

# The Eagle News

Irwin Memorial Public School

November, 2019



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## Principal's Message

### Important Dates

**Nov 11th** Remembrance Day Assembly 11:30  
**Nov 18th –22nd** Week of Kindness  
**Nov 20th** Progress Reports home  
**Nov 20th** Irwin clothing exchange  
**Nov 20th to 22nd** Book Fair  
**Nov 21st** School Council hot lunch  
**Nov 27th** Parent/Teacher Interviews  
**Nov 28th** PA Day (no school)  
**Nov 29th** Board Holiday (no school)

### Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, **please call our safe arrival line before 8:30 am.** If a student arrives after 8:35 am, they are considered late and must be signed in by a parent/guardian and receive a late slip.

### Need Assistance?

**The Society of St. Paul De Vincent** has implemented an assistance program to students and families attending schools in the area. If you or someone in your family needs financial assistance, you can make a confidential call to **705-789-0008** for more information.

Welcome to November!

It's hard to believe, but here we are. As we say goodbye to Halloween, fall colours and warm temperatures, we can look forward to basketball season, progress reports, Remembrance Day and a long weekend in November.

Thanks to all who made October such an incredible month. Our Terry Fox Run, the Thanksgiving Feast, Take Me Outside Day, Halloween and our first annual Disk Golf Tournament all shine as examples as to what makes Irwin a great place to be.

As we get into November, I like to remind everyone about the importance of regular attendance at school. Our "I'm Here" awareness campaign will highlight the impact long term absences or chronic lates have on learning. If you are planning time away for hunting, travel or other extended periods, please reach out to us in advance. We require notice in writing and we like to work with home to have supports in place to complete missed work.

November 27th will be Parent/Teacher interviews, I hope to see you there. Progress reports will be home on November 20th, so this will be a good time to connect with staff and follow up on any ques-

tions you have. This November also has a board holiday for the first time that I can recall. On November 29th, schools will be closed following the PD day on the 28th.

All the Best!

Ian

### Clothing Exchange

We are accepting gently used clothing of all sizes (including winter coats, boots, mitts, hats etc.) for our clothing exchange on Nov 20th. Anyone can come to school and choose items they may need or want.

Donations can be dropped off at school in the Lounge by Nov 19th.

Thank you in advance, it was a huge hit last year!



### Bus Safety ...

Parents/Guardians who pick up their children from school are kindly asked to **wait in the foyer or just outside the front door of the school.**

This ensures a safe and orderly dismissal routine for all students.

### Early Pick Up ...

If you should need to pick up your child early, please call

the office and let us know first. 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. **However, we do wish for students to stay at school to the end of the day, if possible.** Early dismissals can affect the classroom learning time.



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



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### Pizza Orders Now Online!

Every Tuesday is Pizza Day at Irwin. You can now order pizza weekly or monthly by using our school cash online program. It's fast, easy and you will never forget to send money for pizza day! You may have heard that we have switched our pizza vendor to Pizza Hut. So far it's been a huge hit! Each slice of pizza is \$2.50. No more forms! Cut off date for online purchase is Sunday before Pizza Day and for cash purchases, Monday before Pizza Day. We cannot guarantee your child will receive pizza on Pizza Day if it is not preordered.

### Milk Orders

Starting November 1st, Irwin will be selling white and chocolate milk daily in the lobby for \$1. Kinderland will still have their milk orders delivered to their classrooms.



## SKC—The Lounge

Our SKC students enjoyed decorating The Lounge for Halloween and welcomed back "Bob The Spider" from hibernation. They enjoyed some spooky crafts and treats and loved sharing funny and entertaining ghost stories.

The Lounge would like to invite members of the community in for guitar and drumming lessons this year and have some fun discovering their creative side through innovative crafts and activities. We are still collecting milk bags for our "Milk Bag Project". Please have students bring coloured milk bags to The Lounge.



## Poppies by Donation in the Office!

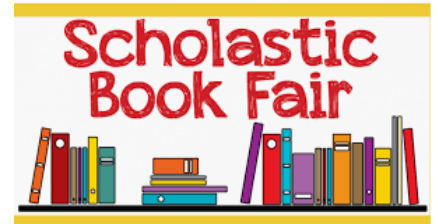


## Irwin Eagles Basketball

Our wonderful and talented basketball players have formed teams and are starting to compete with other schools in our area. Grades 6, 7 and 8 girls and boys are having a fair chance at learning and playing a team sport. The regular season schedule can be found on our school website. Playoffs are scheduled to start on Tuesday, November 26th. Tournament format TBA, 2 games guaranteed. **GO EAGLES!**

## Scholastic Book Fair

Irwin's book fair is starting November 20th through to November 22nd. There are wonderful selections of books to purchase for all ages and in all price ranges. If you would like to purchase something for your child as a Christmas gift, come on in and select something your child would love. Our Librarian, Heather Wilkins will be pleased to assist you!



## School Council

Our 3rd annual Thanksgiving Lunch was a huge success. Thanks to an incredible group of volunteers (made up of both parents and grandparents!), local businesses who donated food, space and facilities to cook; Arrowhead Camp, Webster's Beacon and Dwight Community Centre. This year all the potatoes, squash and carrots were from our very own garden. So much to be thankful for! Thank you to everyone who purchased veggies and fruit from the Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser. Once we have a date for pick up, we will let you know. Next School Council meeting is on Monday, November 4th starting at 3:15. Childcare is available on site. We meet in the library, everyone is welcome! If you can't make it but have ideas, let us know. You can also find the minutes of finances on our website.

School Council Wishlist: Sewing supplies (material, zippers, buttons, thread, etc.). A set of outdoor Lincoln logs. If you are a woodworker and are willing to take on a project that would bring a lot of joy, let us know and we can give you more information. Contact Emma 705-787-8622 shelbear@gmail.com or Sarah 705-783-5011 wwsarah@hotmail.com

## Disc Golf News



Great News! The Local Huntsville Area Disc Golf Club will be running disc golf lessons here at Irwin on Wednesday nights from 6 to 8pm. The sessions run from November 6th until December 11th. Lessons are free for students and are only \$5.00 a session for parents. This is a great, affordable opportunity to learn the basics of disc golf from local players. One of the instructors, Micah, just won the Quebec Provincial Championship Tournament!

## Lost and Found Items

Our lost and found area is getting fuller by the day. If your child is missing anything, you might want to check the lost and found!



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