



Iroquois Falls Public School

Principal's Message

Dear Iroquois Falls Public School Families,

As another school year continues to draw to a close, many of us are probably wondering, "Where did the year go?" The month of June is a special month for newsletters as you will receive a newsletter at the beginning of June and again during the final week of school.

Staff and students continue to work diligently through the curriculum while the end of the year is in sight. As always, June will be filled with excitement and enthusiasm while we celebrate our many accomplishments together and get ready for new adventures in 2018-2019. Here are some of the special school events planned for June:

June 8th – NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

June 11 – 13 – Grade 6 Trip to Camp Bickell

June 13-15 – JK Readiness Visit – JK students registered for the fall will be able to attend

June 21 – Talent Show @ 11:30 am – Families Invited

June 25 – SK Graduation – Families Invited

June 26 – Awards Assembly @ 11:30 am – Families Invited

June 27 – Last Day of School / Report Cards are sent home

June 28 – PD Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Teachers will be communicating with families about the many class field trips that are planned for the month, so please continue to check your child's backpack or keep tuned to the blog for important reminders and plans.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mineault



We ask that if you or anyone you know in the community have children who are of age to attend school in September (born in 2014) to please contact Madame Boucher in the office at 705-232-6651 extension 0, to have your/their child registered for Junior Kindergarten!



Families with children registered in IFPS's Junior Kindergarten class are invited for a school visit on June 11th to June 13th. A phone call and email to families occurred during the last week. If you missed this communication, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Healthy Summer Learning

An important step to help your child continue to strengthen their academic skills is by creating a summer learning program for your child. Please keep in mind that summer learning should be fun and relaxing! Children should continue to read under the shade of a large tree, learn to prepare fresh salads or delicious healthy cold treats or learn to swim. Children should be active and on the move!! Remember the sun screen and a hat for the long lazy hazy days! Safety is always at the top of the list.



Office News

Families that know they will be moving this summer are asked to notify the school as soon as possible. Please contact Madame Boucher in the office at 705-232-6651.



After School Dismissal

We work hard to ensure your children remain safe, each and every day. We are asking for your support when you pick up your child to monitor their behaviour and help them make appropriate choices which are in line with our school code of conduct. For safety reasons, we are also asking that students who walk to school to please head home at dismissal time (3:10 p.m.) and check in with parents first before deciding to just hang around the school playground. There is no supervision outside at the end of the school day and to avoid playground issues, we ask for your continued support in these areas as the nice weather approaches.

SK Graduation

The graduation ceremony for JK students will be held **June 25th, 2018.**



Grade 6 Celebration

The grade 6 Celebration will occur on **June 26th** after the awards ceremony.



12 Fun Ways to Help Prevent Summer Learning Loss

From Dr. Gail Gross – Human Behaviour, Parenting and Education Speaker

- 1. Visit your local library.** A family trip to the library is a wonderful source for many activities. This includes taking turns reading to one another, sharing interests and opportunities for you and your child to write and discuss your choices of reading material.
- 2. Go on field trips.** Field trips to art museums, science museums and history museums open up all kinds of activities that are related to history, math, science, geography and social studies.
- 3. Travel the world without leaving home.** Geography was a big hit at our house. My family spent many hours looking at an atlas that we checked out at the library. The atlas is a great source of maps, color photos and explanations of resources found at particular locations.
- 4. Encourage your children to connect with other children.** Having a pen pal or a book club over the summer is a free and fabulous way of engaging reading and writing, English and literature.
- 5. Cook with your children.** Cooking is a great way to teach about measurements and how to use fractions. Theme nights for dinner not only teach cooking skills, but math, as you teach your child how to measure and convert weights, volumes and numbers.
- 6. Play school with your children.** Let your child take turns being the teacher, with other children or with yourself. Include the creation of lesson plans, colorful pencils and workbooks.
- 7. Get into the act with the whole family.** Putting on family plays, writing scripts, rehearsing and memorizing parts can help your child not only learn about writing and organization, but also about performing. Try musicals, which can tap into your child's musical talents and skills, while all along building self-esteem.
- 8. Spell F-U-N with family game nights.** Family game night including Scrabble, Taboo or crossword puzzles, is a great way for your child to polish up on spelling. And simply enlarging your summertime vocabulary daily will increase your child's.
- 9. Teach about money, stocks and bonds.** Use the newspaper as a teaching tool. This is an interesting and fun way to engage your children in math. Your kids will love it, because they will feel grown up, imitating you.
- 10. Send your kids — and yourself! — to camp.** If your child is lucky enough to be able to go to camp over the summer, they may enjoy a camp that focuses on their interests. For example, science camps and writing camps are interest-based.
- 11. Take family vacations — real or virtual.** Family trips to historic places like Williamsburg, Valley Forge or The Liberty Bell are fun vacations that include the re-enactments of important moments in history, and are so exciting.
- 12. Establish chores with a purpose.** Small chores around the house can give your children the opportunity to save money, to count money and to plan for something special that they need their math skills to accomplish.