



INDIAN CREEK ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

November 2023 Newsletter

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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. We have seen so much excitement from students as they participate in team sports, choir, play day, dances, etc. 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.

Pumpkins for Charlotte's Freedom Farm:

A special thank you to everyone who brought in their no longer needed pumpkins. We filled an entire truck! The animals at Charlotte's Freedom Farm really enjoyed the special treat as you can see by [this video!](#) A special thanks to Mrs. Garrow for coordinating this for us.



Canned Food Drive:

ICRPS's Make A Difference Crew is a group of inspired and caring youth who want to be change-makers and influence the communities (school, local, and global) with positive actions and deeds. Their mission is to "Do good in our everyday choices to create positive change."

As such, the crew is holding a **canned food drive** through the month of November for the Outreach for Hunger. There is a need in our community for non-perishable goods (juice, canned fruit, oatmeal, pancake mix, rice, sugar, oil, etc.) and personal hygiene products (deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, diaper cream).

Our MAD crew would appreciate any donations that Creek students are able to bring to support the local community. Thank you!

Picture Retake Day:

Photo retakes for any students who were absent for the originals or who are requesting retakes, will be taken on Monday, November 6. Classroom group photos will also be taken at this time.

Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews:

Progress Reports will be sent home Friday November 10, 2023, with Parent-Teacher Interviews being carried out on Thursday November 16 in the PM and Friday November 17, 2023 in the AM. A SignUpGenius link that will include interview time choices will be emailed out shortly.

Remembrance Day Assembly:

Mrs. Childs and Mrs. White, along with students of ICRPS, will be sharing a Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday November 10, at 10:00 for students in FDK to grade 5. Parents are welcome to attend.

Cross Country:

Indian Creek had a wonderful group of 43 runners compete at our city cross country race. They all ran their best and represented Indian Creek well. Indian Creek boys were able to win the boys championship pennant for most points earned at our Chatham meet. 28 runners were able to qualify for the finals in Sarnia. In Sarnia Indian Creek was able to bring home three medals. Mrs. Sparks and Mrs. Johnston would like to thank all the runners and parents for a great season.

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, 2023. 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 Thursday, November 30th and Friday December 1st, from 3:00-7:00 pm.



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

Food Days:

We currently have three special food days running; Pasta Tuesdays, Harvest Fresh Wednesdays, and Pizza Thursdays. If interested, Harvest Fresh orders can be placed through their website:

<https://www.harvestfresh.ca/order/index.jsp>. A [new Harvest Fresh menu for November, December and January](#) has just been posted. Pasta Tuesday and Pizza Thursday orders are placed through School Cash Online (<https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>) with orders open during the last two weeks of each month, for delivery the following month.



Popcorn sales will be coming soon. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements for more details.

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.

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.

Safe Arrival and Dismissal:

Regular Arrival and Dismissal: 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. 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 on the school yard. To ensure safety, please ensure students are not dropped off prior to 8:40 a.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.



***There is now a new upgraded version of the MySBI app for weather cancellations and bus delays. The new app has improved speed and reliability but will look and function the same as our current app. Unfortunately, the app currently installed on your phone will NOT automatically update to the new version, so all users must download the new app from the App/Google Play Store before September 29th to continue receiving school bus delay and cancellation notices. The current 'old' version of the app will no longer function after this date. [Click this link for more information on downloading the new app.](#)

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.



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. These two groups have recently combined to form our new **ICRPS Parent Group**, and they are now looking to invite new parents in to continue with planning, and helping to make our school a better place. Are you willing and interested in volunteering this year as part of our ICRPS Parent Group, or in another capacity? If so, [please complete this linked form.](#)

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, etc.).

School/Office Communication:

*****NEW:** ICRPS is in the process of migrating from using REMIND, to a brand new communication tool. More information will be sent to families shortly. Please stay tuned!

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

We realize that there is a lot of information and communication that comes home about various special days and events. A monthly calendar is now pinned on our Facebook page for quick and easy viewing. You may also access this monthly calendar by [clicking this link](#), or scanning the QR code to the right.



ICRPS MONTH AT A GLANCE

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.

Medical Emergency Plans and Administration of Medication:

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.

Allergy Alert:

Please note that in accordance with existing policies, our school is peanut and nut safe. Please refrain from sending any peanut or nut items to school due to anaphylactic allergic reactions experienced by some of our staff and students.

Important Dates for November:

November 1	Poinsettia & Wreath sales begin
November 6	Picture Retake Day, Classroom Group Photo Day
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 13	Poinsettia & Wreath sales end
November 13	World Kindness Day - Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink and purple
November 16	Poinsettia & Wreath tickets distributed to students
November 16, 17	Parent Teacher Interviews
November 16	Families with Poinsettia tickets may make their selection at Ross' Nursery until December 23rd at noon
November 17	P.A. Day ~ No School for Students
November 20	Parent Group Meeting - 6:30 in the ICRPS Learning Commons
November 30	Wreath pick up

Other Important Upcoming Dates:

December 1	Wreath pick up
December 11-15	Scholastic Book Fair (more information to come)
December 25-29	Holidays ~ No School
January 1-5	Holidays ~ No School

[***2023-2024 LKDSB School Year Calendar](#)

ICRPS 2022-2023 Staff:

FDK	Ms. Dibbley	Grade 7/8	Mr. Pattison
FDK ECE	Ms. Leach	Grade 7/8	Mrs. Kennedy
FDK	Mrs. Case	ALLP	Mrs. Smyth
FDK ECE	Mrs. O'Donohue	ALLP	Mrs. VanHooste
FDK	Mrs. Garrow	Rotary	Mrs. Sparks
FDK ECE	Mrs. Denomy	Rotary	Mrs. Stratton
FDK	Mrs. Stokes	Rotary	Mrs. White
FDK ECE	Mrs. Dulong	Rotary	Mrs. Daniel
Grade 1	Mrs. Butcher	Rotary	Mrs. Childs
Grade 1	Ms. Johnston	LRC	Mrs. Chopra
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Konecny	LRC	Ms. Scott
Grade 2	Ms. Simpson	EA	Mrs. Gotelaer
Grade 2	Mrs. Coates	EA	Mrs. Lambkin
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Stonefish	EA	Mrs. Kloostra
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Kelly (Mrs. Tracey)	EA	Ms. Vlasman
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Roelofsen	EA	Mr. Myers
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Coatsworth	EA	Mrs. Watson (Ms. Demers)
Grade 4	Mrs. Goldsmith	EA	Mrs. Ostler
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Boswell	EA	Ms. Peco
Grade 5	Mr. MacDonald	Custodian	Mr. Tanner
Grade 5	Mr. McCormack	Custodian	Mr. Metcalfe
Grade 5/6	Mrs. Jessome	Custodian	Mr. McKinley
Grade 6	Mrs. Butzer	Custodian	Mr. Sarabia
Grade 6/7	Mrs. Houston	Office Admin	Mrs. Molengraaf
Grade 7/8	Ms. Robbins	Office Admin	Mrs. Chauvin
Grade 7/8	Mr. McEwan	Principal	Mr. Alward
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Brecevic	Vice-Principal	Mrs. De Naeyer-Louzon