



Island Lake Public School



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APRIL
National Child Abuse
Prevention Month



Principal and Vice-Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians, please check out our redesigned school website!! The same link <http://www.ugdsb.ca/islandlake/> will get you there. Our calendar will now be accessible from the website. As usual there is lots going on at ILPS so please read through the newsletter to find out more about "Schlockey at ILPS", Time 2 Read and Empowerment Day

This month some of our students will be attending some Board/Regional events. We have groups going to the Skills completion in Guelph, Empowerment Day in Fergus, as well as students attending the Dufferin Youth Festival of the Arts and the Orangeville Agri Fair. Other events include Sr. Girls and Boys Basketball and Scientists in the Schools workshops. Thank you to our amazing staff for providing the leadership for these opportunities.

In our Library Learning Commons, we have the Forest of Reading program continuing and author visits by Charis Cotter and Nicole Moore.

Here's hoping for April Showers and May Flowers...

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



April 2—World Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness Day was April 2, 2016.

Every year autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness raising events. By bringing together autism organizations all around the world, we will give a voice to the millions of individuals worldwide who are undiagnosed, misunderstood and looking for help.

Click on the link below for more information:

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism/world-autism-awareness-day>

This year, global landmarks will light up blue to raise awareness. In Canada the CN Tower will participate by shining blue to shine a light on autism and turn awareness into action.




Time2Read is a 5 week program for parents of early, school aged children, designed to equip parents with skills and strategies for promoting reading and thinking skills at home. Parents will discover ways to connect with the school program, thus providing their child with optimum opportunities for success.

The program will run Wednesday nights at ILPS from April 13th – May 11th 2016. The Time2Read program is for all parents and children in Grade 1 and 2. The focus is on literacy strategies for parents to learn to help their child enjoy reading and improve literacy skills. Please refer to the handout that was sent home for registration.

APRIL NEWSLETTER



Island Lake School Council

Welcome to April, Spring flowers, rain showers and the odd snow storm!

Our school council meeting is on Tuesday April 12th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome! Please join us in the Library!

Child care is available.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGH!

Thank you to our school community, family and friends who joined us for Family Movie Night in March. We tried a few new ideas that seemed to work quite well. We changed the set up of the gym, raffled off 2 leather couches for movie viewing and offered Family Pizzas. We will be hosting our next Movie night in May – Star Wars: The Force Awakens!

May the 4th be with you! ☺

DO YOU HAVE DVD MOVIES YOU DON'T USE?

School Council has purchased a Public Performance License for ILPS which provides our school the right to show movies from a variety of Studios including Disney, Pixar, Sony Animation, Marvel, etc.

With the license we are beginning to build a Movie library for use by staff, students, and School Council.

If you are looking to Spring Clean your own movie collections, we would graciously accept any donations of movies you no longer view or use. *School age appropriate and in good condition please.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!

From the Island Lake PS School Council

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL:

VESEYS SPRING BULBS FUNDRAISER

MAY:

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: MAY THE 4TH STAR WARS, THE FORCE AWAKENS

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS

JUNE:

SIZZLE INTO SUMMER ANNUAL ILPS BBQ JUNE 20TH



What is Vesey Bulbs?

Vesey's in Prince Edward Island has been serving thousands of groups across Canada for the past 30 seasons. The program features the sale of bulbs, plants and seeds. The fundraiser will run April 11th – 22nd. All bulbs and plants will arrive in time for Spring Planting in May.

ILPS School Organization 2016/17

We are in the process of planning for September 2016. Please note that all schools in our Board will be organized according to the provincial guidelines that provide “hard caps” on primary and junior class sizes. **This means that schools are likely to face reorganization well into September.** Staff have been *tentatively* assigned to specific grades at this point but they may change as our enrolment changes up to and including September. The Staffing Process in Upper Grand is still in process through the month of June.

The following is our tentative classroom organization for September 2016

Tentative ILPS School	Organization 2016/2017
4 Full Day Kindergarten	Grade 4
Grade 1	Grade 5
Grade 1/2	Grade 5
Grade 1/2	Grade 6
Grade 2	Grade 6
Grade 2	Grade 7
Grade 2/3	Grade 7
Grade 3	Grade 8
Grade 3/4	Grade 8

Question for the Principal



Question: How does staff decide which class to place my child in?

Answer: When school staff draft class lists, a variety of factors are taken into consideration. Some of them are as follows:

- Total number of students (must meet Ministry and contractual guidelines)
- Balance of female/male students
- Balance of abilities
- Number of students identified with special needs
- Combinations of students (positive and challenging)
- Formation of interactive learning groups
- Teacher experience
- Parent requests



If parents/guardians wish to make a request for a particular class, it must be supported by specific and detailed reasons.

