

The Eagle News

Irwin Memorial Public School
Embrace Learning!

February 2020



Principal: Ian Patterson
Office Administration: Kim Reuvekamp

Eagles Pride!

Trustee: Bruce Reain
Superintendent: Dave Golden

Important Dates

Feb 7th, 14th, 21st—Gr. 1/2 skating 1:20-3pm

Feb 10th—School Council Mtg 3:15pm

Feb 17th—Family Day. No School

Feb 20th—Hot lunch

Feb 26th—Gr. 8 photo retakes

Feb 26th- Pink Shirt Day support prevention of bullying

Feb 27th Family Fun Night 5-7pm

Feb 28th, 29th—Dwight Winter Carnival—School Council bake Sale

Lost and Found

Please stop by and check out our lost and found bin. Mittens, coats, you name it, children have lost it. We also have a few pieces of jewelry turned in. If you have lost a ring, please contact the office.

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.

705-635-1661

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Welcome to February! We continue to beat the winter blues by getting outside and embracing the season. Staff find many ways to get our students moving on the ice and snow, thanks to all of you who make this happen!

Parent council has kept us well fed with our hot lunch fundraisers. The Macaroni and Cheese was a big hit! We will be considering how to spend this funding at our upcoming meeting on February 10th. We hope to see you there.

It's not all fun and games at Irwin, students have been working hard as well. Teachers continue to focus on Math instruction and we have seen significant improvements in the classrooms. Our early-years readers are a committed group! We have small groups reading together all over the school. Thanks to our reading volunteers who have been so consistent. Mrs. Conner's 1-2 class has made huge gains recently! While we won't have term one report cards due to ongoing job action, you are still welcome to reach out with questions about your child's progress.

I have thanked our staff for their professionalism throughout the strike. These are difficult times for everyone involved, we

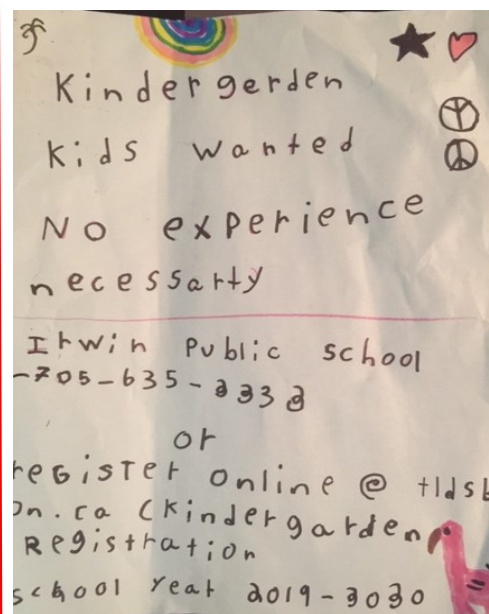
know that families are impacted. We all hope this is resolved quickly so we can return to business as usual here at Irwin. Please continue to monitor the TLDSB website for updates. www.tldsb.ca.

All the Best!

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Kindergarten Registration Now Open!

Register online or in person.
<https://ereg.tldsb.ca>



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

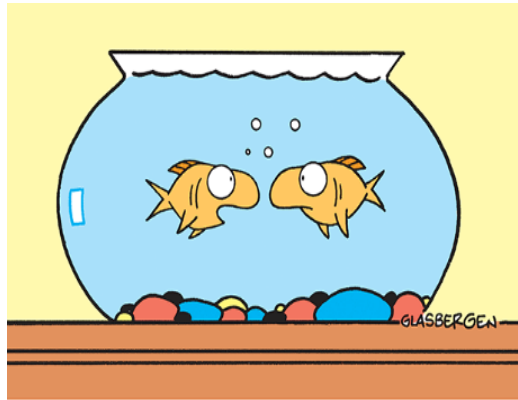
Starting November 1st, Irwin will be selling white and chocolate milk daily in the lobby for \$1. Kinderland will still have their milk orders delivered to their classrooms.



SKC Lounge

Our SKC Program invited the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in to do a stress management workshop where they taught stress relieving techniques to grades 1-3. The students got a lot out of it and it was great to see some good progress. We are continuing to hand out special compliments to students from our "Compliment Box" and are enjoying some fun arts and crafts in the Lounge.

Nicole Caracciolo
SKC Program Leader



"You've been awfully tense lately. They say petting a cat is a great way to relieve stress!"

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 after a Grade 9 student from a small town was bullied for wearing a pink T-shirt to school. Each year since, Canadians have worn pink on the last Wednesday of February to show support and stand against bullying.

February 26th, please wear pink to help raise awareness of bullying in our schools, workplaces, homes and online.

Let's foster children's healthy self-esteem by putting an end to bullying. Every child deserves to feel safe and heard.



School Council

A big thank you to everyone supporting hot lunch. It was a successful meal thanks to the amazing volunteers and The Beacon for being so generous and donating food. The next hot lunch will be February 20th, flyer to come soon. A hot lunch will be offered each month. We are excited to be set up online for orders!

Our next School Council meeting is happening on Monday, February 10th at 3:15. Students are providing child care. Everyone welcome! At this meeting we will be discussing and planning our



Family Winter Fun Night. Feb 27th, 5-7, hot dogs to roast, skating and a lit trail. Celebrate winter with us! If you would like to help with this event but can not make the meeting, contact us. We could use your help!

School Council is running their annual bake sale at the Dwight Winter Carnival on Sat, Feb 29th as a fundraiser for some of our woodworking projects. If you can bake for us or you can help sell, let us know.

We have a few items we would love to have built that are on our wish list. Small kinder size picnic tables, a friendship bench for the yard, and benches to help with skate lacing. If you are skilled in woodworking and have some time to help us build these, let's chat!

Our treasurer's report and meeting minutes are online for you review. If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas, please reach out. Contact Emma shelbear@gmail.com or Sarah wwsarah@hotmail.com

All the Best!

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