



INDIAN CREEK ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

January 2024 Newsletter

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What a brilliant four months this last part of 2023 has been here at ICRPS. Our students have demonstrated kindness in a multitude of ways, they have shown academic perseverance, have worked through problems and above all have made our school better each day through their commitment to constant growth.

There is no better feeling than approaching a break after investing a great deal of effort into one's work. We hope our students feel this as they head into their two week break from school. Please know how grateful our staff is for all you do!

As we continue to move through our wonderfully diverse holiday season, we wish you and your family the warmest of celebrations. Our ICRPS community is made more brilliant by this diversity and resulting celebrations.

Make A Difference Crew:

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. 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:

The Wellness Team would like to thank everyone who submitted a T-Shirt Design. All of the contest entries were amazing, and it was so difficult to choose winners in each division. The winning designs will be printed on t-shirts that will be available for purchase very soon. Those who created the winning designs will each receive a free ICRPS Kindness T-Shirt with their design on it! Watch for more information coming soon.



Holiday Showcase Assemblies:

It was absolutely wonderful to see such a large crowd at both of our Holiday Showcase assemblies. We are so proud of our students, and thoroughly enjoyed watching their many talents. Thank you again to Mrs. Childs, for all of her organization, and to our intermediate students who helped in a variety of ways.



Scholastic Book Fair:

This year's Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who visited and made purchases in support of our fair. We look forward to purchasing new books, and improving the selection of diverse and high interest books within our Learning Commons/Library.



Volleyball:

We are so very proud of our student athletes from both the boys and girls teams. They demonstrated such great sportsmanship, and truly grew as individual athletes and as a team. Congratulations to all of our ICRPS team members for such a successful season. A big thank you to all of our coaches (Mrs. Stonefish, Mrs. Sparks, Mr. McCormack, and Mr. MacDonald) as well, for giving their time and for supporting our developing athletes. We are so grateful for your kindness.

ICRPS Choir:

The ICRPS Choir has had a busy couple of months. From submitting their recording for the CBC Music Class Challenge, to performing at the Armouries, and sharing recordings of the Armouries with community retirement homes. We wish them the best of luck with the CBC Music Class Challenge, and thank them for sharing their talents with so many in our community. If you missed seeing them at the Armouries, and would like to watch a little recording, [you can see it here](#).



Goodfellows:

Several students from Mrs. Butzer's class, along with some parents, volunteered with packing toys for the Goodfellows "No Child Without a Christmas." What a kind gesture, and wonderful way of connecting with our community.

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 January:

January 1-5 Holidays ~ No School

Other Important Upcoming Dates:

February 2	P.A. Day ~ No School for Students
February 19	Family Day Holiday ~ No School
March 11-15	March Break ~ No School
March 29	Holiday ~ No School
April 1	Holiday ~ No School
April 26	P.A. Day ~ No School for Students
May 20	Holiday ~ No School
June 7	P.A. Day ~ No School for Students
June 27	Last day of the 2023-2024 school year for students
June 28	P.A. Day ~ No School for Students

[***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. Caron
Grade 5/6	Mrs. Jessome	Custodian	Mr. Metcalfe
Grade 6	Mrs. Butzer	Custodian	Mr. McKinley
Grade 6/7	Mrs. Houston	Custodian	Mr. Sarabia
Grade 7/8	Ms. Robbins	Office Admin	Mrs. Molengraaf
Grade 7/8	Mr. McEwan	Office Admin	Mrs. Chauvin
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Brecevic	Principal	Mr. Alward
		Vice-Principal	Mrs. De Naeyer-Louzon

