



## Iroquois Falls Public School

November 2018 Newsletter

The month of November is always, and was in fact, a time when we encouraged everyone to reflect on the progress students have obtained, while at the same time, setting new goals to finish out our academic success in term 1. Throughout the month of November, our key learning messages continued to focus on Respect, Responsibility, and Pride! The students and staff continued to practice positive behavioral interventions, focusing on being “mindful of others.” At IFPS, we believe that teaching students appropriate behaviours actually gives back more time for academic learning. This enhances the learning community by providing a predictable, consistent, positive, and safe school.

With this in mind, teaching staff have been planning for our future focus around “sustainability”. With December almost upon us, and despite that the feel of “Winter Break” is in the air, we remind our students that the academic progress here at IFPS and will remain constant. During this time, families often ask what can they do to support their child’s academic success? My answer remains as follows: Although this time of the year can often be hectic, families should try to ensure their child receives a sufficient amount of rest, eats a healthy diet, and that families should take time to read with their child at least once a day. Don’t be discouraged if you skip a day or don’t keep a schedule, rather just read as the quote goes, **“Reading with your child not only supports his/her reading skills but also language development, problem solving skills, self-regulation, and a LOVE of reading.”**

Mr. Mineault



## Sports Update

Thank you to Mrs. Forsythe and Ms. Stephanie for their time and dedication towards coaching the volleyball teams. The teams recently participated in a tournament at IFPS, and are eagerly anticipating their upcoming games in Cochrane on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Parents/Guardians are welcomed and encouraged to come out and cheer on the teams when they are in tournaments.



## December Activities

The staff at IFPS has a variety of tasks planned to bring in the holiday season, including concerts, outings, and a variety of classroom activities. Feel free to contact your child's teacher for more information about these events and how you can be part of the upcoming events.



## Remembrance Day at IFPS

Mr. Takayesu organized an amazing, heartfelt Remembrance Day Ceremony on the morning of November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Mr. Takayesu. We are proud of our students' involvement and their respect and thoughtful manner during this ceremony.



Remembrance Day  
Legion Contest Winners!

Colour Poster Winners!

Jessie Andrews – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Hailey Turcotte – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Black and White Poster Winners!

Riley Lutz – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Mattijse Watson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Kameron Lagrange – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



## Bundle Up!

Please make sure that your children are dressed adequately for outside play. We go outside at both nutritional breaks, every day, except in extreme temperatures. Your help in ensuring students have appropriate winter clothing is greatly appreciated.



## Cold & Illness

Many thanks for keeping your child(ren) home when they are sick. It is very easy to pass on colds and flu in a school environment. Children who do not feel well, do not learn well, and learning is definitely our goal!

If students are well enough to be at school, then the expectation is that they go outside for recess. Unfortunately, other than our supervisor which are outside supervising the playground, we do not have staff on duty during recess times.



## Inclement Weather and Bussing Update

On mornings of heavy snowfall or icy conditions, please listen to your radio or check the school board site at

<https://geoquery.netribus.ca/Cancellation.aspx> for reports of bus cancellations and school closures. IFPS is not necessarily closed when bus transportation is cancelled.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are usually made by 7:00 a. m.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Christmas Concert – Tuesday,  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m– 1  
p.m. in the large gymnasium

Family Luncheon – Wednesday,  
December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in  
the large gymnasium

Last Day of School 2018 –  
December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Holidays – December 24<sup>th</sup> –  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

First Day off School – January 7<sup>th</sup>,  
2019

Please stay tuned for other  
potential activities!

This year's Progress Reports were sent home on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you didn't have an opportunity to discuss any concerns you have about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher at 705-232-6651, leaving a message with the office to have your child's teacher contact you.



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*After your family has read the newsletter, please sign and detach this coupon indicating that "Your family" read the newsletter. This coupon is to be handed into the office by December 14<sup>th</sup>, which makes your family eligible for our Winter Draw held during the concert on December 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*Family Name:*

*Parent/Guardian Signature:*

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# IFPS Principal Blog / Twitter

Good afternoon IFPS Families,

It has been brought to my attention that some of you still wish to be on IFPS Principal Blog, but don't know how to get on the email list. For those of you that are not familiar with the blog, it is an electronic media format which helps you keep informed with "What's Happening at IFPS!" The material contained within often goes beyond the newsletter content, but also is a location in which you can locate monthly newsletters, calendars, and updates about IFPS.

Here are the three ways you can sign-up (if you are not currently following the blog):

1. Email me at to [rodger.mineault@dsb1.ca](mailto:rodger.mineault@dsb1.ca) stating you wish to be added to the blog.
2. Complete the sheet below and send into the school.
3. Visit <https://ifpsprincipal.wordpress.com/> and click follow (midway down the right-side of the page).

Twitter Account – on the right-side of the blog located at <https://ifpsprincipal.wordpress.com/> you will find the twitter feed. Click on @IFPS900 and you will be redirected to the twitter page. On this page <https://twitter.com/IFPS900> click follow. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school at 705-232-6651.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mineault

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent of \_\_\_\_\_

would like to be added to your Blog Posts.

My email is \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

