

# The Eagle News



**Irwin Memorial Public School**  
Embrace Learning!

**December, 2021**



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*Eagle Pride!*

Trustee: Bruce Reain  
Superintendent: Paul Goldring

## Important Dates

Dec 6th—School Council virtual meeting 7pm  
Dec 16th—Holiday virtual concert  
Dec 16th— Hot lunch!  
Dec 17th—Last day of school before the break.  
Jan 3rd—Return to school after the break

## FYI.....

All doors of our school will be locked from the outside at all times. If you need to reach the office, please call (705) 635-2232 for student entry into the building.

**SAFETY FIRST**

**It's important to be on time for school.**

If there is anything we can do to support students with being on time each day (except for extenuating circumstance), please let us know.

**Students should be here by 8:35 am.**



## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Holiday season is here! Irwin continues to be a very busy place, with so many wonderful things happening. Each classroom remains focused on moving students forward with their literacy and numeracy skills. Students are exploring ideas around equity and inclusion, as well, our multilingual welcome sign has been a great addition to our entrance. Student leaders have implemented a month of kindness calendar to support the learning environment.

The return of inter-school sporting events couldn't have gone any better, both the male and female teams made the playoffs with our boys coming out with a championship banner! Congratulations athletes and thank-you to our coaches Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Felhaber for representing Irwin so well.

Irwin also welcomed back our Parent Council "Hot Lunch" fundraiser along with the poinsettia sale. Both events raised funds towards our goals of an outdoor learning structure, enhancing our recreational equipment and funding grade 8 graduation. We appreciate the support from the community

and look forward to the day when we can open our doors to visitors!

We continue to monitor staff and student safety at school as we see local spikes in Covid infections. Watch for additional messaging from the school board around additional measures coming for the school break. Rapid testing kits will be going home to all students to help families monitor wellness and prevent holiday outbreaks. If you plan on starting holidays early, reach out to the school and we will provide kits early, if needed. While the kits will be provided, their use is voluntary.

The staff wishes all of you a happy and healthy holiday!

All the best,

Ian

## 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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### Breakfast Program

We're sending out a HUGE thank you to our local Lion's Club and Bullocks Independent Grocer for donating \$1,000 to Irwin's Breakfast Club! We are extremely grateful they put on this successful fundraiser



### SKC

The students in our program wanted to spread some Holiday cheer by making some beautiful ornaments for the residence at Muskoka Landing Retirement Home. We listened to carols and sang while being creative. Our students LOVED this opportunity!



## December is Month of Kindness!



# DECEMBER MONTH OF KINDNESS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Give someone a compliment today.	2 Tell your custodian "Thank you!"	3 Design a paper ornament with a kindness message to display in the foyer.
6 Make a holiday card for a resident at Fairvern.	7 As a class, do something kind for your Secret Santa class.	8 Smile at as many people as you can today.	9 Write a kind note to a friend or trusted adult and tell them why you appreciate them.	10 Tell funny holiday jokes to make people laugh.
13 Allow someone to go in front of you in line.  Spirit Day: PJ Day	14 Give someone a candy cane and enjoy one yourself.  Spirit Day: Grinch Day (Wear green or dress like a Who)	15 A student leader will read a holiday story to your class today outdoors.  Spirit Day: Holiday Character Day	16 Virtual Holiday Concert at 7:00pm  Spirit Day: Wear Red & Green	17 Jingle Jam  Spirit Day: Dress up like a Holiday Song

**At Irwin we RISE by lifting others!**

### School Council News

We would like to send a huge thank you to all supporters of our recent fundraisers. Our hot lunch BBQ raised \$469 and our poinsettia fundraisers profited \$1,088! A special thanks to the Beacon for donating the meat for the BBQ and Erica's Bakery for donating the cookies!

Stay tuned for more hot lunch announcements, as well as new and fun ways we will try to raise money to support our Irwin students!

Our next virtual meeting is Monday, December 6th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please email Sarah at [wwsarah@hotmail.com](mailto:wwsarah@hotmail.com) for the link, or if you have any questions or input for the council. Our minutes can be found on the Irwin website, if you are interested.

Have a wonderful December!

### Dwight Public Library News

#### Holiday Storytime with Miss Becca!

Join Miss Becca for a fun outdoor holiday storytime on Wednesday, December 15th @ 10am. Miss Becca will be reading Julia Donaldson's 'Stick Man' and kids will be invited to re-tell the story using natural materials and their own imaginations! This is an outdoor activity so please dress for the weather and bring your mask. Pre-registration is required, please call 705-635-3319 or email [dwight@lakeofbayslibrary.ca](mailto:dwight@lakeofbayslibrary.ca)

#### Virtual Storytime with Santa!

Join Santa at 10am on Saturday, December 11th for a very special virtual online storytime in the comfort of your own home. Please register by email at [dwight@lakeofbayslibrary.ca](mailto:dwight@lakeofbayslibrary.ca) or call 705-635-3319 to get your name on the list and receive the Zoom link.