



# Island Lake Public School

## November 2011 Newsletter



### 2011-2012 School Goals

During our Professional Development Day on October 21st, we finalized our plans for the 2011-2012 school year. Our curriculum focus this year will be on Mathematics. We will continue to implement all of the great strategies in Language that we have been using for the past few years however, teacher professional learning will focus on Mathematics for the 2011-2012 school year. From now until Christmas, teachers will begin to use the 3-part problem solving model in their classrooms. Please ask your child to share some of the math problems they have been working on in class. We will also begin to include problems in our monthly newsletter that you and your child can work on at home. Teachers will continue to use the following strategies to help their students in all curriculum areas:

- **Students and teachers will use learning goals and success criteria to plan next steps.**
- **During learning, students will receive ongoing, descriptive feedback from the teacher and from peers.**
- **Instruction and assessment will be differentiated in response to student strengths, needs and prior learning.**

If you have any questions about any of the above information, please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to working with parents as we address Mathematics this year at Island Lake Public School.

### Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

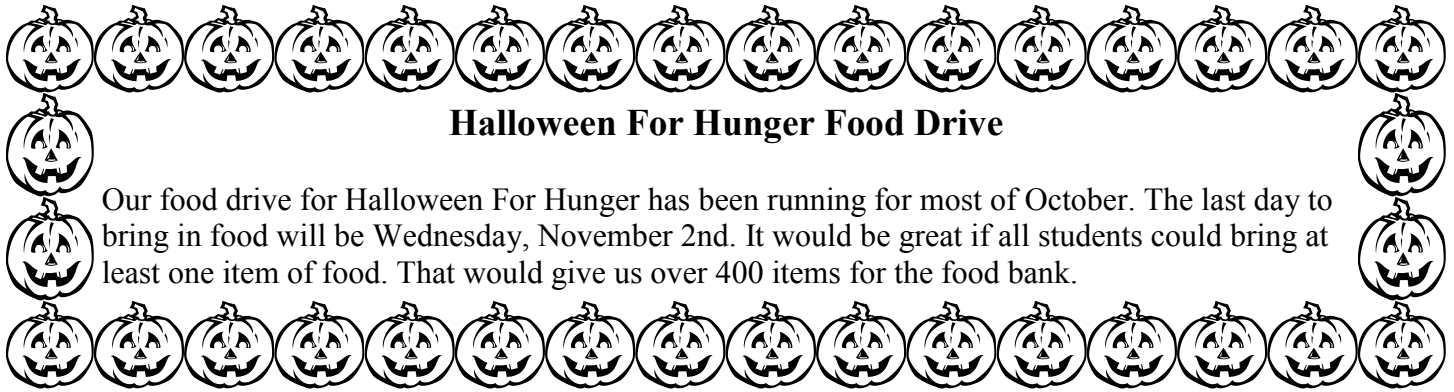
On Wednesday, November 9th, students will be given their progress reports. On Thursday, November 17th (evening) and Friday, November 18th (during the day), all parents will have the opportunity to come to the school to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress so far this year. Interview forms were sent home on Friday, October 28th. Please return your form by Friday, November 4th to ensure that you receive a time that works for you. Due to the interviews on Friday, November 18th, there will be no classes for students on that day.

### November School Council Meeting

The next School Council meeting is on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be approving teacher's requests at that time. Please note that these teacher's requests include a request for leveled home readers in excess of \$500. Please join us at 7:00 pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to be a part of the discussion and approval process.

If you require babysitting, please let Mrs. Dickson know.





## Halloween For Hunger Food Drive

Our food drive for Halloween For Hunger has been running for most of October. The last day to bring in food will be Wednesday, November 2nd. It would be great if all students could bring at least one item of food. That would give us over 400 items for the food bank.

### Something to Celebrate at Island Lake

We had numerous activities take place during the past month involving many of our students. On September 28th, our Junior Soccer Team participated in the Dufferin Tournament. This is a fun tournament that brings many of our schools together for a day of soccer. Although there was no declared winner, our Lakers went undefeated throughout the day.

On Wednesday, October 5th over 72 of our students from Grade 1 to 8 participated in the Cross Country Meet. After training for several weeks, our students demonstrated that hard work pays off. We had several students place in the top 20 runners in the area. It was a wonderful afternoon and we would like to thank all of the parents who came to cheer us on and help supervise our students.

On Wednesday, October 19th, our Intermediate Boy's and Girl's Soccer Team demonstrated outstanding teamwork and skills to win the County Soccer Tournament. With everyone working together, the team was successful in bringing home the gold cup.

Congratulations to all of our athletes. A special thanks to all of the coaches who gave up their time before and after school as well as at recess to help our students be the best they could be.

### District Review

On Thursday, November 10th, we will be having a District Review at Island Lake PS. Each school in the province of Ontario is required to have a District Review in the next 5 years. This year is our turn.

Beginning at 8:45 am several teams of administrators from across our board will visit each classroom for a 15 minute observation. During the observation, the teams will be looking at what the students are learning, the work around the room as well as listening to student discussions. The focus will be on the goals that we are working on this year, as mentioned on page 1 of this newsletter. At the end of the day, the staff will receive feedback. In about two weeks, a report will be sent to the school. This report will provide us with suggestions for our School Improvement Plan for the next 3—5 years.

We are looking forward to the review as the feedback will be helpful in setting new goals.

### Remembrance Day Assembly

On Friday, November 11th we will be having our Remembrance Day Assembly. The assembly will begin at approximately 10:40 am. Please join us for this respectful event.