Our deadline for requests to be emailed to the Principal is this Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

email address: sean.singh@ugdsb.on.ca

Another reminder will go out in the May newsletter. The request must specify the reason for the request. ***We will make every effort to honour parent requests, but please realize that we cannot guarantee that requests will be met, due to the number of variables involved in student placement.***

Welcome to **EMPOWERMENT DAY** 2016!

Island Lake PS is proud to be part of a very special day! There are some amazing speakers coming to inspire our students at the Centre Wellington Sportsplex - 550 Belsyde Ave E, Fergus on Friday, April 15th. Special guests include Chris Hadfield, Molly Burke of *Free the Children*, Canadian Olympian Brian Price, and local musician Sarah Smith.

All of our Grade 6 and 7 ILPS classes will be attending along with all of the regular members of our fantastic Character Crew and their teachers. Students will be eating lunch during intermission. **Make sure LUNCHES ARE NOT FREE. Please have students use the garbage/recycling that will be provided.** We truly want to make the arena look like these 3000 students weren't even there, so please clean up any mess before you leave.

Site Address: Centre Wellington Sportsplex - 550 Belsyde Ave E, Fergus

Schedule for the Day:

9:15 - 9:40	Arrival and Check-in
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome message from MC's Drayton Students
10:05 - 10:10	Welcome message from Mayor of Centre Wellington, Kelly Linton
10:10 - 10:15	Message from RBC Local Vice President Dan Woods
10:20 - 11:20	Molly Burke
11:25 - 11:55	Sarah Smith
12:00 - 12:05	Lunch Instructions
12:05 - 12:35	Lunch
12:05 - 12:40	Chris Hadfield Book Signing (educators only; one book per educator)
12:40 - 1:10	Brian Price
1:15 - 2:15	Chris Hadfield
2:15	Dismissal (<i>please wait for section to be dismissed</i>)

Chris Hadfield Well, onwards and upwards! With this speaker, you could say that we will be "**shooting for the stars.**" **Chris Hadfield** was raised on a corn farm in southern Ontario. He became interested in flying from a young age. That passion obviously took him to places the rest of us can only dream about. He spent 146 days in space, 144 of which were aboard the station. What a once in a lifetime opportunity it will be for our students to hear his message.

Molly Burke We also have another ***Me2We/Free The Children*** speaker, Molly Burke that will be kicking off the show. When she was just 4 years old, Molly's world began to darken. She was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa; a retinal disease causing loss of vision.. Her message—that any challenge in life, whether it's bullying, mental illness or a loss of vision, can be overcome—resonates powerfully.

Brian Price At the age of seven he battled leukemia in a hospital bed, never thinking that cancer would help shape him into an Olympic Champion 25 years later. He believes there is a champion in each and every one of us, and that we must continually strive for success. He wants to share his story to teach, inspire, motivate and illustrate to people that we are all capable of reaching the potential that lies deep within ourselves.

Sarah Smith Sarah will be back this year with her incredible musical talent. In 2014, Sarah completed her CD, ***The Journey***, produced in Germany by world-class producer, Pat Anthony (Usher). She will then be travelling across the United States and Canada to showcase her incredible new music. We are lucky to have this Arthur, Ontario native with us once again.

Student Success \$ + Tech Room = Schlockey at ILPS

As part of our Student Success Plan and in conjunction with our Grade 8 staff and students, ILPS will be bringing Schlockey to our school!!

Schlockey is a fast, fun game that is played on a board like this:

Our grade 8 Tech teacher, Ms. Cornish has been working hard with the Board personnel to get our Tech Room renovated. We will be using some of our Student Success funds to purchase materials for our Grade 8's to build 26 Schlockey boards for our school to use at recess. The Grade 8's have used their Math skills to design and prepare a cost proposal for the building of the boards. The Grade 8's will also be given the opportunity to take a plank home to decorate before the boards are assembled. We can't wait to see the final products!!



HELP! - we need old hockey sticks and pucks!! The game is played with the blade of the stick removed, if you have any sticks or pucks you would like to donate, please drop them off to the office. THANKS!!

Stay tuned for more updates on our Schlockey Project!!

April Environmental Theme: ECOSYSTEMS

In April we celebrate Earth week and Earth Day so it is fitting that the environmental theme is all about what we are really trying to protect. We are working together to save our Ecosystems. An Ecosystem is a group of plants and animals living in their own environment of soil, water, air and sun. So examples are a garden, or a forest, or a lake, or even a fallen, decomposing log.



