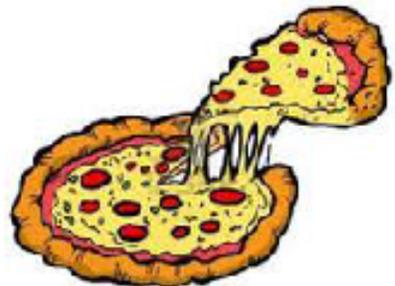
School Council is pleased to announce 'Deck the Halls with Island Lake School' will be held on December 10th!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be returning to share Christmas Wish with our ILSP students.

Hot Chocolate, Bake Sale, Children's Crafts and much more.

We are still in the planning stages so please stay tuned!!

More details to come!!





Safe, Equitable and Inclusive Schools

November 16 – 20, 2015 is Bullying Prevention Week

“Bullying” means aggressive and typically repeated behaviour and...

A) the behaviour is intended by the pupil to have the effect of, or the pupil ought to know that the behaviour would be likely to have the effect of,

i) causing harm, fear or distress to another individual, including physical, psychological, social or academic harm, harm to the individual’s reputation or harm to the individual’s property, or

ii) creating a negative environment at a school for another individual, and

B) the behaviour occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance between the pupil and the individual based on factors such as size, strength, age, intelligence, peer group power, economic status, social status, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, family circumstances, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, disability or the receipt of special education; (intimidation)

Bullying takes different forms and contexts with age. It can be physical, verbal, social / emotional or through electronic means (cyber-bullying). Bystanders contribute to bullying by doing nothing to prevent it or by becoming actively involved in supporting it.

Not all conflicts are classified as bullying. Many students have disagreements or issues that are part of being at school. Students can also go to a teacher or supervisor to solve big disagreements (any “hands on” or “name-calling” etc) and Rock, Paper, Scissors to solve small disagreements (was that a goal? whose turn is it next? etc.)



For Nov 16-20:

On Nov 16th- ILPS “Wear Pink” Day where everyone is encouraged to wear something pink in order to show their support of Bullying Prevention week. Anything pink is a show of support; wear pink socks, pink nail polish, pink shirts or pink shoes!

Nov 20th- ILPS welcomes Bruce Langford to ILPS to perform three “Stand UP for Respect” presentations for our Primary, Junior and Intermediate divisions.



What can you do as parents/guardians?

*Talk to your children about the impact of bullying and make it very clear that you will not tolerate bullying

*Help your children get involved in watching for bullying. Bystanders have responsibilities. Explain why they need to report any bullying they witness to school staff.

Read *Bullying. We Can All Help Stop It- A Guide for Parents of Elementary School Students*

www.ontario.ca/safeschools

Please take a look at our school website for our Anti-bullying Plan.

November's Environmental Theme: AIR POLLUTION



Air pollution is a big problem. But we can solve it. Know that all over the world, steps are being taken to stop the damage to our environment from air pollution. Scientists study the damaging effects and make recommendations. Governments write laws to control emissions. Canada has a Clean Air Act. And the good news is that recently Ontario became the first province in Canada to no longer make electricity using coal-fired power plants! Perhaps most importantly, teachers in schools and universities are educating our youth to understand the problem and make a difference.

What are some of the ways we can reduce air pollution? Planting trees is a great way to help filter our air and make it clean. If cars are producing too much carbon dioxide then trees will help convert it back into essential pure oxygen. Also, use a push mower instead of a gas-powered mower, or use a snow shovel instead of a power snow remover. Bike and walk more, and look into purchasing a more fuel-efficient car. If you buy locally produced food, trucks won't need to make as many far away deliveries and use as much fuel. You can even help indoor air quality by growing plants indoors, especially spider plants, the peace lily, or bamboo palms to help take toxins out of the air inside.

Scientists are also working on how to use energy in a cleaner way. For one example, an alternate fuel source that emits fewer greenhouse gases than conventional fossil fuels comes from an unexpected source - vegetable oil! Type "Run Your Car on Vegetable Oil " into Google and find out the pros and cons of this alternative fuel source.

Slogan of the month: *Keep our air healthy - plant a tree!*

Important Dates:

- Nov 11—Remembrance Day Assembly—stay tuned for details
- Nov 12—Photo retakes—proofs to come home soon
- Nov 16— Wear Pink Day—kicks off Bullying Prevention Week Nov 16-20
- Nov 17—School Council Meeting—7pm—ILPS Library
- Nov 20—Stand up for Respect Presentations—K-gr 8
- Nov 23—Gr 7 HEP B/Gr 8 girls HPV inoculations



Stop a bully
ONLINE REPORTING TOOL

Did you know that in the majority of cases, bullying stops within 10 seconds when peers intervene or don't support the bullying behavior?

The Upper Grand District School Board takes all incidents of bullying seriously. That's why we developed an online bullying reporting tool. **Stop a Bully** gives students and parents 24/7 access for reporting bullying. You don't have to identify yourself – just your school – and your message gets sent directly to your school principal for follow-up. We will follow up on your report.

You'll find the Stop a Bully button on our school's website and the board's website (www.ugdsb.on.ca/stop-a-bully).

If your child is the victim of bullying or sees bullying behavior at school, please encourage him/her to speak with someone at school or use the **Stop a Bully** tool. For more information, contact the school.



THE GIFT OF READING

with David Bouchard



"The greatest gift we can give our children is the gift of reading. There is no magic in giving it. There is no toy or program that will do the job for us. It takes time, commitment and most of all, fire. We cannot hope to light a fire in the hearts of others without a fire burning in our own. Light and stoke yours, then spread the flame fast and furious. Let literacy be your legacy." David Bouchard

Practical reading strategies that are real and achievable for every family

David Bouchard is a storyteller, literacy advocate, recipient of a 2009 Order of Canada award and Metis author of over 50 books in English and French. Please join us on:

NOVEMBER 4, 2015 6:30 P.M.

**WESTSIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL
300 ALDER ST, ORANGEVILLE**

This event is free, but space is limited. Pre-register at: pic.info@ugdsb.on.ca or call Lynne McInnis 519.822.4420 x741. This session is for adults only. Childcare expenses will be reimbursed. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is funded by a PRO grant from the Ministry of Education