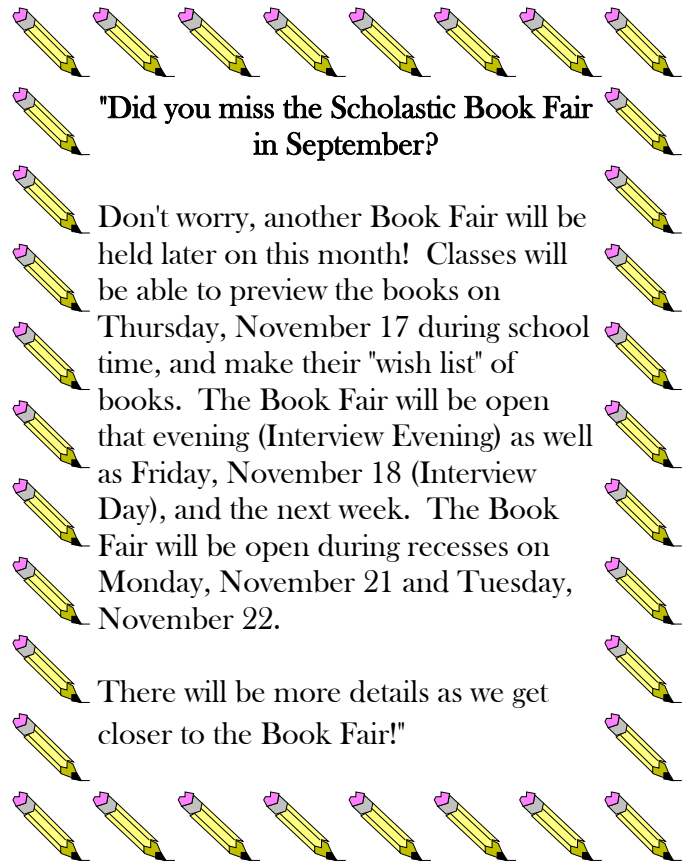
## New French Website

The *FSL Homework Toolbox/Trousse pour les devoirs* website

[www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca](http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca)

was developed to provide homework support to all French Immersion program students and their parents. Students, parents and educators in Core and Extended FSL programs may also find it helpful. The website includes audio files and video clips in French and English, information on specific topics, a list of French language learning websites, and general tips for learning French.

Mme Maggio & Madame Cleary



### "Did you miss the Scholastic Book Fair in September?"

Don't worry, another Book Fair will be held later on this month! Classes will be able to preview the books on Thursday, November 17 during school time, and make their "wish list" of books. The Book Fair will be open that evening (Interview Evening) as well as Friday, November 18 (Interview Day), and the next week. The Book Fair will be open during recesses on Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22.

There will be more details as we get closer to the Book Fair!"

### No Lunch Lady on November 18th

Due to interviews on November 18th, there will be no hot lunch that day. Lunch days will be November 11th and November 25th.

### Thank You

We would like to thank all parents for respecting our bus zones and parking lot each morning and after school. Thanks to you, our school is a safe place during bus times.

## Should movies with smoking be rated 18A?

Do you think smoking in movies is a problem? Should smoking be taken out of youth-rated movies? Tell us what you think and you could win 1 of 50 Tim Hortons gift cards valued at \$10. Go to [www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca](http://www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca) to complete a short survey, or call Beth at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4658 to complete it by phone or by mail.

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## November Problem Solving



### Primary Problem

Mrs. Jones has 20 desks in her classroom. Show some different ways she can arrange the desks into rows of equal length. Can you make a number sentence for each of your solutions?

### **Reflection**

How do you know your solutions are right?

### Junior problem

Jarvis spent the weekend baking 60 sugar cookies, 80 oatmeal cookies, and 100 chocolate chip cookies. He wants to pack all the cookies in decorative tins to give away as gifts.

Show different ways that Jarvis can pack the cookies so that each tin contains an identical assortment of cookies.

How many tins can he use and how many of each cookie will be in each tin?

### **Reflection**

How do you know your solution makes sense?

### Intermediate Problem

Bell's new Cell Phone plan costs \$20 per month plus \$0.30 per minute. Rogers' new Cell Phone plan costs \$15.00 per month plus \$0.35 per minute.

How many minutes per month would you need to talk to make the Bell plan a better deal?

### **REFLECTION**

How do you know your solution makes sense?

# Get your flu shot. Get it early.

Flu shots  
are free.

## Dufferin

Drop in. No appointment needed.

Location	Dates /Times	Address
Orangeville	Oct. 28 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Orangeville & District Senior Citizens Centre 26 Blythia St.
	Nov. 7 2 – 8 p.m.	Orangeville Baptist Church Corner of Hockley Rd. and Hwy. 10
	Nov. 14 2 – 8 p.m.	Tony Rose Memorial Sports Ctr. 40 Fead St.
Shelburne	Nov. 8 2 – 8 p.m.	Mel Lloyd Centre 167 Centre St.

### For information:

Call **1-800-265-7293 ext. 4161**

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25 Rick Hansen

one inspire menu

25th Anniversary Relay

Be a part of  
**Rick Hansen's journey.**

Cheer on the people who  
are making a difference  
in your community.

**Orangeville  
Celebration  
Dec. 6, 2011**

Visit [RickHansenRelay.com](http://RickHansenRelay.com) for information

**Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay  
Orangeville Celebration Advance Show  
Rogers TV Channel 63  
Oct. 31 @ 7 p.m., Nov. 2 @ 11:30 p.m.  
Nov. 6 @ 1:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.  
Nov. 9 at 11:30 p.m., Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m.**