



Island Lake Public School



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Fairness, Honesty, Respect, Compassion and Responsibility.

Principal & Vice-Principal's Message



It's November at ILPS! Fall is definitely in the air and leaves are on the ground! The clocks will be turned back on November 6 this year.

This past month has seen a lot of activity on the Island! We have sent student representatives to We Day and the Raise the Bar conference. We are already seeing the results of their participation through the fantastic response to the We Scare Hunger campaign. Look out for more happening at ILPS thanks to our commitment to student leadership!

On Remembrance Day, Nov 11, our assembly will be from 10:35am – 11:20am. On that day recess will be from 9:35-10:25am so we can all be in the gym for 11:00am. A wreath has been purchased on behalf of Island Lake by our School Council. It will be placed at the Cenotaph by our Gr 5 classes. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend – just sign into the office upon arrival.

This month will see our Junior and Intermediate volleyball teams competing – Best of Luck Lakers!! We will also be sending home report cards on Thursday, November 17. Teacher Interviews will take place on November 24th and 25th along with our Book Fair in the Library.

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)
Principal

Mrs. Janice Dampier (x 224)
Vice-Principal

ILPS TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

At Island Lake Public School, students and staff participated in a rotation of activities outside to celebrate National Take Me Outside Day. The day was organized by Sarah Laughton, a teacher at ILPS, who created mixed grade teams of students from Kindergarten to Grade 7. Our Grade 8 students led the events. A culture of inclusion and fair play was evident through the kindness demonstrated to the younger students by their older teammates.

See the info on the Board website at:

https://www.ugdsb.on.ca/schools/news_article.aspx?id=68397&blogid=32565

NEW: ONLINE INTERVIEW BOOKING SYSTEM

This year, Island Lake PS will be using the UGDSB Online Booking system for our Progress Report interview period coming up in late November. We will be sending home instructions for use in a separate email once the system is set up.

The ILPS "We Scare Hunger" Food Drive was a HUGE success!! Thank you to our community!

Our first Me to We initiative was a local one, organized by our Me to We group of students with the help of Ms. Miller, Ms. Cornish and Ms. Young. On very short notice, our Island Lake families came together to Scare Hunger in our community. Many thanks to one of our parents, Ms. Hawton, who generously donated prizes and promotional materials for us to use.

WAY TO GO,
ISLAND LAKE.
WE THANK YOU!



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Island Lake School Council

Dear ILSP Community,

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 8th in the school Staff Room from 7:00-8:30pm.

During the meeting, School Council will present a motion on funding allocation toward 5 Chromebooks for Classrooms and Primary Levelled reading book sets.

If you are interested in participating in the vote or have any questions, please plan on attending.

Reminder: School Council is on Facebook! Contact us at 519-941-3292 ext. 431 to be added to our Private Group.

Warm regards, Your School Council



UPCOMING EVENTS

“DECK THE HALLS WITH ILPS”

Wednesday December 7th 6:30-8pm

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

School Council is pleased to announce ‘Deck the Halls with Island Lake School’ will be held on December 7th!

NEW

This year we are joined by Pottery in the Hills for a Painting with the Elves Workshop. Pottery orders are due by Nov 4th – Available through School Cash On-Line

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

Holiday Gift Raffle with spectacular new gift ideas this year!

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!!

POINSETTIA'S FROM BRADFORD NURSERY'S ARE BACK!!

School Council is offering Poinsettia's for sale this year in an effort to raise funds supporting replacement and new equipment for the Gym.

Sourced from Bradford Nurseries, these Poinsettias are beautiful and offered in several different sizes and colours.

Orders can be made via School Cash On Line or Cheque payable to Island Lake P.S. Orders Due November 14th.

Pick available November 24th during Parent Teacher Interview Night!



