

The Eagle News



Irwin Memorial Public School
Embrace Learning!

February, 2022

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Eagle Pride!

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Important Dates

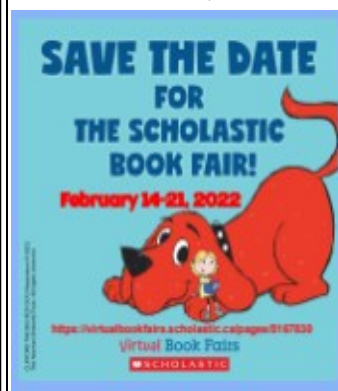
Book Fair—14th to 18th
Valentine's Day-14th
Hot Lunch-17th
Report Cards-18th
Family Day! - No school 21st
School Council Mtg-22nd

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.



Scholastic Book Fair!
Feb 14—21, 2022



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

February is upon us! We can put -30 temperatures and closed schools behind us. As this message is being written, some students are x-country skiing while other are skating. Kindergarten continues to spend the majority of their day learning outdoors. Our grade 8's have completed their course selections for High School and Kindergarten registrations are pouring in for next year. A busy place....

I know some families are accessing lessons online as we monitor the impact of the Omicron Variant. Our attendance rates are posted daily and I am happy to say that Irwin has experienced low levels of absenteeism. I look forward to some of the restrictions being reconsidered by the government. We will keep families informed. Please contact the school if you require additional rapid test kits.

Our Parent Council remains engaged and active. The Valentines Card Sale is underway and another Hot Lunch is scheduled for February 17th. All funds help with graduation, the purchase of recreational supplies and with the design and construction of a permanent outdoor learning structure.

The Irwin community is an amazing source of support for this school, we thank all of you.

Look for term 1 report cards on Friday, February 18th, we will send them home with each child. Despite the disruptions to our school, we are seeing amazing gains in student achievement. The increase of reading levels in our primary and junior classrooms has been impressive.

Reach out at any time with questions or concerns.

All the best,

Ian

Irwin School Council has another Hot Lunch for you!



THURS. FEBRUARY 17TH
Please bring a mug and spoon!

TURKEY NOODLE SOUP, DINNER ROLL & COOKIE

ORDERS CAN BE PLACED UNTIL FEB. 16TH ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

CASH ACCEPTED ONLY ON FUNDRAISER DATE FEB. 17



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 SKC

Breakfast Club We are very fortunate to have such an amazing group of Irwin Moms who are willing to help out, and who continue to assist with Breakfast Club grocery runs for us on a weekly basis. We can't thank you enough! Everyday our students receive a healthy snack to help start their day, we could not do this without our volunteers.

SKC continues to help support our students' social/emotional needs as well as assisting with academics and working on their mental health. It's wonderful to be in the position to help students when needed.



Please support our

Irwin Memorial P.S. Fundraiser

Valentine's cards, kindness cards, anytime cards made by Irwin kids!
Bundle of 3 cards for \$5. Proceeds go towards outdoor education opportunities for the students!



Kindergarten Registration 2022/2023

It's time to register your beginner for junior kindergarten!

Please go to tdsb.ca and click on kindergarten registration.

We can't wait to meet you!



School Council News

Our students have been working hard to create a variety of cards (blank inside) to sell in the hopes of raising funds for outdoor education opportunities at Irwin.

You can support the fundraiser by purchasing a bundle of 3 cards for \$5, specially crafted by our own students. Supplies are limited.

Cards are available at these 3 locations in Dwight;

1. The Dwight Library—purchase at pick up.
2. The Beacon—purchase at pick up.
3. Irwin—purchase through school cash online, pick up at the school or ask that your cards be sent home in your child's backpack.

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

Thank you Beacon and Dwight Library for your help!



Dwight Public Library News

The Dwight Branch of the Lake of Bays Public Library is hosting a virtual 'Pet Show and Tell with Miss Becca' on Saturday, February 12th from 10am to 10:30am. Great for kids and people of all ages! Show off your pets sharing details about them and telling why they are so important in your life. You don't need to own a pet to join the Zoom meet. Little kids can talk about their favourite stuffed animals if they don't have a pet. Or just join to watch and listen!

Contact the library at dwight@lakeofbayslibrary.ca for the Zoom link.

Kid's Valentine Craft Kits will be available to pick up at the Dwight Branch Library as of Tuesday, February 8th. Kids can make 'Thumbprint Heart Magnets' as a keepsake gift for someone special on Valentine's Day. There are a limited number of kits available, so please contact the library early to yours at dwight@lakeofbayslibrary.ca

