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SAFE ARRIVAL: For the safety of all, students must **not** arrive at school before **8:40am.** when supervision begins. After 8:40 am., students will enter the school and go directly to their classrooms where they will be supervised. There will be **No morning outdoor playground access.** Dismissal is at 3:15 pm. Buses load at 3:10 pm.



Reminder: Dogs are **not** allowed on school property to ensure the safety of students, staff, parents, and visitors.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

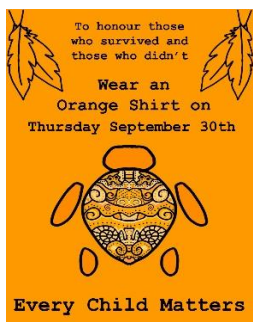
Daily Screening Tool: To be completed by/for each student before entering school every day

Opportunities for Community Involvement: Interested in participating in ICRPS Parent groups: Booster Club and Home and School. First meeting **Monday, October 4, 2021.** ICRPS Library at 6:30 pm.

NEWS FROM THE CREEK OCTOBER 2021

2021-2022 School Calendar

September 29 Terry Fox Run Sept 30 Orange Shirt Day October 1 School Spirit Day October 4 Home & School October 8 PA Day October 11 Thanksgiving October 18 Picture Day	November 19 PA Day Dec. 20-Jan. 2 Christmas Break January 31 PA Day February 21 Family Day	March 14-18 March Break April 15 & 18 Easter Holiday May 23 Victoria Day	June 10: PA Day June 28: Last Day of School June 29: PA Day
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Poster created in Ms. Robbins grade 7/8 class **Orange Shirt Day September 30, 2021**

Learn more about Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZWYpm2Zb6gjQiyjbiZWncAYAKI5kAiJh/view>

Each of our ICRPS Classrooms participated in a variety of learning experiences with a focus of building their awareness of Truth and Reconciliation and to learn about the local connections to our First Nations families.

*****Student Verification Forms** were sent home in September. The forms are to be returned to the office even if there were no changes to your child/ren's personal information.



Halloween: Friday, October 30th we will celebrate



Halloween by wearing Orange and Black. (No costumes)

Terry Fox Walk/Run: Thank-you everyone who participated and especially to those who made donations to support the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. Our school has surpassed our goal! Thank-you for your generosity! We have raised over \$1500.. so far! It is not too late to donate, ICRPS Online Donation link for the Terry Fox Foundation.
<https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=944956>



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PICTURE DAY
IS COMING



Monday, October 18, 2021

School Cash Online

<https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
[Learn more](#)



Register

Sign In

Reopening and Operating our Schools Document: September 2021: [https://www.lkdsb.net/Board/covid-19/reopening-operating-our-schools/Documents/LKDSB Reopening Operating Our Schools2021.pdf](https://www.lkdsb.net/Board/covid-19/reopening-operating-our-schools/Documents/LKDSB_Reopening_Operating_Our_Schools2021.pdf)

Pop Tab Collection: The box of pop tabs that we filled at school has been given to Aaron's family and they will be sent to the Tabs 4 Kids organization. The money from the tabs will be used to purchase a wheelchair for a child in need. The last wheelchair that was purchased, with the help of money raised from the tabs that we sent in from our school, was purchased for a 19-year-old young man with Cerebral Palsy. A new pop tab box will be placed in the front foyer at school soon. Students are encouraged to bring tabs that they have at home and put them in the box. The tabs will be forwarded to the Tabs 4 Kids organization as well to continue to help purchase wheelchairs for those in need. Thank you very much.





Click here to read the LKDSB School Climate Survey Newsletter

Covid Protocols Please keep in mind that our goal at Indian Creek is to keep everyone safe. **Masks:** The Public Health Unit and the Ministry of Education require all Elementary students from Grade 1 to Grade 8 to wear masks indoors. FDK masks are recommended. Masks are not required for students when they are playing outdoors but they must wear them when travelling between indoors and outdoors. When outdoors, students may keep their mask in their pockets, in a fanny pack, clipped to their clothing or using a breakaway lanyard. As masks tend to get dirty from wear, it is recommended that fabric masks are washed daily with soap or detergent in hot water. It is recommended that your child come to school with more than one mask as masks tend to get very moist.

Hand sanitizer has been provided to all classrooms and teachers will be requiring students to use prior to entering/leaving the classroom and between hands on activities. Students are welcome to bring their own unscented sanitizer for their personal use in a small, manageable plastic container.

Lockers will not be used at this time. Students will be keeping their belongings in the backpacks in the classrooms.

Hepa Filters have been provided to each classroom to ensure good quality air for all.

Student Absences: 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. Automated safe arrival calls: The LKDSB has implemented an automated attendance messaging system for ICRPS. 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. We ask that you use School Messenger to inform the school of absences. You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information (updated email information is especially important). Parents/Guardians are now asked to **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 late arrival. To create your account or login in click here. <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/home>.

Option 2: Download the free SchoolMessenger app (blue) to your smart phone or tablet to schedule and report absences or late arrival. Click here to Download the app for Apple devices. <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/schoolmessenger-infocenter/id978894818> Click here to Download the app for Android devices. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolmessenger.recipient>

Option 3: Call the LKDSB toll-free Attendance Reporting number 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. **Please sign up now** so you are ready to use School Messenger to report any absence.

Allergy Alert

Please note that in accordance with existing policies, our school is peanut and nut free. Also, kiwi fruit, sesame seeds, and shellfish are not permitted in the building due to anaphylactic allergic reactions experienced by some of our staff and students.

Technology: 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 LKDSB devices. <https://www.lkdsb.net/Board/PoliciesRegulations/Policies/Responsible%20Use%20of%20Technology.pdf#search=responsible%20use%20technology>

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC 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.



Students should bring a labeled, re-usable water bottle to school each day as classroom taps and water fountains are not accessible for drinking water. There are bottle refilling stations for student use.

Communication between Student, Parent and Teacher

Communication between home and school is key to your child's success. If you ever have concerns or questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. Each classroom teacher will have an electronic platform where information will be shared. Classroom teachers will send home information informing you of how to access their Google Classroom or SeeSaw platform soon. Please look at your child's classroom's online learning platform regularly to view tasks, activities, assignments, and homework.

Medication: If your child needs to have access to prescription medication during school hours, please contact the office for the appropriate form. Forms must be completed by the parent/guardian and signed by a pharmacist or physician, or health care provider and forwarded to the school 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.

Indian Creek is in Zones 7 & 8. Listen to the radio for bus delays and cancellations or check <http://www.schoolbusinfo.com> for regular updates. If buses are cancelled in the morning due to fog, they will run in the afternoon. If buses are cancelled in the morning due to snow and icy road conditions, they will not run in the afternoon and parents and guardians must make arrangements for picking up students at the end of the day.

School Snack Program: ICRPS will is not able to offer a breakfast program at this time, but we will provide each classroom with an emergency snack bin with a selection of fruit and Ontario Student Nutrition Program approved cereal and crackers for our hungry students.

Stay Informed/Stay Up-To-Date Regarding School News, Sign up for **Office Remind**



Indian Creek Road Public School uses Remind to send communications from the office. This is a separate Remind from one that your child's teacher may use. 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 for Remind Office.