

# *The Irwin Eagle News*

**MAY 2024** 

## **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

Dear families,

I can't believe it's May already! The year will soon be wrapping up. We have started to talk about end of year trips and graduation!

Junior and intermediate students participated in badminton tournaments. Mr. Y held circuit practices throughout the month of April, encouraged Irwin to "get fit!" Girls club, games club, glee and rock band and continue to be offered. Thank you to Irwin staff for volunteering their time so that students have a variety of activities to choose from.

Our Irwin community wrapped up **Earth Week** with an assembly, recycling fashion show and a clean up of our school yard. If you visit our yard outside of school hours, please help to keep our yard clean and return our play materials to where they belong. We hope to ensure that the natural surroundings and materials we bring to our outdoor learning last for years to come.

Please continue to spread the word about [registration for the 2024-2025 school](#) year. Our welcome to kindergarten event is coming in May and families who have registered will receive an invitation with the details.

Our grades 3 and 6 students will be writing EQAO between May 27 and June 10. Students will be writing the language or math sections portions each day during first block. Thank you to parent council and hot lunch donations for helping to bring some healthy snacks for these students on these days.

We continue to have a mix of cool and warm weather. Please continue to check the weather and send your child with outdoor gear for the day. Our younger students especially need extra clothes (socks and pants in particular).

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

Erin Hills, Principal

## **SCHOOL DANCE!**

On May 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 Irwin is hosting a GLOW IN THE DARK theme dance for all Huntsville grades 7 and 8 students!

Food and Games with prizes  
\$5 entry (food and drinks extra)

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Happy May Irwin families!

We would like to thank everyone that supported our taco hot lunch in April that raised \$1200 for an Irwin family that is navigating cancer treatments. Your generosity is much appreciated! Thank you to our hot lunch sponsors this month of Five Point Landscaping, Dwight Market and Robinsons General Store, and of course to our parent volunteers who make these lunches possible! Our next hot lunch will take place on May 22nd and details around it will be coming your way soon.

Mark your calendars: The Irwin Council is hosting a FREE BBQ for families on Tuesday May 14th from 5-7pm at the school! During the evening we will be celebrating different cultures in the form of a games night, and we hope to have a wide variety of activities for all to participate in! If you have a special game that you would like us to incorporate into the evening, please reach out to us asap at [wwsarah@hotmail.com](mailto:wwsarah@hotmail.com). This will be a rain or shine event and we hope that you will all join us.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Paul Davis Social Media Presentation in April! Our events were very well received and we hope that both students and families were able to take some good information to help navigate this online world that we are living in.

Spring is a busy time at Irwin and we are excited to get our gardens planted soon! Some of the vegetable seeds have already been started indoors by our students in preparation for the season. We look forward to growing together and hoping to have a great harvest that can be enjoyed at our Thanksgiving feast in the fall! We will be reaching out to families interested in helping to water the gardens over the summer months soon.

Our next meeting will take place virtually on Wednesday May 29th at 7pm and all are welcome to attend! Please reach out to [wwsarah@hotmail.com](mailto:wwsarah@hotmail.com) for the link.

Take care families! We look forward to connecting with you all soon!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

7<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7/8 students to Georgian College Muskoka Campus  
14<sup>th</sup> – Welcome to Kindergarten 4:30-5:00  
14<sup>th</sup> - Family BBQ at Irwin 5:00-7:00  
16<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7/8 school dance 6:30-8:30  
20<sup>th</sup> – Victoria Day, school closed  
21<sup>st</sup> - Grade 7 immunization clinic  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – Irwin Scholastic Book Fair!  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Hot lunch!

- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 8 and SK graduation photos
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Family photos with Heather Douglas
- 27<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup> – EQAO for grades 3 and 6
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Cleary and Ms. Hall classes to Camp Mini Yo We
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Parent Council virtual meeting 7pm
- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Irwin Track and Field
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – PA Day no school

## Family Photo Opportunity with Heather Douglas

### *Irwin Memorial PS Grade 8 Graduation Fundraiser Family Mini Sessions*

*Sessions will be held Friday May 24 starting at 4 p.m and Saturday May 25, starting at 9:30 am at the school.*

*The 20 minute sessions can be booked by email to [hdouglas@vianet.ca](mailto:hdouglas@vianet.ca) and the school.*

