

The Irwin Eagle News

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PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Dear families,

Here we are coming up to the month of June! The year has gone by quickly and we are proud of the accomplishments of our students over the year! May was a busy month! Mrs. Maxwell brought students from the junior Glee club and intermediate Rock Band to Huntsville Public School to participate in an afternoon of music for Music Monday. If you were able to attend the Parent Engagement BBQ, you might have seen these students perform in the gym! Thank you to the organizers, volunteers and to all of our families who were able to attend the BBQ. We hope that families enjoyed participating in all of the games that were organized by volunteers. We also held our first glow-in-the-dark intermediate dance. It was attended by 57 students and after the costs of the dance, there was a profit of \$386. Our intermediate students were excited to have a dance close to home! Thank you to those who helped organize, supervise or donated prizes to help it be a great evening! A shout out to our grades 3 and 6 students and teachers, who have been working hard writing EQAO assessments, which started the last week of May and will continue until June 10.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that have been helping with the breakfast snack program at Irwin. From buying food, preparing and delivering, to cleaning up, this requires a lot of volunteers to make it happen! Our school community is thankful that we have healthy snacks to start our day of learning each day!

There is an update on staffing for the 2024-2025 school year. We are sad to say that Ms. Beathune has accepted a teaching position at Watt Public school for the 2024-2025 school year, which is closer to home for her. We have enjoyed having her as part of the Irwin school community and wish her the best of luck next year. I will share information before the end of the year about any new teachers that will be joining our staff in September.

Just a reminder that we now have a buzzer at the front door of the school. There is no need to call when you come to the school. Please press the button on the buzzer and we can let you in the building!

The month of June is recognized as Pride Month in Canada. In support of our commitment to providing a positive school climate for all students, staff, and community, all TLDSB Board offices and schools will fly the Progress Pride flag alongside with the Canadian flag during the month of June.



As the 2023-2024 school year is coming to a close, just a reminder to have conversations at home just as we are at school about Irwin being a safe, caring learning environment for all of our students. Unkind behaviour is not acceptable and it adversely affects students' well-being, ability to learn, and healthy relationships. Whenever any member of our school community is bullied, staff at the school and/or board level will respond diligently and appropriately to stop the harm, hold individuals accountable for their actions, support persons involved and restore relationships. Irwin is a safe, caring, and inclusive environment which is essential for all members of the school community. The staff at Irwin and I take incidents that affect our students' seriously and want to ensure our families do too.

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

Erin Hills, Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to all who joined us for our Family Fun event at Irwin in May. A grant from TLDSB was used to provide a free BBQ for our families, and we hope that everyone enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to Henrietta's Pine Bakery for their generous donation of fresh hamburger buns, and much gratitude to all parent and student volunteers for helping with the evening! A special thank you to Andrew and Catherine West for BBQing and serving our families.

Our May hot lunch of Nachos and cheese with guacamole and salsa, veggies and churros for dessert raised \$465. Thank you to our generous sponsors, Robinsons/Baysville Country Store, Bacher Construction, and Lake of Bays Garden Center for covering our expenses. Another thank you to Webster's Beacon for the yummy churros. Due to the amazing community support that we have been receiving this year, we will be providing all students with a FREE lunch on track and field day at Irwin! Kid-Cuterie board, Irwin style, will hopefully be a hit!

The vegetable gardens at Irwin are almost fully planted, the students did a great job starting seeds indoors last month, and transplanting them out last week. Many seeds were also planted outside, and we hope to grow a lot of carrots, potatoes and squash for our annual Thanksgiving Feast, as well as peas, tomatoes, cucumbers, sunflowers, and pumpkins. The pollinator garden is already a hit with our bees and insects. If you would like to help water the gardens over the summer months, please reach out to Sarah at wwsarah@hotmail.com to be added to the schedule. Thank you!

Our next and last council meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, June 19th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend, and if you wish to become more involved at Irwin next year, or have any ideas, feedback or questions, please email Sarah at wwsarah@hotmail.com for the meeting link and/or to connect personally.

June is a busy and fun time at Irwin! We hope that everyone enjoys the last month of this school year! Go Irwin!

LIBRARY

Please have a look around your house as all school library books need to be back to the library by June 17th. No check outs will happen after that date.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 3rd to 5th – EQAO
- 4th - Graduation bake sale
- 6th – Track and field day grades 1-8 (rain date is 11th)
- 6th – Hot Lunch FREE!
- 7th – PA Day, no school
- 10th – EQAO grade 3 only
- 10th – Grade 8 students “Becoming A Hoya” 12-2 at HHS
- 12th – Pancake breakfast \$5
- 13th – Volunteer Recognition Assembly
- 13th – Popcorn sale \$2 per bag
- 14th – Regional track and field day (rain date is 18th)
- 17th – JK to Gr. 2 classes to Arrowhead
- 19th – Parent Council meeting – 7pm
- 19th – Hot Lunch Fundraiser for Irwin Family
- 20th – Grades 7/8 to Blue Mountain
- 21st – Grades 5/6 to Camp Olympia
- 24th – Grade 8 graduation
- 25th – Kinderland graduation/celebration
- 27th – Last day of school/report cards are sent home

TRACK AND FIELD

Our annual Track and Field Day for students in grades 1 to 8 takes place on Thursday June 6th. The rain date for this event is on Tuesday June 11th. During this day the students will be competing in a variety of running and field events. Students are asked to bring plenty of fluids for the day, water is ideal, as well as wearing appropriate shoes and clothing to compete in a variety of events.

Parental support is needed to help make this day a success. If you are able to help please contact Mr.Y. at the school. The students who finish at the top of their events in grades 3 to 8 may qualify for Regionals. Regionals is currently scheduled for Friday June 14th with a rain date set for Tuesday June 18th.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF!

Mrs. Maxwell

1. What are your plans for the summer?

Mr. Max and I will be taking our sporty kid around to soccer and basketball games and get our other kid set up for University.

2. What has been your favourite hot lunch this year?

Taco Tuesday on a Wednesday :)

3. What teaching moment of this school year do you hold close to your heart?

When a student that early in the year said, "I can't do it", mid-year said, "I can't do it yet", then recently said, "I did it".

Mrs. Brown

1. What are your plans for the summer?

Looking forward to some camping and canoeing, driving out to Nova Scotia with my son, and lots of biking.

2. What has been your favourite hot lunch this year?

Mac and Cheese

3. What teaching moment of this school year do you hold close to your heart?

Watching students become confident with their reading