

The Eagle News

Irwin Memorial Public School
Embrace Learning!

SEPTEMBER 2021



Principal: Ian Patterson
Office Administration: Kim Reuvekamp

Eagle Pride!

Trustee: Bruce Reain
Superintendent: Paul Goldring

Important Dates

Sept 29th—Terry Fox Run
Sept 27th to Oct 1st - Truth and Reconciliation Week
Sept 30th—Orange Shirt Day
Oct 5th –School Council virtual meeting (7pm)

RISE

Irwin's wellbeing focus is **RISE**. Rise stands for **Resilience, Integrity, Support** and **Empathy**. Our morning announcements have a quote relating to **RISE** and we are celebrating students who demonstrate these themes.

"We rise by lifting others"
-Robert Ingersoll

Terry Fox Fundraiser

Irwin's Terry Fox run is on September 29th this year. Donations can be made to:
<http://www.terryfox.ca/IrwinMemorialPSDwight>

Irwin will be giving out special prizes if our goal of \$1,000 is met! Please donate and support our kids who are doing their part in helping to find a cure!



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Hello to the Irwin Community,

Welcome back. Those words feel so good to say! As we plan for the upcoming year, it is nice to see many activities return to "things we can do". Our Terry Fox Run, some sporting activities, but mostly, having students in classrooms.

I look forward to working with our dedicated Parent Council around maintaining the close connection between our school and the community. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 5th at 7pm. This will be online, so please email me at ian.patterson@tdsb.on.ca if you would like to attend. Our past Vice-Chair Sarah Roberts will lead the first meeting, elections for the open council positions will be on the first meeting agenda.

Teachers are focused on getting to know our learners, by this we look at how they are doing with their social/emotional learning as well as their literacy and mathematics skills. We know the pandemic has impacted students in all of these areas. Reach out to your child's teacher or myself if you have questions or concerns in any of these areas.

As always, we remain committed to keeping Irwin a safe and welcoming space for all. While we are not ready to welcome parents and volunteers into the building

just yet, we look forward to the day this can happen!

All the best,

Ian

2021/2022 Irwin Staff

Teachers

Mel Maxwell - JK, SK
Kirsten Conner - Grades 1/2 split
Catherine West –Grades 2/3 split
Wendy Murray –Grades 4/5 split
Kent Maxwell –Grades 6/7 split
Luke Felhaber –Grades 7/8 split
Bernadette Lovegrove - French
Una Pape-Prep/Gym
Peter Yungblut-Sert/Gym

Educational Assistants/DECE

Sarah Cripps
Sanday Brown

SKC

Nicole Caracciolo

Custodians

Tracey Wager
Nancy Sovereign

Librarian

Heather Wilkins

Please....

A friendly reminder that visitors, including parents are not allowed into the building. If you are dropping your child off after the bell as rung, please call the office (705-635-2232) to let us know you are in the parking lot. Please try to be

at the school **no earlier** than 8:30, if possible.

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.

For before 3pm pick ups, your child will not be released from their classroom earlier than 2:55, unless specified.

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



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



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SKC Program

Our Shania Kids Can Program is running again this year!

We are working with small groups of students and continuing to work hard on mental health and well being, as well as social and emotional development.

Our breakfast club is also up and running, providing a healthy snack to our entire school. We're sending out a HUGE thank you to those parents who are helping with grocery shopping through PC Express at Independent Grocers.

If you are interested in helping with the breakfast club grocery shopping, please contact the office.

Nicole Caracciolo
SKC Program Leader



Cool Mask!



Running Club

We are happy to announce that we have set up a running club for students in grades one to eight. The goal for the running club is to get into better shape and to reach personal goals. Practices will be as follows:

Mon and Wed grades 5-8
Tues and Thurs grades 1-4

Running Club will take place until Thanksgiving long weekend.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Y.



Orange Shirt Day Every Child Matters

On September 30th, we call upon students and staff of Irwin to wear an orange shirt to show our support for **National Day of Truth**. Recognizing this day is an important step in the reconciliation process in honouring the legacy of residential schools.

LET'S DO OUR PART!



School Council

We welcome all families, new and old to the Irwin community this year!

Irwin School Council is a vibrant group that meets once a month to find creative ways to support the school team and students. Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct 2nd at 7pm. We will be holding our meetings virtually until further notice. All are welcome to join!

The link to the meeting will be sent in an email coming soon. During our first meeting we will be voting on positions for Chair, Co-chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

If you have any questions, please email Sarah Roberts at wwsarah@hotmail.com

Working together to complete a task! Great teamwork to set up our school 9 square game.

