

The Eagle News



Irwin Memorial Public School
Embrace Learning!

OCTOBER 2020

Principal: Ian Patterson
Office Administration: Kim Reuvekamp

Trustee: Bruce Reain
Superintendent: Dave Golden



Important Dates

Oct 2nd—Orange Shirt Day

Oct 12th—Thanksgiving Day—No school

Oct 19th—School Council virtual meeting 7pm



Nutritious Ideas for Snacks!

It's always a struggle to pack our children's lunches and snacks for school. Did I give them enough to eat? Will they eat what's in the lunch?

Below are a few popular and healthy ideas:

Yogurt is usually a staple in lunches, try adding raisins or peanut free trail mix; such as, hemp hearts, chia seeds, pumpkin seeds, (great time of year for those!) or shelled sunflower seeds. Combine fresh fruit and raw veggies with a protein based dip. If your children like energy bars, try choosing ones with at least a bit of protein while still being low on sugar. Cheese and whole grain crackers, pretzels, hummus and pita cracker, even a hard boiled egg is a great and easy addition.

Water is always the best liquid to send to school.

**** Please check with your child's allergist who may recommend avoidance of all seeds.****

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Hello Irwin Families!

We began the year with so much uncertainty, I am happy to report that the routines we have established at the school are working well and that students are doing some amazing things! Mother nature has been so kind, our outdoor classrooms are being well used. The trails are hiked daily, Marsh's Falls has been visited and Mr. Y has a mountain bike club rolling. Our Kinderland class has been exploring the outdoors all day, everyday since September, only coming in to use the washrooms. What an amazing property we have! As the weather changes, we still plan on spending lots of time outdoors, please continue to send your child dressed according to the forecast. Being outside provides everyone with much needed mask breaks.

We had a very successful Terry Fox run, here is the link to the coverage we received from the Huntsville Doppler: [Doppler Online Irwin Memorial Students Raise money for Terry Fox](#)

We are looking forward to Halloween, I expect some changes to our Irwin traditions, but we will still find a way to make Friday the 30th a fun day, expect to see more details soon. Our school photos have completed, they will be send home in early November at no cost to families. If you missed photo day, we will have

a second date announced soon, stay

tuned. Looking ahead into November, progress reports will be sent home Friday, November 13th, and parent/teacher interviews will take place on Thursday, November 19th. Parent/teacher interviews will be done remotely, by phone or by google meet. As this day approaches, we will provide more details.

I appreciate the efforts from families to ensure our building remains healthy. Here is the link to the updated screening tool for parents to use if your child is not feeling well: [Ontario COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School -](#)

Please continue to reference this, or call us if you have questions about how we handle illnesses.

Stay well everyone!

Ian

A Very Special Thank you!

Thank you to Kiwanis Huntsville Muskoka and the Blundell Family for their generous donations of school supplies! Our teaching staff was very excited to go through the boxes!

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.

Thank you so much!



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



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SKC Program

Breakfast Club continues to be a huge success and we're grateful we're able to serve the whole student body! We know that parents would love to help our school, and a great way is to reach out to Miss C. and help with grocery pick up at the Independent Grocer. We would greatly appreciate it!



The SKC Program has been reaching out to our students on an individual basis to see how we can help and what support(s) is needed. They love having that "go to person" and enjoy the small group work with social skills and mental health.



Nicole Caracciolo
SKC Program Leader
SNP Coordinator



Terry Fox News



Thank you to our Irwin Community for helping us to raise \$965 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our last day for donations is Friday, October 9th. Hoping you can help us to reach \$1,000! Congratulations to all of our participants. As a school, we ran 334km! This is equal to the distance from Toronto to North Bay. That's amazing!

<http://www.terryfox.ca/IrwinMemorialPSDwight>



Mountain Biking Club

Our intermediate biking club has been a great success! There have been 8 students participating and having fun hitting the trails. Thank you to the Boothby family for allowing us access on your trail system.



Dwight Public Library

Starting Oct 1st, we have fall activity bins available for loan at the library. The bins are:

1. Fall Leaf Chromatography Experiment—discover all the colours in autumn leaves
2. Fall Literacy Bin—suitable for kids from Kindergarten to grade 2
3. Fall Craft Bin—crafts for autumn and Thanksgiving
4. Fall Loose Parts Bin—make your own fall creations!

The bins can be signed out for 2 weeks and includes all the materials needed for the activity. When bins are returned, they sit for 3 days before being restocked and available for circulation again.

The storywalk will still be up and available for use throughout October.



School Council

School Council invites you to the next meeting on Monday, October 19th at 7pm. It's a virtual meeting. If you would like to be apart of it, contact the school or Emma at shelbear@gmail.com.

If you would like to run for a role on school council, (chair, co-chair, treasurer or secretary) please contact Emma for details.

The treasurer's report and the minutes are on the website.

Disc Golf News

Mr. Y. is planning a disc golf club for the grade 6/7 classroom, which will begin at the end of October. More information available soon!



Irwin Eagles



Ms. Conner's 1/2

What do you call a bull who can't stay awake? A bull dozer!

- Ella B.

What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear!

- Mason H.

What kind of gum do ghosts chew? Boo-ble Gum!

- Mrs. Conner

