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Principal & Vice-Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Island Lake PS staff, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy 2017! It was lovely to see all of the smiling faces back at school, ready to learn! We have a number of new students starting at Island Lake. We welcome them and wish them all the best at their new school.

This month, our Grade 8 students will be preparing to choose their high school courses on My Blueprint. There is a Parent/Guardian Info night on Jan 12th at ODSS for those interested in attending. For our newest learners, Kindergarten registration will be held between Jan 9th-26th. Please see page 4 of the newsletter for more info.

There is lots going on in January at ILPS. Please check the calendar on our school website for more details <http://www.ugdsb.ca/islandlake/> We are looking forward to our Sports Day/Honesty Character Education Assembly on January 13th!

Once again, we wish you all the best for 2017 and look forward to all of the activities, experiences and learning opportunities that await us.

Mr. Sean Singh (x223)
Principal

Mrs. Janice Dampier (x 224)
Vice-Principal

Inclement Weather

Winter weather is certainly here now. There will likely be more snow and chilly temperatures forecasted over the next month. We remind families to ensure that students come to school with the proper layers for recesses and footwear – indoor and outdoor.

For bus students, remember to check local stations such as 680 CFTR AM, 1460 CJOY AM or 98.1 CHFI FM if concerned about the weather.



Also check the Transportation website www.stwdsts.ca for bus cancellation information. Even if buses are not running, we do expect walkers to be at school as we carry on with academic programs on inclement weather days.

A REMINDER FOR ALL VISITORS

Safe School Procedures

To all visitors to our school, **please check in at the office whenever you are visiting the school during instructional time (8:45am to 3:15pm) or when dropping off/picking up students after/before the bell.** Late students must be signed in at the office before heading to class. It is important that all visitors sign in for both security and safety reasons. Visitors will be given a visitor badge after sign in so that students and staff know you are allowed to be in the school.

Thank you for your cooperation.



UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD: REQUEST FOR CONSENT

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) came into force on July 1, 2014. As a result, the Upper Grand District School Board, would like to ensure that we have your consent to receive newsletters, school and Board updates, announcements, event invitations, and other electronic messages which may contain advertising or promotions regarding school fund-raisers, field trips, the sale of yearbooks, student pictures, uniforms, books, prom or dance tickets, or similar events and offers.

If you wish to receive the above communications from us, please visit our CASL registration website at:

www.ugdsb.on.ca/CASL

By registering your email on this webpage you will receive electronic communication from the school which may or may not contain commercial electronic messages as described above. **If consent is not provided, you will not receive electronic messages containing commercial content and may find it more difficult to be aware of the activities that take place in school, and which your child may have an interest in participating.**

If you have any questions or if you wish to withdraw your consent at any time, please click the link at the bottom of email messages you receive from the school, or visit the same site and click on "Unsubscribe" to remove your name from our contact list.

For additional information on Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation you may visit our board's website at www.ugdsb.on.ca.

January's Environmental Theme: WASTE MINIMIZATION



In Canada, we create a lot of garbage. We throw away too much paper, plastic bags, food, old toys, electronics and much, much more! The good news is that at our school we have made a really good start to reducing some of our waste. We recycle paper, cardboard and containers made of metal, glass and plastic. We try to photocopy double-sided and use GOOS bins (bins that hold paper that is Good On One Side and can still be used). We do waste audits to see what we are throwing away and it seems we need to try to reduce our food waste as well as our packaging. Start thinking about bringing uneaten food from lunch back home to eat as a snack after school because we find perfectly good apples and other fruit, or even uneaten sandwiches, in the school garbage cans.

The best way to solve the problem of too much waste is to not create it in the first place. We have been talking about reducing the number of things we buy and buying items that can be reused instead of immediately being thrown away and taking up more landfill space. For example: use cloth towels instead of paper towels, borrow most books from the library instead of buying them new, use cloth bags instead of plastic bags, use litterless lunch containers and a metal water bottle that you can refill, and use reusable gift bags instead of wrapping paper. The list goes on and on - there are so many ways you can help to reduce waste!

We also need to let our government know that we don't want all that extra packaging when we buy things. Other countries have already banned all that unnecessary plastic, cardboard and Styrofoam that toys and cosmetics and games and food come covered with. So make a difference - write a persuasive letter to both the Ontario and Canadian Governments to ask them to be tougher on packaging laws. Our garbage dumps are filling up. They need to hear from you to stop all this waste!

Slogan of the month: *Let's reduce our waste - our planet is worth it!*



Avoid school suspension by keeping immunization records up-to-date!

Student's immunization records must be provided to Public Health in order to attend school. In the next few weeks, Public Health will be sending notices to students with incomplete immunization records. Anyone who gets a notice should contact their family doctor so they can update their vaccines, and then report their new vaccines to Public Health.

Report every vaccine to Public Health using one of the following methods:

Online: Fill in the form at www.immunizewdg.ca

Email: Send a photo of the immunization record to vaccine.records@wdgpublichealth.ca

Call: 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4396

If a student is not getting vaccinated for medical reasons, reasons of conscience or religious beliefs, an exemption form must be submitted to Public Health. The forms are available at www.wdgpublichealth.ca.

Public Health is committed to helping students update their vaccination records so they can avoid suspension from school.

GET READY FOR SCHOOL!

Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-18 school year is from January 9-26 at all UGDSB elementary schools

- Register your child at your local school, which can be found at www.findmyschool.ca
- Register from Monday to Friday during regular school hours
- Please bring the following to registration - birth certificate or immigration papers, immunization record card, proof of address
- Find out about important changes to French Immersion Registration at www.ugdsb.on.ca/jkfi

www.ugdsb.on.ca/jkregistration

Are you interested in Before/After School Care?

Please take our survey by scanning the QR code below



INQUIRY

HOW TO SUPPORT INQUIRY AT HOME

Now-a-days "knowing stuff" is no longer enough. Any resourceful student with an iPad could sit in front of the TV and Google all the questions to Alex Trebek's responses on Jeopardy, and get them correct. We are moving away from simply "knowing content," to being able to apply knowledge in interesting, creative, and critical ways. To accomplish this, students and teachers need to ask the right questions. Asking the right questions is what inquiry is all about.

Children are great at asking questions. They are naturally curious, and are constantly asking questions to make sense of their world.



Instead of just telling your child the answer, try one of these strategies. First, you can get them to look up the answer. This will help them develop the ability to solve their own problems. Or, you can ask them "What do you think?" This will give you insight into what they already know, and then you can ask them more questions to guide them to an answer.

An inquiry-based approach is seen throughout the Ontario Curriculum. Students learn best when they are formulating their own questions and working towards solutions through discussion with their peers.



A closed-question:

These are questions with a specific answer. Here are two examples:

Why do some stars twinkle?

What colours mix to make purple?

Closed-questions are great questions for your child to look-up in a book, or google.

An open-question:

These are questions that could be answered in many ways. Here is an example:

How can we best support the Syrian refugees?

Open-questions are great questions for you to explore with your child. Discuss with them what they already know, and help them form their own answer.

TIPS FOR INQUIRY AT HOME



- Resist providing the answer
- Resist giving a procedure (math)
- Ask questions to clarify their thinking
- Ask your child to explain the reasons behind their answer

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