



INDIAN CREEK ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

December 2023 Newsletter

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As we edge into December, the excitement is flowing throughout the school, with students looking forward to the many celebrations that take place within our community. We hope that you will take a moment during the school holidays to relax, unwind, and enjoy time together.

Canned Food Drive:

ICRPS's Make A Difference Crew would like to extend a large thank-you to everyone who donated to the canned food drive. Outreach for Hunger is grateful for our donation as the need in our community for non-perishable goods and personal hygiene products is large. We are so very proud of how our Make a Difference Crew is influencing our community with positive actions and deeds, meeting their mission to "Do good in our everyday choices to create positive change." Thank-you again, to all who helped make a difference!

T-Shirt Design Contest:

For the next 3 weeks, the **Wellness Team is hosting a T-Shirt Design Contest for all interested students!**

Here are the details:

- Runs from **Monday, November 27th to Friday, December 15th**
- **Contest Rules:** design should involve something connecting to kindness and positivity, must be school appropriate (Captain Obvious here), design can be in colour or black and white, design should work well on a pink or purple t-shirt
- Designs should be **hand-drawn on an 8 1/2 x 11" blank sheet of paper (either portrait or landscape is fine) and should take up most of the space on the page**
- **First and last name, Grade, and Homeroom Teacher should go on the BACK of the paper**
- Designs can be submitted in the bin that will be placed in the office
- Top designs from each division (Primary, Junior, Intermediate) will be chosen to go on an ICRPS Kindness T-Shirt that all staff and students will have an opportunity to purchase in the New Year! (3 designs to choose from)
- Winners from each division will receive a FREE ICRPS Kindness T-shirt with their design on it!



Holiday Showcase Assemblies:

We are so very thankful to Mrs. Childs and Mrs. Johnston, for their organization of our Holiday Showcase. We are looking forward to seeing the magnificent talents of our ICRPS students. There will be two daytime assemblies Thursday, December 14, 2023. An email with further details will be sent home soon! Parents will be more than welcome to attend either assembly. We hope you will come for the Holiday Showcase, stop in the Book Fair, and take a moment to check out the Intermediate Ornament sales table while you are here.



Scholastic Book Fair:

This year, ICRPS will be hosting just one Scholastic Book Fair. It will take place Monday December 11 to Friday December 15, 2023. Monday will be a preview day for students to come visit the book fair with their classroom teacher. They will have an opportunity to look at what books are available, and to create a wish list of what they would like to purchase. There will be no sales on Monday. Students will have scheduled times that they will be able to visit the book fair and make purchases on Tuesday and Wednesday. With Thursday also being the Holiday Showcase, parents will be welcome to visit and make purchases from 9:15 to 4:00. Friday, will be open for any last minute student purchases.



Ornament Sales:

Indian Creek Road Public School holiday ornaments will be sold by grade 8's again this year, as a fundraiser for their trip to Muskoka Woods. Watch for our brochure with designs and details, coming soon. Purchases will also be available through School Cash Online. Limited edition special designs will be available to purchase Thursday December 14th during the Holiday Showcase assemblies. Special ornaments that have been customized by some of our very artistic students will be available for silent auction, displayed during our Holiday Showcase assemblies.

ICRPS Choir:

We are so very excited to share that the ICRPS Choir has completed and submitted their recording for the CBC Music Class Challenge. We wish them the best of luck in this competition, and hope they have enjoyed incorporating Canadian music into their repertoire.

The ICRPS Choir will be performing a selection of holiday favourites at the Chatham Armouries on Thursday, December 7th from 6:00-7:00. We hope you will be able to come out, enjoy the magical sounds of our choir, all while enjoying the events of the evening and supporting families in need in our community.

Volleyball:

The senior girls' and the senior boys' volleyball teams have been practising regularly and refining their volleyball skills since October. They participated in a tournament at C.K.S.S. and they have been doing very well in league play! Good luck to both teams this week in the semi-final games! Let's go Sun Devils!

Lost and Found:

We are accumulating a large amount of lost and found items. Please remind your child(ren) to check the items outside of the office, if they are missing anything. Please also feel free to have a look while you are visiting on the 14th, for the Holiday Showcase, Scholastic Book Fair, and ICRPS Ornament Sales.

Parent Group:

Two small notes from our phenomenal Parent Group:

A reminder that Wreath pickup times are as follows:

- Thursday November 30th from 3:00-7:00 in front of the school
- Fridays December 1st from 3:00-7:00 in front of the school

Secondly, we are so excited to share that our new Gagaball pit has been installed, and students have been making great use of, and enjoying it so much.

Keep your eyes peeled for information coming home this month from your ICRPS Parent Group!



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 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 have taken off, and have been a huge hit! Popcorn is sold for one dollar, every Tuesday.

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 December:

- November 30 Wreath pick up 3:00-7:00
- December 1 Wreath pick up 3:00-7:00
- December 11-15 Scholastic Book Fair (more information to come)
- December 14 Holiday Showcase assemblies
- December 25-29 Holidays ~ No School

Other Important Upcoming Dates:

- 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