

The Irwin Eagle News



December 2023
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Dear families,

November seemed to fly by and now it is December! In November, progress reports were sent home and many parent-teacher interviews were completed. Our staff and students held a remembrance day ceremony this month, which our trustee, Bruce Reain was able to attend. This past week, our intermediate students were supported by Mr. Felhaber, Mrs. Evenden, Mrs. Maxwell and Mme Lovegrove to plan activities for the school. Our students demonstrated great leadership skills in implementing their ideas.

As part of our school improvement plan, we are hoping to support students in improving their attendance at school. We recognize that some absences are unavoidable (illness, appointments, family vacations, etc). We plan to share information on social media and in newsletters about the importance of improved attendance. The school team at Irwin is here to support. If there are any barriers to attending school or ways that we can help, please reach out.

Please save the date for our Outdoor Holiday concert, set for December 18 at 6pm. Our parent council will be selling hot chocolate, coffee and will have a bake sale ready for the evening. The weather has been consistently colder - the snow might be here to stay! Please ensure that your child is bringing enough warm clothes and outdoor wear for the day. If this is a concern, and your family would like support with this, please reach out to your child's teacher and the school can help to provide what is needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Erin Hills, Principal

Did you know?

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Scholastic Book Fair at Irwin (Library) Dec 6th – 8th
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- Poinsettia Pick Up – Dec 16th Time TBD
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- Hot lunch! Dec 14th
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- Outdoor Christmas Concert! Dec 18th 6pm (Dress warm!)
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- PJ Day – Dec 21st
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- Last Day before holidays begin Dec 22nd
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- Return to school Jan 8th, 2024

Cross Country Skiing

Cross Country Skiing will be available as more snow falls. Students will have lots of opportunity to ski at recess.

Arrowhead Elementary School Cross Country Ski races are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9th and Thursday, March 7th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello Irwin families!

It seems that winter is now upon us, and the School Council is looking forward to planning some fun events for our families. We will be hosting a bake sale with hot drinks at our Christmas concert, and will be reaching out to our bakers and volunteers soon! We are also hoping to bring back the Family Skate night if weather permits this year, so stay tuned for that!

The council hosted a delicious Taco hot lunch in November that raised \$620 and was enjoyed by the students and staff! Huge thank you goes out to our Hot Lunch sponsors of the month, Robinsons/Baysville Country Store and Camp Olympia, as well as to the Irwin families and parent volunteers that donated food items and their time cooking and serving the lunch! Next hot lunch is planned for December 14th, with the menu to be shared soon!

Our poinsettia order has gone in to Bradford Greenhouses, and they will be arriving at the school on December 6th for pick-up. Exact time will be shared once we have the details. Thank you to all who organized and supported this fundraiser! We will profit over \$600 that will go towards the pickleball equipment for our students!

Thank you to all bakers, and families who helped to run the bake tables at the Irwin basketball games this fall. The money raised, added to last years volleyball season funds, now totals over \$1100 that will go towards buying new uniforms for our school teams!

The Irwin Council is excited to have some new families joining our meetings and mailing list this year, and we look forward to working together this year! Council meetings are open to everyone with no commitment necessary! Our next meeting will be held on January 18th and a reminder will go out to all families the week prior. If you are interested in more information, or joining us for some or all of the fun, please reach out to Sarah at wwsarah@hotmail.com

Have a great holiday season Irwin!

Sarah Roberts
Chair of Irwin Council

SKC

SKC is selling Irwin Eagles ornaments again this year!



“Ladies of the Lake” Collection by artist Kathy Meaney available for purchase through our SKC program. \$3 each and ALL proceeds go to SKC! The price range from cards at \$3 to a 16x20 Canvas is \$30. Here are some examples.

A festive poster for "Light Up Dwight Night". It features a sloth wearing a blue and white polka-dot winter sweater, hanging from a branch with a holly leaf and a red ornament. The background is light blue with string lights at the top. The text reads: "THE FRIENDS OF DWIGHT LIBRARY INVITE YOU TO LIGHT UP DWIGHT NIGHT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 5-7PM". A list of activities includes: "TREATS & REFRESHMENTS", "ADULT & KIDS' CRAFTS", "LIVE MUSIC FEATURING 'THE CHRISTMAS COOKIES'", "PENNY SALE", and "TAKE PICTURES WITH SANTA & KNOTTY EVERGREEN ELF". The Lake of Bays Library logo and address are at the bottom.

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Lake of Bays Township Public Library
Dwight Branch

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