



# INDIAN CREEK ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## November 2022 Newsletter

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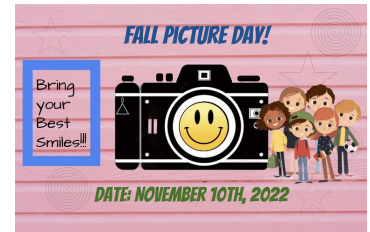
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As we are now in our third month of the school year, I am just amazed at all of the learning and fun that has already taken place. Please take a moment to read about some of the things that are currently happening at the Creek, and mark your calendars with those important upcoming dates.

### Fall Picture Day:

Students are reminded to come wearing their biggest smile for our Fall Picture Day on Thursday November 10, 2022.



### Poinsettia and Wreath Fundraiser:

Our ICRPS Home and School Association is holding a Poinsettia and Fresh Evergreen Wreath Fundraiser.

Poinsettias in various colours are from Ross' Nurserymen, and will be housed in a pot decorated in a festive protective sleeve. Customers will be given a ticket indicating the size of the Poinsettia(s) purchased. Buyers then pick up their Poinsettia, choosing their preferred colours from what is available at Ross's Nursery (335 Indian Creek Road East) until 12:00pm noon December 23, 2022. Please remember that selection is first come first served.



Wreaths are handmade from Sloan's Nursery and Christmas Tree Farm, using Fraser Fir Christmas trees, and accented with white cedar and white pine branches, with excellent needle retention. Tickets will be given indicating the size of the Wreath purchased. Buyers pick up their Wreath from ICRPS on Wednesday, November 30th and Thursday December 1st, from 3:00-6:00 pm.



For sizes, prices, and purchasing, please visit School Cash Online.

### Remembrance Day:

We will be sharing two Remembrance Day assemblies this year. With our school population growing, and with wanting to be able to include parents, having two assemblies allows us to accommodate the number of people in the gym while also ensuring that we are safe and within our fire code regulations. The primary assembly will be held Friday November 11 at 9:55, and the junior/intermediate assembly will be held at 10:25.

### Student Led Conferences:

With Progress Reports going home Friday November 11, we are once again excited to offer Student Led Conferences on Thursday November 17, and Friday November 18. Please sign up for your preferred time through the SignUp Genius link that will be emailed to you.

### Pizza Days:

We continue to order pizza from Konstantino's Pizza for our Thursday Pizza Days. To reduce the collection of, and handling of money, as well as any worry of students losing or misplacing money, all orders will be collected through Student Cash Online. Orders will be placed monthly with reminders being shared to parents through email and classroom platforms. Watch closely as December orders will open soon. **There will not be extra pizza sold in the office. Please do not send cash to school.**

## School Cash Online:

In order to minimize the handling of cash, families are encouraged to use [SchoolCash Online](#) when submitting money to the school (special food day, class trips, etc.). SchoolCash Online provides multiple payment options, and allows you to view and print payments and receipts.

## School Sports and Extracurriculars:

Students are so very excited about the return to school sports and extracurricular activities. With such a large school body, and so many wonderful opportunities, students are highly encouraged to listen closely to morning announcements for how and when to sign-up, practice times, etc.

Senior girls and boys volleyball teams continue this month. Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Stonefish, and Mrs. Sparks are proud of the tremendous growth that the girls continue to demonstrate. Mr. McCormack and Mr. MacDonald are also proud of the growth and sportsmanship of the boys. Thank you to our parents who come out to support our teams during home and away games.

## Volunteering at ICRPS:

There are a variety of events that happen each year here at ICRPS, and many as a result of the tremendous help and dedication of parent and community volunteers. Over the last several years, we have had a very robust and energetic Booster Club, and Home and School Association. As our students grow and move on to secondary school, often our parents move on as well. Both groups are now looking to invite new parents in to continue with planning, and helping to make our school a better place. We are grateful to have such an amazing ICRPS family! Are you willing and interested in volunteering this year? If so, [please complete this I](#)

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

### ICRPS Daily Schedule:

Start Time: 8:55 a.m.

First Nutrition Break: 10:55-11:35 a.m.

Second Nutrition Break: 1:15-1:55 p.m.

Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.

### School Bus Information:

Parents of bussed students are encouraged to [visit the CKlass website](#) and sign-up to the Parent Portal. Using the portal allows parents to view bus delays, notifications, etc. [The MySBI](#) bus status app also provides up-to-date bus service information.



### COVID Screening:

Please complete the [COVID School and Child Care Screening](#) each day, before sending your child(ren) to school.

## Safe Arrival and Dismissal:

Just a friendly reminder that our parking lot is a busy place during drop off and pick-up times, and as such you may need to drive around the loop more than once. Please do not stop in the loop, blocking traffic. Many parents found parking in the church parking lot across the road, and walking to the front of the school to meet their child worked best to avoid the busy school parking lot. Please remember that the bus lane is for buses only, and the Child Care driveway and parking is for Child Care staff and families only. Staff will help to direct traffic and keep children safe during these busy before and after school times. Staff are also on duty to supervise children from 8:40-8:55. To ensure safety, please ensure students are not dropped off prior to 8:40 a.m.

