



# INDIAN CREEK ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## April 2024 Newsletter

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Although the first day of spring came in like a lion, I think we are out for a pretty mild and beautiful spring, with the upcoming forecast showing warmer temperatures.

\*We are now ready to roll out our new communication tool, that will replace "REMIND". Please read the communication portion of the newsletter (below) to learn more about, and join our rollout of "TalkingPoints Families."

### 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 pop into the office anytime during school hours, to verify your registration. Please [see this attached Kinderstart page](#) for more information, such as what to bring to the office when you verify your registration, and about our new to FDK social evening. We look forward to welcoming our new little #kindercreekers.



### Student Wellness Team Update:

Many thanks to all who purchased ICRPS Kindness T-shirts and contributed to VON's Kids' Circle! For ICRPS staff and families who purchased shirts, they will be distributed at school once they arrive, which should be within the next few weeks. Community supporters will be emailed directly to receive instructions for pickup.

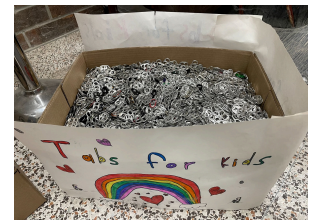


PRIMARY "BE KIND" (BACK)

### 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.



### New LKDSB School Calendar:

With the solar eclipse on Monday April 8, 2024, the LKDSB has moved the originally scheduled P.A. Day planned for April 26, to Monday April 8. Please see the LKDSB website as they have shared a [new revised calendar](#) to show this change.

## 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>. 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 were a huge hit! Popcorn sales have now concluded for the 2023-2024 school year.

Hot Dog sales are returning! Hot Dogs will be available for purchase for \$2.00 each, through School Cash Online. Purchased hot dogs will be served on Mondays, starting April 15, and will run until June 10.



## 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.

## Communication:

### School/Office Communication:

Aiming to ensure privacy, reduce language barriers, and increase engagement, ICRPS has migrated from using **REMIND** to **FAMILIES-TalkingPoints** as a new means of sending out communication to parents from the office, such as general updates regarding newsletters, and reminders about various school events. ICRPS will use TalkingPoints to send communications from the office, as an outgoing system only.

Parents/Guardians, you will be able to set/choose your native language when signing up. This will allow the office to better interact with you, as the program translates messages into your chosen language.

Please download the mobile app for [Android](#) or [Apple](#), and set your preferences. A code has been sent via email that will be used to connect to the ICRPS office.

**\*\*\*NEW:** FAMILIES-TalkingPoints. Please download the app (see above) and then watch your email for your code to join the office sent communication group.

**Facebook:** Search, like and follow us on Facebook ~ [ICRPS Sundevils](#)

**Website:** Visit our website for ICRPS and LKDSB important information and announcements ~ [www.lkdsb.net/school/indiancreek](http://www.lkdsb.net/school/indiancreek)

### 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.). Besides SeeSaw or Google Classroom, teachers may also choose to migrate to TalkingPoints Families.

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

## Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System:

The Ministry of Education has launched the [Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System](#).

This new resource will provide parents with helpful information that allows them to have a stronger role and actively participate in their children's education. The guide covers a number of subjects such as knowing how their child is doing in school, learning about suspension and expulsion processes, attending a school council meeting or parent involvement committee meeting, and knowing about specialized supports to help all children succeed.

This initiative is part of the government's recent efforts to increase transparency and accountability in our school system.

The full guide, translated into 10 different languages, can be found on our Parent/Guardian Resource page: [Parent/Guardian Resources - Lambton Kent District School Board \(lkdsb.net\)](#) This information has also been shared to our board website and synced to each school website, as well.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Council**, 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 Council, or in another capacity? If so, [please complete this linked form](#).

## 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 April:

April 1	Holiday ~ No School
April 2	Autism Awareness Day
April 8	P.A. Day ~ No School for Students
April 26	Twin Day

## Other Important Upcoming Dates:

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	Mrs. Kennedy
FDK ECE	Ms. Leach	ALLP	Mrs. Smyth
FDK	Mrs. Case	ALLP	Mrs. VanHooste
FDK ECE	Mrs. O'Donohue	Rotary	Mrs. Sparks
FDK	Mrs. Garrow	Rotary	Mrs. Stratton
FDK ECE	Mrs. Denomy	Rotary	Mrs. White
FDK	Mrs. Stokes	Rotary	Mrs. Daniel
FDK ECE	Mrs. Dulong	Rotary	Mrs. Childs
Grade 1	Mrs. Butcher	LRC	Mrs. Chopra
Grade 1	Ms. Johnston	LRC	Ms. Scott
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Konecny	EA	Mrs. Gotelaer
Grade 2	Ms. Simpson	EA	Mrs. Lambkin
Grade 2	Mrs. Coates	EA	Mrs. Kloostra
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Stonefish	EA	Ms. Vlasman
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Kelly	EA	Mr. Myers
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Roelofsen	EA	Mrs. Watson
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Coatsworth	EA	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
Grade 7/8	Mr. Pattison	Vice-Principal	Mrs. De Naeyer-Louzon