

# The Eagle News



The Irwin Memorial Public School Newsletter

September 2017

Principal: Jennifer Clark

Trustee: Bruce Reain  
Superintendent: Andrea Gillespie

## Important Dates

- Sept 14: School Council Meeting @ 3:15pm  
Sept 21: Meet the Staff Night 5:30pm  
Sept 25: Terry Fox Run 11:30am Assembly  
Sept 27: Cross Country Meet  
Sept 29: Photo Day  
Oct 6: PA Day (No School for students)  
Oct 9: Thanksgiving

## Please stay tuned for...

We are pleased to share that our gym kitchen is receiving a makeover to accommodate our vibrant Breakfast Club Program and The Lounge Program. With fingers crossed it will be completed this fall.

Grade 8 students are currently involved in visioning for the implementation of a Student Parliament.



## Principal's Message

Welcome back Irwin Memorial Public School students and families to another great year of learning! A warm welcome goes out to all new students and families who are joining us this year at Irwin.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce some new staff members to the Irwin learning community:

Mrs. Kirsten Conner is our new Grade 2/3 teacher. Kirsten comes to us with 20 years teaching experience with a specialty in Literacy and Numeracy.

Bernadette Lovegrove is our new Core French teacher. Bernadette has been teaching for 5 years and has a lovely passion for the French language and French culture.

Mrs. Susie Stronach is teaching The Arts including music to our older students. She brings a passion for inquiry based learning and a wealth of knowledge about Indigenous culture. In addition, Tracey Koch, our Library Clerk will be moving on to new endeavours. We will welcome our

new clerk in a few weeks time when the hiring process is complete. Please see following page for a full description of the staff.

We have had several renovations over the summer including all new windows, the installation of a universal accessible washroom, and a new boiler. Also, in the fall we will be getting a gym kitchen makeover which will help support our Breakfast Program. A big shout out to all the staff, including Mr. Comtois and Ms. Sovereign, for their work to ensure the projects were completed and rooms were readied for students to return.

We are looking forward to a great year at Irwin. Please know, my door is always open. Feel free to call me at the number below, drop me an email at [jennifer.clark@tlds.on.ca](mailto:jennifer.clark@tlds.on.ca) or stop in and have a chat. If you have any concerns about your child, I do ask that you speak to your child's classroom teacher first. If you need further assistance, please let me know.

Jenn

## Reminders

**Safe Arrival ...** Help us ensure your child(ren)'s safety. If your child is going to be late or absent, please contact the school **BEFORE 9:00**. Please provide a brief reason. 705-635-1661

**Peanut free...** We are a peanut-free facility. Kindly pack lunches and snacks that are peanut free to ensure the safety of all our students. Thank you.

**Dressing for the Weather...** a friendly reminder that we love to play and learn outside in all sorts of weather. Please ensure students are dressed for the weather. Thank you!

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

## Breakfast Club Update

We have currently put a pause on our Breakfast Program to accommodate the renovations happening in the kitchen. Pending the length of the renovation, we may explore other opportunities for serving breakfast. Thanks for your patience.



## MEET OUR STAFF

**Thursday September 21st  
5:30 - 7:30**

Families are invited to join us for a burger and an apple and visit your child's classroom to hear about the exciting learning that is happening!

## Irwin Memorial PS Staff 2017-2018

### Classroom Educators

JK/SK	Melanie Maxwell & Sarah Cripps DECE
Grade 1/2	Joanne McRae
Grade 2/3	Kirsten Conner
Grade 4	Darlene Rudd
Grade 5	Catherine West
Grade 6/7	Kent Maxwell
Grade 8	Wendy Murray

### Core French

Bernadette Lovegrove

### Special Education Resource Teachers

Peter Yungblut, Susie Stronach

### Educational Assistants

Sharon Brant, Sanday Brown, Margot Cook, Michelle Sutherland

### Library Clerk

Tracy Koch

### Custodial Staff

Andre Comtois, Nancy Sovereign

## School Council Updates

Irwin School Council's first meeting for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Thursday, September 14th from 3:15 to 4:30pm in the Library. All parents/guardians are invited to attend and, if something strikes a cord with you, participate in the events and activities for this year.

Parents will have an opportunity to vote for the Chair of School Council.

Come, meet other parents, help plan for a fabulous year, and generally get involved! We hope to see you there. If you need more info just call the school!



## Cross Country Running

Our Cross Country running club has been meeting second recess to train for our upcoming meet on September 27th. Practices take place for students in grades 2-8 Tuesdays to Fridays.

Permission forms for the meet will go home shortly.

A big thanks to Mr Y and Mrs Stronach for organizing the team this year.

**GO IRWIN!**



## Terry Fox Run

Our students are supporting the Terry Fox Foundation by raising a goal of \$1,430 (\$10 for each day of Terry's 143 day run to support cancer research).

There are incentives for our kids such as extended recess, pancake breakfast, and even taping Mr. Y to our gym wall!

All are welcome to join us for our Terry Fox walk/run beginning at 11:30 on September 25th.

