

# The Eagle News



Irwin Memorial Public School  
Embrace Learning!

**NOVEMBER 2021**

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Office Administration: Kim Reuvekamp

*Eagle Pride!*

Trustee: Bruce Reain  
Superintendent: Paul Goldring

## Important Dates

Nov 10th—Photo retake day  
Nov 11th—Remembrance Day  
Nov 12th—Progress Reports  
Nov 17th—Due date for ordering poinsettias  
Nov 19th—Hot lunch  
Nov 24th—Interviews  
Nov 25th—PA Day No School  
Nov 26—Board Holiday No School

## PLEASE.....

At Irwin, we do not allow the use of cell phones during school hours. This includes any texting to and from parents. If you need to communicate after school plans with your child, please do so before school or by calling the office. If your child is ill and wants a ride home, the procedure is for the child to come to the office and the office will make the phone call home.

Thanks for your support!



*Thank you*  
for attending our  
Virtual Book Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Irwin Library by shopping at our Virtual Book Fair!

## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

With Thanksgiving and Halloween behind us, it is amazing to think that winter will soon be at our doorstep! Irwin continues to celebrate learning and the recent return to sports in schools. Our Parent Council continues to seek ways to support the school despite not being able to step inside just yet. We will see the return of our "hot lunch" fundraiser in the days to come as well as a Poinsettia order for the holiday season. Our Council is looking to fund additional outdoor recreation resources, Grade 8 Graduation and permanent outdoor leaning shelter. Please know that when you chip in, the funds will go towards these items.

Our staff have been working hard to establish many of the classroom routines and norms that have been disrupted during the last 18 months. It is truly amazing to see everyone so focused on providing a safe and rich learning environment for all. When the progress reports go out on November 12th, know that your child has likely miss out on some learning and may not be where traditional standards expect them to be. We will see these gaps close over time and I am

confident our students will feel great about their learning. We will soon be booking 'virtual' parent teacher interviews for November 24th, this will be a great opportunity to hear about how hard your child is working.

All the best in the weeks ahead, reach out at any time with questions or concerns.—Ian

## Sports are back at Irwin!

The week of November 1-5 saw the return of inter school athletic competition with the start of our volleyball season.

The Irwin Eagles took flight in their first two matches showing off all their hard work over the past month. Everyone involved has been very impressed with the growth in the volleyball and teamwork skills on display by our two amazing teams. The season continues Tuesdays and Thursdays, wrapping up with playoffs and finals on November 18 to 23.

Thank you to all the staff and parents who have helped get us back to safely playing in gyms again.

Go Eagles!

## REMINDER.....

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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### PIZZA DAYS

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!  
PIZZA HUT!

Every Tuesday (except weather days) we will be serving pizza slices. Your child(ren) will have a choice of cheese or pepperoni slices of Pizza Hut pizza. Slices are \$2.50 each and can be purchased via our school cash online program.

<https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

Pizza will be served at 2nd nutrition break.

**PLEASE NOTE** pizza can only be purchased by using school cash online. Please do not send money/cheques to school for pizza because we cannot accept it (due to Covid protocols).

The cut off to purchase pizza for Tuesday Pizza Days will be the Monday (midnight) prior to pizza day Tuesday. Unfortunately, there will be no exceptions to these rules.



### SKC

SKC Program continues to help to support many students in our school through social and emotional Development and assisting with their academics in the classroom.

Irwin's Breakfast Club is a huge success, delivering healthy food choices to every classroom daily. We're sending out a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping with Breakfast Club food delivery by picking up the orders at Independent Grocer and dropping them to the school. We **REALLY APPRECIATE** it!

Please connect with the school if you are interested in helping out too.

Nicole Caracciolo  
SKC Program Leader  
SNP Coordinator



### School Council News

The Irwin School Council has held their first two meetings of the year and are very happy to be connecting again with familiar and new Irwin families!

We are feeling optimistic that together we can come up with some great ways to support our families, students and staff this year, and have begun with our poinsettia fundraiser. Order forms have been sent home from the school, and the due date for ordering is November 17th, with a pickup date of December 1st. We are also really excited to hear that we will be able to start our hot lunch program again, so please stay tuned for more information about that coming really soon!

Please follow on our website:

<https://irw.tdsb.on.ca/>



### LOLOLOLOLO!!

What do you call a pig that knows karate? **A pork chop!**



What animal needs to wear a wig? **A bald eagle!**



How do all the oceans say hello to each other? **They wave!**



Why do bicycles fall over? **Because they're TWO tired!**



### Lake of Bays Public Library News

Dyslexia affects 5-20% of the population and is the most common cause of difficulties with learning to read, write and spell. Lake of Bays Public Library was recently awarded with a mini-grant from International Dyslexia Association Ontario (IDA Ontario) for both the Dwight and Baysville Branches. Each branch received \$500 to purchase decodable books and dyslexia-friendly resources to create a dyslexia friendly library collection.

The library invites parents, teachers and children to come by to check out the new collection along with information for parents and caregivers.

When visiting the library, please come prepared to follow Covid protocols and wear a mask.

Check the link at <https://www.idaontario.com/> for more information and resources on dyslexia.