



INDIAN CREEK ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

February 2024 Newsletter

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Wow, it is so hard to believe that we are wrapping up term 1 already. So many wonderful things are happening at the Creek, and we are so excited to share some of them here, in this newsletter.

Kinderstart:

If you have a child that will be joining us in September as new to kindergarten, please register online now at <http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten>, take a peek at what [FDK in the LKDSB](#) looks like, and then join us the evening of Thursday February 1st or through the day Friday February 2nd to verify your registration and have a tour of one of our kindergarten classrooms. Please [see this attached Kinderstart page](#) for more information, including additional dates. We look forward to welcoming our new little #kindercreekers.



Carnaval d'hiver:

Madame Stratton, Madame Daniel, and Madame White are excited to share that we will be having a winter carnival this year, Thursday February 15 (with a rain date of Friday February 16). Stay tuned for more information.

Student Wellness Team Update:

The ICRPS Student Wellness Team Kindness Initiatives at the Creek began back on November 13th when staff and students recognized World Kindness Day. The Wellness Team celebrated this with our school by asking Sun Devils to wear pink and purple. Soon, World Kindness day turned into World Kindness month! Random acts of kindness were recognized and staff and students were celebrated with “kindness shout-outs” over the announcements each morning. Stickers designed by the Wellness Team were then presented to staff and students who demonstrated random acts of kindness. As we moved into December, the momentum continued! The response to Kindness Month was very positive, so it was decided to continue the kindness shout-outs throughout the remainder of the school year. Acts of Kindness have been happening all over our school! Students are now sharing acts of kindness with each other. Another December addition was the creation of a “Spread Kindness Like Confetti” bulletin board at the front of the school. Every week, those who receive a “kindness shout-out” are invited to add their name to the bulletin board! In December, the Wellness team also hosted a Kindness T-shirt design contest for all interested students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Final judging took place in January and from



PRIMARY “BE KIND” (FRONT)



PRIMARY “BE KIND” (BACK)



JUNIOR “BEE HAPPY” (FRONT)



JUNIOR “BEE HAPPY” (BACK)



INTERMEDIATE “FLY KINDNESS” (FRONT)



INTERMEDIATE “FLY KINDNESS” (BACK)

226 submissions, the winning designs chosen were created by Casey (Primary), Paisley (Junior), and Ruby (Intermediate)! Staff, students, and families have had a chance to purchase a Kindness T-shirt (orders through School Cash Online close February 1, at midnight) with all proceeds going to *Kids' Circle*, a local program run by the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) that provides free supportive care to youth who are facing a life-threatening illness themselves, the life-threatening illness of a loved one, or who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Many thanks to all who purchased a shirt and supported this worthy cause! Kindness is a culture that is alive and well at our incredible school, so let's keep the positive vibes flowing! Stay tuned for more to come from the Wellness Team!

Tabs 4 Kids:

Once again, the students, families, and staff at I.C.R.P.S. have been saving pop tabs to give to the Tabs 4 Kids organization. They use the money from the pop tabs to purchase wheelchairs for children in need. Our collection box in the front foyer is almost full. Please send your tabs to school and hopefully we can fill a second box by the end of the school year.



Basketball:

The senior boys and girls basketball teams are having a wonderful year. Indian Creek has four teams that have had so many learning experiences so far. Looking forward to the rest of the season. Thank you to all the parents that have helped make sure their players were ready for practices or games.

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 continues to be 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:

February 1	FDK Registration Event 4:00-7:00
February 2	FDK Registration Event 9:00-3:00
February 2	P.A. Day ~ No School for Students
February 14	Red, White, and Pink Day
February 16	Report Cards Sent Home
February 19	Family Day Holiday ~ No School
February 28	Pink Shirt Day

Other Important Upcoming Dates:

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	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