FUNDSCRIP: SUPPORT ILPS GROUP ID K82PMJ

ILSP is active on FundScrip's Gift Card Purchase Program. If you are looking to purchase Gift Cards for Christmas, please visit our School Council link on the ILPS website or visit www.fundscript.com for Supporting Retailers. *An easy solution to early Christmas Shopping!!*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!



Today a **READER**, Tomorrow a **LEADER!**

Island Lake Public School Library

Library Learning Commons (LLC) News

You may have heard your child talk about the new “LLC” at school and been told that we no longer have a “Library.” So what exactly is an LLC?

LLC is an acronym for Library Learning Commons, a name that reflects a different kind of library space. A Learning Commons is a place where students can come to get resources for reading, research, and learning when they need it. This means that our library space is “open” during most of the day, and not just limited to traditional book exchange times.

While most classes still have a set time to visit the LLC to browse the collection and look for reading materials, formal exchange times may vary from weekly to every other week, to reflect these changes.

A Learning Commons also recognizes that learning occurs in different ways for different individuals. While some students learn best from reading books and online resources, other kinds of learning can occur when students have the opportunity to wonder, explore, and create.



To reflect this understanding, we have added a Makerspace to our LLC, where students can engage in creating, tinkering, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) related hands-on investigations.

Although our Makerspace is in its beginning stage, many of the students have already tested some of its potential by exploring activities last year during library time including Lego challenges, architectural building centers, digital storytelling creation activities, and inventing with recycled materials.

This year, we have added a programmable Sphero robot, several Google Cardboard virtual reality goggle devices, and a tinkering center for dismantling old technology.

We hope to eventually add a green screen area for moviemaking, dedicated iPads for creating multimedia works, more kid-friendly robots (eg. Ozobots), and a 3D printer.

If you have any questions about our LLC transformation, Library classes, or if you would like to donate activities, tools, technology, or your expertise to our Makerspace, please feel free to contact me at the school at the extension below.

Mrs. Susan Fraser

Teacher-Librarian, 519-941-3292 x419

“Let’s build the change we wish to see.” ~Emily Pilloton

Check out our new website at: <https://sites.google.com/a/ugcloud.ca/lakers-learning-commons/>

ILPS NOVEMBER BOOK FAIR INFORMATION

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to ILPS! This is an opportunity to purchase new books at school, with a significant percentage of the proceeds coming back to our school library. The Book Fair will run from **Tuesday, November 22nd** until **Friday, November 25th**. Thank you to our amazing Teacher-Librarian, Mrs. Fraser, for organizing and running the book fair.

Hours:

Tues. Nov 22 - **8am - 3:15pm** (Closed from 12:50-1:35 for lunch)

Wed Nov 23 - **8am - 3:15pm** (Closed from 12:50-1:35 for lunch)

Thur. Nov 24 - **4pm– 8pm**

Fri Nov 25—**8am - 3:15pm** (Closed from 12:50-1:35 for lunch)

Please stop by when you are in the school and see what we have to offer - books make excellent **Christmas and birthday gifts!**

Important Dates:

Nov 2—Photo Retake Day/Orders due

Nov 11—Remembrance Day Assembly—10:35-11:20am

Nov 17—Report Cards go home

Nov 18—Respect Assembly/Moustache Spirit Day/ Canine Constable RADAR visit

Nov 21—Wear Pink Day—start off to Bullying Prevention Week Nov 21-25

Nov 23—Gord Deppe/ Scott Graham presentations—K-gr 8

Nov 25—Teacher Interview Day—no school for students



Monthly Environmental Activities to help celebrate our planet

NOVEMBER 25TH IS BUY NOTHING DAY!

It is vital to teach our children to respect and take care of the environment.

Celebrate Buy Nothing Day on November 25th!

Buy Nothing Day is an awareness day highlighting society's habit of buying too many things.

Founded by Vancouver artist Ted Dave, "*The first Buy Nothing Day was organized in Canada in September 1992 as a day for society to examine the issue of over-consumption. In 1997, it was moved to 'Black Friday', which is one of the busiest shopping days in the United States.*"

Repair, reduce, re-use, recycle – 4 R's are best!

