

The Irwin Eagle News

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PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Dear families,

We are all excited as we move into the final term of the school year! By now, you should have received your child's report card, and if your child has an IEP, this as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher to discuss. Battle of the books is underway and students in grades 4-8 have started reading! We are hoping to have an Olympic afternoon before March break with fun activities outside for our whole school to enjoy (weather dependent).

We were all sad to see Miss E leave Irwin. She had a great opportunity for a permanent position as an Educational Assistant. We are hopeful that she will return to Irwin in the future as an EA. At this time, we are unsure of our next steps with the SKC program. We will inform our school community once we know more. In the meantime, we are thankful for our parent council and parent volunteers for taking the lead on our breakfast program at Irwin.

Thank you again to the parent council for organizing hot lunches each month and using funds to purchase things, such as the pickleball equipment. It is now being used by our primary students, and our junior and intermediate students will learn the game soon!

As we approach spring weather, please check the weather and send your child with outdoor gear for the day. We've had a strange mix of weather over the past few weeks and our yard has been very wet! Please send extra clothes (socks and pants in particular) as well for our younger students. There are many items gathering at the lost and found. If you are picking up your child, please check for any missing items!

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher. Have a great March break!

Erin Hills, Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello Irwin families!

The school council is happy to report that our February Valentines day hot lunch of macaroni and cheese was another huge success and raised \$550 for Irwin wish list items! Thank you to our generous hot lunch sponsors; Robinsons store, Baysville Country Store, Barnhart Sand and Gravel, and to Henrietta's Pine Bakery for donating beautiful heart shaped cookies for all!

The Hot lunch crew is currently polling our students to find out their past favorites or new ideas for our March hot lunch which will take place on March 20th! Stay tuned families!

In April, which is Cancer Awareness month in Canada, we will be hosting a hot lunch fundraiser for an Irwin family that is currently going through cancer treatments. We will be serving tacos, and will let everyone know the date once we have it.

Mark your calendars for April 4th, when Paul Davis will be coming to present his message about internet and social media safety to both our students and families. Our grades 4-8 students will be bussed to Pine Glen school during the day, to hear him speak, and a free parent presentation will take place at Hidden Valley Resort in the Highlands ballroom at 6 pm! Don't miss his impactful presentation!

We were sad to see Ms. E leave our SKC program this month, but very happy for her in her new position. The School Council has taken over breakfast club duties until a replacement is found for the position.

Thank you parent volunteers!

The School council has donated some funds towards the Irwin Maker Space and hope that the new additions are enjoyed by all!

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 26th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend, please reach out to Sarah at wwsarah@hotmail.com for the virtual link if you have not joined us before!

Enjoy this month everyone and we wish you all a safe and awesome March break with your families!

The Irwin School Council

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY PICKUP

This is a friendly reminder to parents/guardians regarding late arrivals and early pickups. School begins at 8:40am and ends at 3pm. Please avoid early pickup and late arrivals as much as possible, as this can create disruptions to learning during the day. Thank you so much.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 5th – Volleyball playoffs!
March 8th – Olympics Day (more info to come)
March 11 to 15th MARCH BREAK (No school)
March 20th – Hot Lunch
March 21st – World Down Syndrome Day (rock your mismatched socks)
March 26th – Parent Council meeting 7pm virtual
March 28th – School bus safety presentations
March 29th – Good Friday! (No school)
April 1st – Easter Monday (No school)
April 4th – Paul Davis presentations

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF!

Mrs. Hills!

1. Where is the most exciting place you have ever visited? What is the most important thing you learned from that visit?

Universal Studios...I'm a big reader and a big Harry Potter fan. I enjoyed feeling like I was at Hogwarts!

2. Name one important thing YOU learn from your students?

I learn how important is to always be open to learning something new. Last year, I learned how to play GaGa ball and this year, I learned how to play 9 square.

3. Dog or cat person? Why?

Growing up, I was a cat person. I am now a dog person. Dogs have so much personality!

Mr. Y!

1. Where is the most exciting place you have ever visited? What is the most important thing you learned from that visit?

I truly enjoyed visiting Dunkirk in France. I was able to see the place that my grandfather fought at and was rescued from. This was very similar to the movie with the same name. He was saved by a small fishing boat. It truly made me appreciate the sacrifices men and women have made in the past which have provided us with the freedom that we enjoy each and every day.

2. Name one important thing YOU learn from your students?

I learn every day that all students think and learn differently. This is why I enjoy being a Special Education Resource Teacher. All students are different and think differently.

3. Dog or cat person? Why?

I'm a dog person. My five pound dog Rosie follows me everywhere at home. It's hard not to love a little bundle of fluff that is your constant friend and shadow.