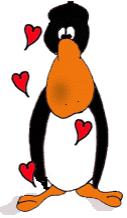




Island Lake Public School February 2012 Newsletter



February is Responsibility Month

Our next Character Education Assembly is on Friday, February 24th, 2012 at 9:00 am. We will be celebrating our students who demonstrate the character trait of "responsibility". Responsibility is being accountable for your actions, thoughts, and feelings and following through on your personal and community commitments.

Our ILPS assemblies allow us the opportunity to get together as a "school family" to celebrate the outstanding character of our students. Our goal is that every student will be celebrated and acknowledged either at an assembly or in the classroom.

Report Cards Go Home

On Thursday, February 9th, report cards will be sent home. These reports reflect your child's achievement from September to the end of January, as well as your child's development of the learning skills and work habits during that period.

Please return the form at the bottom of page 2. While we do not have an interview day scheduled, please indicate on the form if you would like the teacher to contact you.

Kindergarten Registration February 6th to February 10th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

If you have a child, or know of a child who was born in 2008, they are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2012. Also, students born in 2007 who are not currently attending school are eligible to register for Senior Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration will be held from Monday, February 6th to Friday, February 10th, 2012 between 10 am and 2 pm..

Please be prepared to provide:
Proof of Birth Date,
Immunization Records
Address Verification.



School Council Meeting

Our next School Council meeting is on **Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm.** All parents are invited to attend the meeting to see what events are planned for the upcoming months. Babysitting is available. Please let Mrs. Dickson know if you will require babysitting.

Pink Shirt Day—February 29th

The key message of Pink Shirt Day is about getting students to not accept bullying under any circumstances and to not stand by when they witness acts of bullying.

We would like to ask all students and staff to wear pink shirts on February 29th to support Pink Shirt, Anti-Bullying Day. We will be selling pink shirts for \$10.00 on a first come, first serve basis. Unfortunately the shirts are not available in smaller sizes. We hope that our younger students will have a pink shirt at home.
Karleigh & Vanessa



Island Lake Public School Safe Schools Update

At Island Lake PS we will continue to develop our Safe Schools Action Plan for Bullying Prevention. This plan identifies key “values” and appropriate activities, with the input from students, teachers, support staff, parents, and community representatives.

At ILPS, our team of teachers and school staff believe in a proactive approach to dealing with bullying prevention. Whenever possible, we advocate for embedding bullying prevention into daily classroom teaching (e.g., reading material, current events discussions, informal and formal class discussions, problem solving with students when conflicts arise, etc.). We will continue to develop and implement our school-wide Character Education program.

We use a progressive discipline model. This model has a teaching through education component, early intervention strategies, supports, and consequences that are developmentally appropriate, and include opportunities for students to learn from mistakes and focus on improving behavior.

A Safe Schools Action Plan for Bullying Prevention teaches our students about healthy relationships and appropriate behavior. Effective plans will help students to take responsibility for their own behavior and make changes. All students need to understand the impact of their actions on others, whether they are the bully (need to understand the impact of their actions), the person who is being bullied (what is happening to them is not acceptable and help is available), or the bystander (must be taught that spectators contribute to the bullying problem).

In the future, an online school climate survey will be created for staff, students, and parents. The purpose of the survey is to ask questions pertaining to our ILPS climate. We will collect data from students, staff, and parents on school safety. This information will establish a baseline to help identify specific needs (e.g., specific grade, gender, location etc). This information will help us to further develop our Safe and Inclusive Bullying Prevention Plan. If you have any questions regarding our Safe and Inclusive Schools Prevention Plan, or safety drills, please contact the school.

Safe and Inclusive Schools—Character Education at ILPS

EVA OLSSON

On February 21, 2012, our Grade 8 students will be visiting Montgomery Village Public School to hear a presentation by Eva Olsson. We are fortunate to have a rare opportunity to listen to Eva Olsson, a Holocaust survivor. With the passing of time, there are fewer survivors left. Ms. Olsson has spoken to over one million people in schools, service clubs, churches, on armed forces bases, police services, and the United Nations. She will speak to ILPS and MVPS intermediate students about her life, the lessons she has learned over the years, the power of hatred and the importance of standing up for what is right. I have had the privilege in my role as a teacher and as a vice-principal to hear Eva Olsson speak on a number of occasions. Her message is powerful and teaches us acceptance, warns against intolerance and will focus on not being a bystander when injustices occur.

What's Happening At Island Lake

At times we get asked the question, “What activities are happening at Island Lake?” We thought we would give you a quick overview of some of those activities:

Monday: Grade 1 Games Club in the gym
Jaime’s Games Group (CYC)
Speech Club—Grade 4—8
Intermediate Art Club

Tuesday: Grade 2 Games Club in the gym
Speech Club—Grade 4—8

Wednesday: Grade 3 Games Club in the gym
Speech Club—Grade 4—8
Jaime’s Games Group (CYC)
Chess Club

Thursday: Speech Club—Grade 4—8

Friday: Speech Club—Grade 4—8

Other activities happening throughout the school:

- Me to We—Grade 4—8
- Choir—Grade 2—8 (Day 4)
- Red Maple Reading Program—Grade 6, 7, 8
- Book Swap—Grade 3—6
- Lego Robotics—Grade 4—8
- Volleyball Teams—Grade 6—8
- Sideline Basketball—Grade 4—6 (starting soon)
- Badminton—Grade 7&8
- Yearbook Committee—Grade 6—8
- Caribou Math Problem Solving Club —Grade 5
- Eco Club—Grade 3—8 (Day 4)
- Co-ed Recess Hockey—Grade 4—8



For activities happening throughout the month, check out our monthly calendar. As you can see, our students are actively engaged in many activities. Through these activities, our students are demonstrating leadership skills, learning problem-solving skills, are physically active and have the opportunity to socialize with their friends.

Tips to ensure that your child will achieve their math goals

- Teach them that math is important.
- Try as much as possible to relate it to their life.
- Find creative ways to instill an interest in math (music, books, crafts, online resources)
- Avoid drill-and-kill. Try to find creative ways to practice math (card games, dice games, crafts)