"It's time for a new kind of materialism, based on an economy of better, not more... that makes things which last and can be repaired many times before being recycled, allowing us to share better the surplus of stuff we already have, from furniture to tools, cars, fridges, clothes and food. 'Repair, reduce, re-use, recycle', could be the basis of a new economic model." <https://www.theguardian.com>

Some great ideas for your family on Buy Nothing Day!

Instead of shopping, enjoy a day in the great outdoors by walking trails or going to the park.

Recycle school supplies such as binders, workbooks, pens and pencils instead of buying new.

Donate clothes, books, toys and games your family does not need any more.

Think of things you can make or do for people as gifts without spending any money.

"Either way, there's no doubt that going without buying anything for an entire day is quite a challenge in the modern world, and will serve to make you think about what your life is really about."

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/buy-nothing-day>

Special Class Placement in UGDSB

Students who require special education programs and services receive support through the classroom teacher and the special education resource teacher at their home schools. However, in some circumstances, students can be referred to a special education class placement where focused instruction in the area of need is provided. These classes have smaller numbers and can provide targeted instruction to meet student needs. In elementary there are four specialized class placements for the following exceptionalities: Learning Disability, Mild Intellectual Disability/ Language-based Learning Disability, Developmental Disability (Intellectual Disability), and Intellectually Gifted. Students need to have a diagnosis of an exceptionality before they can be eligible for class placement, and parents and the school team should feel like the placement would best meet the student's learning needs. Contact your school team if you would like to have more information on special class placement options.



Safe, Equitable and Inclusive Schools

November 21-25, 2016 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. At Island Lake, students can also use NO, GO, TELL to 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 21-25:

On Nov 21st we will start off the week with our 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 23th- ILPS welcomes Gord Deppe (from the band “The Spoons”) and Scott Graham from Kids4Kids Leadership to present an energetic, funny and informative anti-bullying assembly focusing on usable strategies our students can use on the playground and in the community. Scott has been inspiring children for 25 years. He is Canada's most successful anti bullying speaker. Gord presents to the grade 5 to 8 students. His presentation focuses on student leadership. It is an incredible, inspiring presentation that includes humor, music and life changing stories.



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.

Board Wide Fundraising Initiative for Syrian Newcomers in our Community

We have been pleased to welcome almost 75 Syrian newcomer students into our Upper Grand schools since last January. We are hoping that you will consider helping us in a board wide fund raising initiative to raise funds to help Syrian newcomers settle into our schools and community. We have partnered with Orca Book Publishers to raise funds by selling their newly published book entitled, “Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family’s Journey” by Margriet Ruurs through our school and board websites. For every book that is sold through our board or school websites, Orca will donate \$10 to our local settlement agencies to support Syrian refugees.

This unique picture book was inspired by the stone artwork of Syrian artist Mizar Ali Badr, who was discovered by chance by Canadian children’s author Margriet Ruurs. She was immediately captivated by the strong narrative quality of Mr. Badr’s art, and, using many of Mr. Badr’s already-created pieces, she set out to tell a story about the Syrian refugee crisis. Stepping Stones tells the story of Rama and her family, who are forced to flee their once peaceful village to escape the ravages of the civil war raging in their homeland. With only what they can carry on their backs, Rama and her family set out to walk to freedom. Mr. Badr’s stunning stone images illustrate the story. This book is a dual-language (English and Arabic) edition.

To order this book, please visit your school’s website or the board website and click on the buy button to place your order. Payment is made directly to Orca and the books are shipped directly to your address from their warehouse. Payment for the order will go through at the time of purchase and it will include shipping. Orca will keep track of how many books are sold in our board and will send us \$10 for every book sold, which will then be donated to a local resettlement agency.

For more information, please see the attached flyer or contact Bonnie Talbot at bonnie.talbot@ugdsb.on.ca or 519-824-4420.