*Photo sessions will be consecutive, if you have a time preference please let me know.*

*Sessions are for immediate family. If extended family is wanted, it will require a double session.*

*Session fee of \$50 to be paid to Irwin Memorial through School Cash Online. All other photo order payments will be made to Heather Douglas Photography with 15% of the profits going back to the Grade 8 Grad fundraiser.*



### *Print Packages Same Image*

- A: 2 - 5 x 7 and 3 - 4 x 6 and social media file \$45.00*
- B: 1 - 8 x 10 and 2-5 x 7 and 3 - 4 x 6 and 8 wallet and SM file \$100.00*
- C; 2 - 8 X 10 and 4 - 5 x 7 and 3 - 4x6 and 8 wallet and SM file \$150.00*

*Social Media files are sized for use on Facebook, or Instagram  
All packages that include a SM file are for the files chosen for that package ONLY.*

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- C: 2 - 8x10 and 4 - 5x7 and 3 - 4x6 and 8 wallet and SM files \$225.00*
- D: 1 - 16x20 and 4 - 8x10 and 4 - 5x7 and 3 - 4x6 and SM files \$350.00*



### *Single Print Prices*

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| <i>Wallet \$4.00</i>  | <i>11 x 14 \$115.00</i> |
| <i>4 x 6 \$15.00</i>  | <i>16 x 20 \$175.00</i> |
| <i>5 x 7 \$25.00</i>  | <i>20 x 24 \$275.00</i> |
| <i>8 x 10 \$35.00</i> |                         |

### *Digital Files 8 x 10 Crop*

- Single High Res printable file \$45.00*
- Five High Res printable files \$250.00*
- Ten High Res printable files \$400.00*

*HST is applicable*

*If there is anything you want  
but is not on the menu, please ask!!*



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*Heather Douglas*  
PHOTOGRAPHY

## BOOK FAIR



## BADMINTON

Congratulations to our Junior Badminton team who had a great showing tournament at Riverside. Our team members were: Olivia, Ella, Stella, Ava, Savannah, Georgia, Harper, Leah, Miguel, Logan, Mason, Finley, Owen, Ryder, Baxter and Jordan. All players played very well and showed great determination and Irwin spirit. Special shout out to Miguel who was a B division finalist. Ella won the B division singles competition. Mason and Finley won the B division doubles competition. Irwin swept the girls doubles with Georgia and Savannah winning silver and Stella and Ava winning gold. Irwin also swept the mixed doubles with Jordan and Leah winning silver and Baxter and Harper winning gold. Way to go Irwin!

## SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF!

### Ms. Wilkins

#### 1. What is your passion? What do you support and why?

My passion is the ocean. The wonder of what is beneath the waves keeps me mesmerized every time I'm at the beach and I can hardly wait to get my fins and get in the water. This came from watching Jacques Cousteau as a kid. He also had major concerns after he learned how our actions were affecting the ocean and its creatures. His words "People protect what they love" have stayed with me since that time.

I support The Climate Reality Project founded by VP Al Gore and Greenpeace based on those same words from Jacques Cousteau. Another quote I heard on Earth Day in 1970 amplified that sentiment and my love for the ocean and our environment "we do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we are borrowing it from our children" gave me an overwhelming feeling of responsibility to do anything I can to protect our environment.



## 2. What is your favourite book and why?

An Inconvenient Truth because it helped explain a very complicated issue in a way that I can understand while also lighting a fire in me to learn more and to help affect change.

## 3. Do you remember the first books you read as a child?

I have many happy memories of my parents reading to me every night and there were many books involved. I think the very first one that I remember reading myself is "The little engine that could".

### Ms. Reuvekamp

1. **What is your passion? What do you support and why?** While I believe in and support many things, the cause closest to my heart is animal care. I have supported and volunteered my time to animal shelters. I have written articles, cleaned and cuddled many lost, abandoned and stray animals. I also strongly believe in trapping, neutering and releasing feral cats. Someone has to speak for those who have no voice.

2. **What is your favourite book and why?** To Kill A Mockingbird. I read it about once every five years!

3. **Do you remember the first book you read as a child?** Ramona The Brave by Beverly Cleary. I ended up reading the whole series. These books were perfect for a young girl to read. I felt like Ramona was my friend.

