

The Eagle News



The Irwin Memorial Public School Newsletter

November 2017

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Important Dates

- Nov 8: Fresh From The Farm Delivery
- Nov 10: Santa's Little Helper orders due
- Nov 13: Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 17: Hot Turkey Soup and fruit kabobs for lunch \$2.
- Nov 17: Progress Reports go home
- Nov 22: Parent Council Meeting @ 3:15pm
- Nov 22-27: Book Fair
- Nov 23: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov 23: Irwin Eagles Spirit Wear orders due
- Nov 24: PA Day (No School for students)
- Dec 6: Gr 7 Immunizations



Progress Reports...

We encourage you to take the time to dialogue with your child about their progress report. We invite you to ask them:

- What are you proud of?
- What do you need to work on?
- How can I help you?

Principal's Message

Families,

Hope you've been enjoying this beautiful fall season with your families.

During the fall, our students were involved in many exciting events.

They were able to demonstrate their athletic abilities in our intramural basketball games and cross country running events including the annual staff/student cross country run invitational and the first annual Turkey Trot. Students enjoyed our lovely outdoor environment in events such as Take Me Outside and various outdoor learning opportunities. They heard inspirational messages in the Girlz Unplugged program, our Thanksgiving luncheon and our Terry Fox Assembly.

We are proud to announce our students raised \$3,461.90 to support the Terry Fox Foundation which surpassed last year's by over \$1,400!

November brings other events and opportunities to our students and their families. Our students will be honouring our Veterans and paying reverence to those that fought for our freedom on November 13th at 11:30am. Please feel welcome to

come join us for this event. Further information will be on our media sites.

Also, Progress Reports will be coming home on Friday November 17th. We encourage you to come to our Parent/Teacher Interview night on November 23rd from 4:30pm – 8:30pm. Please phone the office to reserve an interview time with your child(ren)'s teacher(s).

We are proud to share with you a couple of projects that will be enhancing our students' opportunities at school. Due to the continued support of Community Living North Bay, some additional Board funding, and the amazing support of our volunteers, we have been able to continue our a school-wide breakfast program. We expect to have our kitchen renovation completed this fall as well. Also, we have been approved for additional funding to continue evolving our Makerspace. This year, our focus will be documenting the learning and connecting with families and educators from other schools. Stay tuned for more information!

Please know my door is always open. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

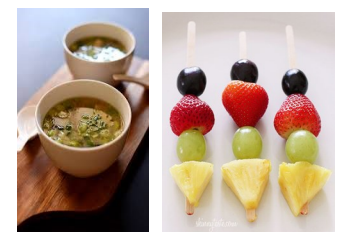
Jenn

Bits & Pieces

Lug a Mug

On Friday November 17, the School Council is preparing hot turkey soup for the students at first nutrition break. They'll also have a fruit kabob with it!

If your child(ren) would like to participate in having a hot turkey soup for lunch, we ask that they bring a mug and a toonie on Nov 17th.



We send out information to families and the community in a variety of ways. Check us out!



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Our Daily Timetable

8:40-10:40	Learning Block 1
10:40-11:00	Recess 1 (Gr.1-8) Nutrition Break 1 (K)
11:00-11:20	Recess 1 (K) Nutrition Break 1 (Gr.1-8)
11:20-12:40	Learning Block 2
12:40-1:00	Recess 1 (Gr.1-8) Nutrition Break 1 (K)
1:00-1:20	Learning Block 3
1:20-3:00	Recess 1 (K) Nutrition Break 1 (Gr.1-8)
3:00	Dismissal

Birds of Prey Points

Our Birds of Prey Colour points program is back up and running. All students are now in one of four colour groups. There will be lots of fun activities and events throughout the year as teams compete to be the Birds of Prey Colour Champion. Current standings are:

Blue Osprey 4737 points
Green Falcons 4258 point
White Owls 4215 points
Red Hawks 3747 points



The students are once again enjoying our makerspace as an additional learning environment.

Our Irwin Tech Experts have been busy working on preparing video announcements that will be live streamed on YouTube. Stay tuned!



We were successful in our application for additional funding this year for the Makerspace and have received a \$4K grant. We are in the process of making decisions on how to best allocate the funds using input from our students and all staff.

SKC Lounge

The SKC Program went on their first trip to Algonquin provincial Park and went to the Visitor's Centre for an educational tour. They enjoyed a hike on the "Hardwood Lookout" Trail and it was a beautiful walk with the spectacular leaves and the view! Sending out a HUGE thank you to our parent volunteers, Jeremy, Tracy, and EA Sanday for their assistance.



Last week the SKC students helped decorate the Lounge with Hallowe'en decor to get into the spirit! They did a spook-takular job!



School Council Updates

The Santa's Little Helper Catalogues and order forms went home this week and are due back on Friday Nov 10th.



Watch for the Poinsettia Order Forms to come home next week. They'll be due back on Nov 28th with delivery on Dec 5.

Items we are fundraising for include: a hydration station, a smart board for the Library, and a new BBQ.

Check the school's website for the Google calendar: know what's happening when!

Our next School Council's meeting will be held on Wed Nov 22nd at 3:15pm.

All Parents and Guardians are welcome to participate.

Child care will be provided.

Irwin Eagles Spirit Wear

We are excited to inform you that Irwin Eagles Spirit Wear will be sold once again this year. There are a variety of options for students to choose from such as shirts, athletic wear, sweaters, hat, and sweat pants. They will be in our Irwin colours of black and gold, and white.

Adult sizes are also available if you, as parents or guardians, would like to show your support for our Irwin Community. They also make great Christmas gifts!

Order forms will go out on November 3rd and samples will be set up in the display case at the front of the school. All orders must be handed in to the office by November 23rd.

Any proceeds raised from the sale of Irwin Eagles Spirit Wear will be used to support our gym program.

Sample...