## School Attendance:

Regular school attendance is extremely important to the success of all learners. As hard as it can be some days, starting the school day on time is equally important. We ask that you use School Messenger ~ the LKDSB automated attendance messaging system, to inform the school of absences. The system will notify parents/guardians if your child has been marked absent and the school has not been notified of the reason for the absence. To follow-up, we will contact the parent/guardian phone numbers and email addresses that we have on file. You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information.

Please use SchoolMessenger in one of the following three ways to report your child's absence or late arrival: Option 1: Set up an online [SchoolMessenger account and login](#) to schedule and report absences or a late arrival. Option 2: Download the free [SchoolMessenger app](#) (blue) to your smart phone or tablet to schedule and report absences or late arrival. Option 3: Call the LKDSB toll-free Attendance Reporting number at 1 (844) 487-3695 and follow the prompts to report your child's absence or late arrival. For your security it is recommended that you set a PIN. Your PIN must be private and not shared with your child.



## Communication:

### Classroom Teacher Communication:

Communication between you and your child's teacher is extremely important. Teachers use electronic communication to keep parents up-to-date on pertinent classroom information (assignments, picture days, class trips, special classroom events, etc.). Please stay tuned for more information about the preferred communication method from your child's teacher (SeeSaw, Google Classroom, Remind, etc.).

### School/Office Communication:



**Remind:** Sign up for our Office Remind to stay informed, and up to date regarding ICRPS school news. ICRPS uses Remind to send communications from the office. It is an outgoing system only. Updates regarding newsletters and school events will be sent to parents from the office using this app. Please contact your child's teacher or the office for instructions on how to sign up.



**Facebook:** Search, like and follow us on Facebook ~ ICRPS Sundevils



**Twitter:** Search and follow us on Twitter ~ @ICRPS-Sundevils

**Website:** Visit our website for ICRPS and LKDSB important information and announcements ~ [www.lkdsb.net/school/indiancreek](http://www.lkdsb.net/school/indiancreek)

## Allergy Alert:

Please note that in accordance with existing policies, our school is **peanut and nut safe**. Just a reminder that we also have staff or students allergic to **shellfish**, and **kiwi** fruit. Please refrain from sending any of these items to school due to anaphylactic allergic reactions experienced by some of our staff and students.

## Medical Emergency Plans and Administration of Medication:

A friendly reminder to please return any Student Verification forms, Medical Emergency Plan forms, or Authorization for Administration of Medication forms (even if there are no changes). If your child needs prescription medication administered during school hours, please contact the office for an "Authorization for the Administration of Oral Medication" form. It must be completed by the parent/guardian and signed by a pharmacist or physician and forwarded to the principal for each school year. Updates to the school are required whenever the physician directs a modification of the prescribed medication. We cannot administer any medications without this completed form. If your child is required to carry their medication with them (EPI-Pen, inhaler), please contact the office so we can ensure that their Individual Medical Plan is up to date and accurate.

## Technology (Devices and Cell Phones):

Students and parents should review the [Responsible Use of Technology](#) guidelines to ensure that students are aware of their responsibilities when using the internet and devices.

All electronic devices, such as cell phones, media players, digital game devices, walkie talkies, computers and cameras are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school without the permission of school personnel and only for educational purposes. Cell phones are to be kept in backpacks while at school unless the student has permission from the teacher for educational use. When carrying a personal electronic device, it is the student's responsibility if lost, stolen or damaged. **At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher.** When students need to contact home/parent, it is important that he/she notify school staff rather than use an electronic option, to ensure staff are aware. During nutrition breaks students are not to be using electronic devices, they are to be stored in backpacks. The focus is always responsible use of technology, and to encourage student physical activity and socialization opportunities during nutrition breaks.

## LKDSB Handbook for School Success:

You can also find important information for the upcoming school year, including details about support services, transportation, school programming and operating our schools in the [LKDSB Handbook for School Success](#).

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

### Important Dates for November:

November 6-12	Treaties Recognition Week
November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
November 10	Fall Picture Day
November 10	Sr. Girls Volleyball Game
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 11	Progress Reports go home
November 12	Sr Volleyball Tournament
November 14	Poinsettia and Wreath Sales - Last day to order through School Cash Online
November 15	Sr. Girls Volleyball Game
November 16	Poinsettia and Wreath ticket distribution
November 17	Student Led Conferences - Book through SignUp Genius
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November 18	P.A. Day ~ No School for students
November 20-26	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

November 22	Sr. Girls Volleyball Quarter Finals
November 30	Wreath Orders - Pick Up

### **Important Dates for December:**

December 1	Wreath Orders - Pick Up
December 24	Holiday Break Begins