

# The Eagle News

Irwin Memorial Public School  
Embrace Learning!

SEPTEMBER 2020



Principal: Ian Patterson  
Office Administration: Kim Reuvekamp

*Eagle Pride!*

Trustee: Bruce Reain  
Superintendent: Dave Golden

## Important Dates

Sept 24th—Mountain biking club begins

Sept 30th—Terry Fox Run

**Due to Covid-19, we will not be offering pizza or milk for sale until further notice**

## Please....

A friendly reminder that visitors, including parents are not allowed into the building. If you are dropping your child off, please call the office (705-635-2232) to let us know you are in the parking lot and a staff member will escort your child to their line. Please try to be at the school no earlier than 8:35, if possible.

Please follow the above for late arrivals.

After school pick up begins at 3:10 when all the buses have left. Please call the office at or after 3:10 to let us know you are in the parking lot and a staff member will escort your child to your vehicle.

Please follow the above for early pick up.

Our goal is to safely dismiss students with the utmost care and attention to detail.



## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Hello Irwin Families,

"Wash and Wear to Show You Care!" Yes, this is our new motto as we bring our wonderful building back to life. In the early days, staff and students have embraced the new hand washing protocols and wearing masks inside or in close proximity to others. We have created amazing outdoor learning areas to give everyone the opportunity to make use of what mother nature has provided for us at Irwin. A special thank-you to all of you who helped put up our tents and provided us with our log "furniture". Moving forward, please ensure students come prepared to spend time in a variety of weather conditions, cool mornings, warm afternoons and even the rain! I know there were huge smiles under those masks as students returned to classes following that crazy long March Break!

Many families have had, and continue to have concerns about the safety of public spaces during this pandemic. I assure you that we are doing all we can to keep Irwin safe and will respond quickly, if the need arises. Please continue to monitor the TLDSB website [www.tldsb.ca](http://www.tldsb.ca) for the latest updates. I encourage parents to reach out to the school at any time if you have questions. I recognize that bussing schedules and staggered starts has tested some of our patience, but with full time classes starting on September 18th, routines will soon be established! For those families who have students enrolled in Learning at Home we will continue to support you even though teachers from other schools may be connecting with you for instruction. Hold onto any device you

have and call to arrange the pick up of a computer, if you need one.

We have had some staffing adjustments to accommodate the in school and home learning class rooms. As part of this reorganization, Irwin would like to welcome Bobbi-Jo Marshall as our grade 7/8 teacher until Christmas. Ms. Marshall has held several positions within our board and her calm, consistent approach to student learning will be appreciated. We are also welcoming Michelle Sutherland back to Irwin as an EA. Ms. Sutherland is familiar with Irwin and many of our students, we are so happy to have her working with our students. Welcome!

Please continue with your offers of encouragement to our hardworking staff. Parents and community support is part of Irwin's identity. It is during these times that this support helps us keep focused on what is important, raising healthy children.

Thanks so much!

Ian



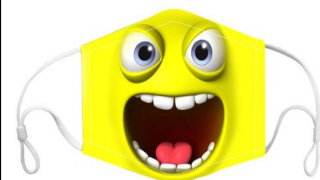
Thank you so much to everyone who donated logs for our students to enjoy outdoor learning.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped clean our trails, set up our tents and helped at the Independent

fundraiser.

Thank you Linda Pinkerton for donating masks

We are always reminded of and thankful for the amazing community supporting our school.



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



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## SKC Program

### Breakfast Club:

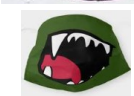
Irwin has been working closely with the Student Nutrition Program in North Bay and following the guidelines from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to create a nutritious breakfast program that we are excited to continue! Every morning students will have the option of a healthy grain, dairy item and fruit or vegetable to choose from, and it's offered to the whole school. We will be going over and above to ensure a safe and healthy start to their mornings.

### SKC Program:

Our program looks different this year, however, I will continue to support students with their skill and social development and focus on their Mental Health and well being. This will be done individually and in small groups while keeping students in their cohorts. We won't be meeting in "The Lounge" as a whole for the time being, nor have guest speakers or school trips. I have been talking to many students so far and they are excited to be back. I love having the opportunity to reconnect and help support our students.

Nicole Caracciolo

### Cool Mask!



## Terry Fox News

Irwin staff is happy to announce that we will be once again participating in the Terry Fox Run on Wednesday, September 30th. Although the run will look different compared to the past, we are proud to be participating once again. This year is also special as it marks the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run.

This year classes will be participating one at a time during their Physical Education period. The goal would be to see if your class can run 40km in total to help celebrate the 40th year of the run itself. Donations this year will be online only. Please consider donating using the following link:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/IrwinMemorialPSD> wight

As a school, we are aiming to raise \$350 to celebrate our 35th year of participation. We will share with you the total kms our school ran after our Terry Fox Day.

Thank you for your continued support for this charity and a Canadian hero.



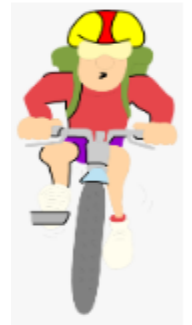
## School Council

We are excited to be back with our school community! We plan on kicking our creativity up a notch to find ways to support the school team and students. We meet monthly virtually and would love you to join in any of our meetings. The info will be shared by school email and the newsletter as they are planned. Thank you to the awesome families who ran the bbq at the Independent Grocers. Your time and willingness to help is appreciated. Thank you to local businesses Spy Underground for their generous donation! shel-bear@gmail.com

## Mountain Biking Club

Mr. Yungblut will be supporting a mountain biking club here at the school on Thursdays and Fridays, beginning on September 24th.

Students in the Grade 7/8 classroom (room 6) will be invited to participate. Unfortunately, because of our current safety rules with Covid 19, additional cohorts and classrooms will not be able to participate at this time. This program will run for 4 weeks. Students will be able to bike along our new trails and to Marsh's Falls on Fridays.



## Dwight Public Library

The Dwight Branch of the Lake of Bays Library is open to the public by appointment for everyone to come in and browse, pick up books, movies and other items. Appointments are for half hour increments and visitors are asked to please wear a face covering and sanitize upon arrival. A maximum of five people are able to visit at one time.

<https://www.lakeofbayslibrary.ca/> for more information and contact numbers. Miss Becca continues to do weekly story times online and Miss Maria has lots of arts and craft videos available for kids to follow along at home. Like their Facebook and Instagram pages to follow along with all the activities online.

Miss Becca has also set up an "Outdoor Story Walk" on the grounds of the library and the Lake of Bays Township property. The story walk is a literary experience for families to share and enjoy and is available now for everyone to use. The story walk begins outside the Book Nook in the library gardens and is available seven days a week, no need to wait for the library to be open.

## Irwin Eagles



### Ms. Conner's 1/2 Class Jokes

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? Because he didn't have the guts to do it!

Why did the cow cross the road? Because he wanted to go to the mooovies!