As humans on planet Earth we have a responsibility to take care of all Ecosystems. We need to have thoughtful, long-range plans on how many forests to cut down and turn into houses or parking lots or factories. We need to think about the long-term effects of turning good farmland into a subdivision. There are more and more people living on this planet every year and we need to make plans on how to give everyone a place to live without destroying our essential Ecosystems. With good planning this can be done.

We need to get outside and learn more about all of the many different Ecosystems on planet Earth and do everything we can to protect them. When we pollute, or destroy habitats, the plants and animals can no longer live there and species become endangered or extinct. When we buy too many things we don't need, or don't buy locally, or use the car too often instead of biking or walking, Climate Change speeds up and Ecosystems can't survive the new temperature changes or flooding or drought. So all the suggestions we have been talking about all year - including turning off the lights, or not wasting water when you brush your teeth, using cloth bags instead of plastic, and reducing, reusing and recycling are really very important. Together we can make a difference!



Slogan of the month: *Go outside and explore an Ecosystem today!*

UGDSB CONCUSSION INFORMATION SESSIONS

Concussions can have a serious effect on a young, developing brain. Proper recognition and response to concussion can prevent further injury and help with recovery. Children and adolescents are among those at greater risk for concussions due to body trauma at any time.

Although falls and motor vehicle accidents are the leading causes of concussion, physical activity and sports can also cause a concussion.

To address the risk of concussion and to assist parents and students to identify the signs and symptoms of concussion, the Board is presenting free workshops to increase awareness.

Wednesday April 20th 7-830 pm Westside SS, Library, 300 Alder St, Orangeville

Tuesday May 10th 7- 830pm Norwell DSS, Library, corner of Main and Cumberland St, .

Wednesday May 11th 7-830 pm Centennial CVI, Lecture Room, 289 College Ave W,
Guelph

Feedback welcome on draft policies

The Upper Grand District School Board is welcoming public input on draft policies. Currently under review are:

- Accommodation Review #305
- School Boundary Review #319
- Community Planning and Partnerships #320
- Equity and Inclusive Education #504
- Alcohol and Drugs #513
- Smoke-Free Environment #208
- Asthma Friendly Schools #516

You are invited to review the draft documents and submit online feedback at www.ugdsb.on.ca/policy. The deadline for public input for policies 504 and 513 is April 13, 2016. Input on policies 208, 305, 319, 320 and 516 will be accepted until May 11, 2016. Persons without internet access may call 1-800-321-4025 ext. 723 to request a printed copy of the draft documents.

ILPS is an EcoSchool

Thanks to Ms. Hughson, for her leadership at Island Lake as our EcoSchool Representative. Ms. Hughson and her grade 4/5 class recently completed the Waste Audit at ILPS. They collected, sorted, bagged and weighed all of the garbage, recycling and compost collected in one day at ILPS!!! The results were recorded and are being used in the classroom as part of the Math program. As a result of Ms. Hughson's efforts and teachers like Mr. Broderick, whose class has led the composting initiative, Island Lake currently has achieved a Bronze level for Ecoschools. We are trying to reach Silver this year and with the continued help of our students and our community, we think we can do it! Way to go, Island Lake!!!

LOOKING FOR LUNCH SUPERVISORS

We are also always on the lookout for Back-Up Lunch Supervisors as well as Emergency Occasional Teachers and Educational Assistants. Please check in the office if you are interested in these paid positions.

Currently, we have a few openings for lunch supervisors. If you would like to supervise students during eating time and outside on the playground, please contact the office at 519 941 3292.

ILPS Community Garden Plots – 2016

Grow some veggies this summer!! Come and be a part of our community garden!!!

Please contact Charles McCabe, cmccabe.bcomm@gmail.com, if you would like to use one of the community garden plots located against the east wall of the Eco-Pac. Plots will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.



PARENTS - PLEASE REGISTER FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE!

We are excited to announce the addition of credit cards as a method of payment on School Cash Online. Now when parents/guardians are paying for items online, they have the option to pay with Visa or MasterCard. Any registered users who authorized email notifications will receive an email announcement directly from Kev Group.

For safety and efficiency reasons, we are reducing the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. School related expenses such as pizza days, field trips, spirit wear, year-books, etc. will now be paid for through the “school cash online” program .

Here’s how to register:

- Step 1:** Go to this website: <https://schoolcashonline.com/>
- Step 2:** Register by selecting “Get Started Now” and following the steps.
- Step 3:** After you receive the confirmation email, select the ‘click here’ option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

Please note: If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand area of the screen or contact the school office .

Thank you—from Island Lake Public School