

The Eagle News



The Irwin Memorial Public School Newsletter

October 2017

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Important Dates

- Oct 3: Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Oct 4: Lounge students to Algonquin Park
- Oct 4: Bus Patrol Training
- Oct 6: PA Day (No School for students)
- Oct 9: Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- Oct 11: Parent Council Meeting @ 3:15pm
- Oct 25: Photo Retake Day

Talking Turkey...

Starting on Friday Sept 29th, all students will have an opportunity to participate in our first ever Turkey Trot. For this activity, students will receive a ticket each time they complete a lap around the yard. The more laps they run the more tickets they will earn. All tickets will be put into a draw on Thursday October 5th for a chance to win one of four turkeys. Best of luck to all of the participants.

Gobble Gobble!



Principal's Message

Hello families,

Our students and staff have been enjoying the warm fall weather, or should we say summer weather! Our first month of school has been filled with many exciting events including our Terry Fox run, Cross Country runs, and our Meet the Staff Night. Coming up we have our school community turkey dinner which you will find more info below, the Lounge trip to Algonquin Park and Girlz Unplugged will be starting. Also, friendly reminder that Oct 6 is a PA Day.

Our building continues to receive some improvements including a remake of our gym kitchen, installation of new blinds, and I am so pleased to share we are now on Fiber Optic Cable making our internet service much better to accommodate 21st century learning environments.

Bits & Pieces

Breakfast Program

We will be re-instating our Breakfast Program sometime this month. It will be in the same format as last year (bins delivered to the classrooms at the

start of the day). If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Nicole Caracciolo.



We are also pleased to share we are a successful recipient of a Program Enhancement Grant from our Trustees. This funding will help us expand the programming in the Makerspace and support us to share it with our local community and other educators. Big thank you to Melanie Maxwell for working with the staff in gathering ideas and putting the application together.

If you have a question or concern, we are happy to help. I would ask that you first contact the classroom teacher for a resolution and then from there you are welcome to connect with me. My door is always open.

Jenn
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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:

White Owls 1585 points
Green Falcons 1830 points
Blue Osprey 1740 points
Red Hawks 1570 points

EQAO Results

Parents of grade 4 and 7 students will be receiving an Individual Student Report for EQAO 2017. This report will outline your child's achievement in reading, writing, and math as well as provide suggestions on how to support their learning. As a staff, we will be reviewing these results to help inform our school improvement planning and reflect on our next steps. For more detailed information about the primary (K-3) and Junior (4-6) assessments, click on the links below. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Ms Clark.

[Grade 3](#)

[Grade 6](#)

SKC Lounge

While the Lounge has physically moved, the program remains the same. Mrs C is happy to be back and is planning lots of fun stuff for the year.

Thank you to the two parents who donated honeydew melons to The SKC Program and were shared with the whole school!

The Lounge program continues to appreciate all donations of food (even baked goods!) clothing, school supplies, etc.



Girlz Unplugged

We are pleased to share that Marcy Hill is returning for Girlz Unplugged this month. The goals of the program are to increase connection to oneself, others, and community; develop confidence; develop critical thinking; understand healthy relationships & build positive peer support.

School Council Updates

The School Council is currently planning a Turkey Lunch for the students and staff of Irwin. This will be held at the community centre on Oct 3rd. Fundraising for this event takes place this weekend (Sept 30/Oct 1) at Acres Driving Range on Hwy 60. All bucket proceeds for the weekend will be donated to Irwin. Our next School Council's meeting will be held on Wed Oct 11th at 3:15pm.

All Parents and Guardians are welcome to participate. Child care provided.



Cross Country Running

This past Wednesday, 24 students from Irwin in grades 2 to 8 attended the regional cross country meet held at Arrowhead Provincial Park. This was, as always, a very competitive event with schools attending from all across Muskoka. It was great to see the positive attitudes of all of our runners who strived for personal bests. A special mention to Isabella De-Marco-Treadwell and Layla Markham who each placed 5th in their division.

Our cross country season wraps up on Thursday October 5th when the cross country team races against any interested staff. The race (1 km) is set to begin at 2:30 and spectators are more than welcome to cheer us on.



Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox run was both a celebration of a Canadian hero and a reflection of what it meant for him to run for 143 days. As a school, we walked/ran a total of 245 km and, due to the amazing support of our students, parents, and community, we exceeded our goal of \$1430 and raised \$3291.90 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Special thanks to the Huntsville OPP, Lake of Bays Fire Department, and our parent volunteers for ensuring our students were safe and hydrated.

