

The Eagle News



The Irwin Memorial Public School Newsletter

September 2018

Principal: Jennifer Clark
Secretary: Kim Reuvekamp

Trustee: Bruce Reain
Superintendent: Dave Golden

Important Dates

Sept. 12: Welcome Back BBQ

Sept 19: School Council meeting

Sept 24: Terry Fox Run/Walk 11:20 –12:40

Sept 27: Cross Country Meet (Arrowhead)

Sept. 28: Photo Day

Please stay tuned for...

September Pizza and Milk Order Forms—thanks for your patience as we get these ready

Website update coming soon—thanks for your patience

School Handbook

Safe Arrival

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

705-635-1661

Safety is our priority!



Principal's Message

Welcome back Irwin Memorial Public School students and families to another great year of learning! A warm welcome goes out to all new students and families who are joining us this year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce some new staff members to the Irwin learning community. Kim Reuvekamp will be the secretary in our office. She has been working tirelessly to learn the ropes and we really appreciate her work! Saskia Van Ryn will be working part days as our Responsive Reading teacher in primary and then working with our older students in The Arts. Saskia brings great enthusiasm for learning to our community. Please see following page for a full description of the staff.

We have had a couple of site improvements over the summer. A fresh coat of paint on our doors means the purple is now gone. Thanks to all of the efforts of School Council, our new hydration station has been installed outside the office. We are encouraging students to bring in reusable water bottles to avoid single-use plastic bottles from our water machine. We have also had a spruce up of some paint on our yard tarmac and equipment. A big thank you to Sarah Roberts for her work painting the basketball standards and

soccer posts. Our garden is in full swing with some very large sunflowers and pumpkins. Our gratitude for all those that supported the watering over this dry, hot summer!

As a staff we have been working on refining our School Innovation Plan. We have been learning about 21st Century Competencies and have been thinking about how to incorporate these into our classrooms. With a focus on these competencies we are empowering children to learn fundamental skills while innovating, problem solving, thinking critically and developing a growth mindset. I invite you to check out our School Innovation Plan on our website at <https://irw.tdsb.on.ca/> or discuss this learning with your child's teacher and/or myself.

We are looking forward to a great year at Irwin. Please know, my door is always open. Feel free to call me at the number below or drop me an email at jennifer.clark@tdsb.on.ca or stop in and have a chat. If you have any concerns about your child, I do ask that you speak to your child's classroom teacher first. If you need further assistance, don't hesitate to let me know.

Jenn

Bits and Pieces....

Bus Safety...

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 up your child 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 at the

office.

Volunteer... Want to volunteer at Irwin? We'd love to have you! All volunteers will need to have a criminal police check. See Kim in the office for more details.

We send out information to families and the community in a variety of ways:



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See the link on our website



MEET OUR STAFF

September 12th
5:00 to 6:30pm.

Come and enjoy a complimentary burger and an apple and visit your child's classroom!

Lounge Updates

The **SKC (Lounge) program** at Irwin is up and running again. The staff are still in the process of selecting our members for the 2018-2019 school year. Forms will be sent home early next week. Please understand that we only have 20 spots available, so unfortunately we do not have space for everyone that has shown interest.

The Breakfast club is also up and running! A huge thank-you goes out to PC Children's Charity who donated two grants. A \$2000 grant (to purchase a new stove for the gym kitchen) and a \$1000 food and consumables grant. This will be a tremendous help this year. If you are interested in volunteering for the breakfast program, please contact Ms. Dukoff at farrah.dukoff@tidsb.on.ca or 705-635-2232, as we are still in need of occasional volunteers. Please don't hesitate to contact us if your child has any dietary sensitivities. We will do our best to accommodate.

We are proud to announce we have installed a hydration station! By providing access to drinking water gives students a healthy alternative to sugar-sweetened beverages. It helps to increase students' overall water consumption, maintain hydration all while saving on the use of plastic bottles. Adequate hydration also may improve cognitive function in children and adolescents.

Irwin Memorial PS Staff 2018-2019

Classroom Educators

JK/SK	Melanie Maxwell & DECE Sarah Cripps
Grade 1/2	Kirsten Connor
Grade 2/3	Darlene Rudd
Grade 4/5	Catherine West
Grade 6/7	Kent Maxwell
Grade 7/8	Wendy Murray

Core French

Bernadette Lovegrove

Special Education Resource Teachers

Peter Yungblut, Saskia Van Ryn

Educational Assistants

Sharon Brant, Sanday Brown, Margot Cook, Kim Kruithof

Library Clerk

Heather Wilkins

Custodial Staff

Andre Comtois, Nancy Sovereign

Lounge Program Lead

Farrah Dukoff

SCHOOL COUNCIL

WELCOME Irwin families from School Council!

We are excited about the 2018-19 year.

You are invited to participate in any and all of the school council activities. Our first meeting is Wednesday September 19th at 3:15 PM in the library. Childcare provided.

There is a school council bulletin board in the main entrance that will keep you up to date. Check it out! If you can volunteer by baking, fundraising, making hot lunches, or would like to be notified when we need volunteers just let us know. There are all types of opportunities that are flexible.

Email Emma shelbear@gmail.com or Sarah wwsarah@hotmail.com

Coming Soon

Thanksgiving Lunch

News from our Public Library

The Dwight Public Library is offering some Saturday morning kid's programs at the end of September:

On September 22nd from 11am until noon there is a 'Nail Art' program for kids ages 8 and up. Kids are invited to bring their own polish or other nail art supplies if they wish but it is not mandatory

On September 29th from 11am until noon kids ages 7 to 12 are invited to have 'Fun with Slime'. They will make their own slime to take home.

There is no charge for either of the programs but the library does ask that you register your child in advance so they can be prepared.



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