

The Eagle News



The Irwin Memorial Public School Newsletter

October 2018

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Dates to Remember

Oct 11th Hat Day

Oct 12th Thanksgiving lunch!

Until Oct 22 Winter Clothing Drive.

Oct 26 PA Day.

Tuesdays Pizza Day. Please fill out order forms sent out at the beginning of each month.

Everyday Milk Day. Please fill out orders sent out at the beginning of each month.

Our students and staff have been enjoying all types of fall weather, including rainy/cold days and warm/sunny days. Our first month of school has been filled with many exciting events including our Terry Fox run, Cross Country runs, the Welcome Back BBQ and even a few first place ribbons from the Huntsville Fall Fair! Coming up we have our school community Thanksgiving Lunch, which you will find more info below, the Lounge trip to Sandhill Nursery and Girlz Unplugged will be starting soon. Also, friendly reminder that Oct 26 is a PA Day.

This month staff have been refining our School Improvement Plan where we will be working on promoting innovation with an intentional focus on 21st Century Learning Competencies such as collaboration, perseverance, global citizenship, critical thinking, problem solving etc. Linked to this work is the continued implementation of our Makerspace, The Edwin Digital Backpack in grade 7/8 as well as play and inquiry in the early years. In addition, we will be examining and learning about fundamental math and how to build students understanding of number and number concepts. We have also identified four the big ideas that are informing practice across the school: Knowing Our Learners, Having our Learners Know Themselves, Being Responsive and Building Independence. If you would like to check out our School Improvement Plan, the current draft is posted on our website.

SAFE ARRIVAL

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please call our safe arrival line before 8:30am.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, staff are happy to help. I would ask that you first contact the classroom teacher for a resolution and then from there you are welcome to connect with me. My door is always open.

Jenn



705-635-1661

School Council

The School Council is excited to be organizing a Winter Clothing Drive. Please drop off your gently used snow pants, winter coats, sweaters, boots gloves, etc., to the school, from now until Oct, 22nd. On Oct, 22nd, students (and parents) will be able to shop for what they need this winter. Let your kids know what they should be looking for!

Thanksgiving Lunch - Friday, Oct, 12th, the entire Irwin School will gather for a Thanksgiving lunch with all the fixings. If you have not let the school know about your child's dietary/restrictions, we ask that you do. If you are interested in volunteering at the lunch, please contact Emma at shelbear@gmail.com. We are also looking for some supplies for this lunch: crock pots, gravy boats (preferably to hold heat, platters and bowls for serving.

Order forms came home for **Fresh From the Farm**. This fundraiser will be used to purchase lights for our school stage. Order forms due OCT 15th. Pick up date will be announced after orders are submitted. Thank you for your support.



Dismissal Procedures

Parents/Guardians who pick up their children from school are kindly requested to **wait in the foyer or just outside the front door.** This ensures a safe and orderly dismissal routine for all students. If you should need to pick your child up early, please report to the office and sign your child out. The office staff will then contact the class and have your child meet you in the office.

Volunteers

We are in the process of obtaining submitted police checks to the OPP. Please note that this may take several weeks to complete.

If you would like to volunteer at Irwin, you will need a criminal police check. Please see Kim in the office for forms and procedures

Fall Fair

Check out that pumpkin!

Look at the size of the sunflower!

Both these items were grown and nurtured in Irwin's very own vegetable garden.



Items were submitted to the Huntsville Fall Fair and won first prize! Thank you to all who helped them grown.



Cross Country Races

The Hoya Hills Cross Country run was a great success! Students ran, cheered, supported their peers and had lots of fun. Thanks to all the organizers and parent volunteers for supporting our kids!



Terry Fox

It was a truly beautiful day for our Terry Fox walk/run down Dwight Beach Road. Our fundraising total to date is \$1,207.45! A big thank you to our parent volunteers, the Lake of Bays Fire Department and the Huntsville OPP for their support!. Donations will be accepted through to the end of the week, when we will announce our grand total.



Lounge

Last Tuesday SKC program went on their field trip to Sandhill Nursery. The students had a blast learning about the animals on site as well as the differences between pumpkins and gourds. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered.

Breakfast Club Update:

Thank you who all the parents who are volunteering for the breakfast program. Your help is greatly appreciated! We would like to thank President's Choice Children's Charity for their \$1000 grant for food and consumables, and their \$2000 grant to purchase a new stove for the kitchen. We would like to thank the Dwight Lion's Club for their donation of \$550 to the SKC program and for donating \$800 to the Breakfast Program!

News From Our Public Library

The Dwight Public Library is offering a PA Day activity on Fri, Oct, 26th for kids ages 7 and up....younger kids are welcome to come with and adult too.



GO EAGLES!!