



# Principal's Newsletter

## Iroquois Falls Public School

January 2019

### Iroquois Falls Public School's Goal for 2019

Through reflective and collaborative practices, we will strive to foster a positive, safe, engaging, and inspiring learning environment that promotes a sense of community; all while ensuring that student wellbeing and student success are always at the forefront of every decision.

### Upcoming Events

**Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

\*Welcome Back and Welcome to 2019!

**Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

\*Return your child's Subway Lunch Form

**Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

\*Subway Lunch

**Friday, January, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

\*IFPS's Literacy Day

**Monday, January, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

\*Martin Luther King Day

**Monday, January, 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

\*IFPS Literacy Day – Families Invited

**Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 –**

\*Kindergarten Registration

**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

\*Monthly Assembly

**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

\*School Council 50:50 Draw

**SSSSSOUPY TUESDAYS BEGINS NEXT WEEK! MENU TO FOLLOW!**

**“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”**

- Denis Waitly

**Dear IFPS Families,**

Happy New Year! January is often known as the month of “new beginnings” as people often make resolutions to improve themselves. With that in mind, our students are encouraged to treat one another with a spirit of genuine respect by remembering and applying our school agreements; play safe, be kind, show respect and be attentive listeners.

By applying these simple rules to all aspects of our school life, we are attempting to instill in our students the notion of treating others the way they would like to be treated. This applies to all aspects of school life. Parents and families can support their child and our school family by reinforcing these rules at home and by modeling for our students the ways in which they can be respectful school-mates.

As always, I encourage you to read the monthly newsletter and find out about the myriad events in which our students have been involved in the previous month and also what will be taking place during the month of January. During the month of January we will be focusing on being good citizens; including learning about the following character traits: understanding, thankfulness, responsibility, and consideration.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and healthy 2019!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mineault  
Principal

## Parenting Corner

Have you ever had a kid take the wind out of your sails by not showing a lot of remorse or concern when you deliver a consequence? Has that ever made you really want to "drop the hammer"?

It happens to the best of us. When most people get off track, it is because they've lost sight of the real goal (respectful, responsible kids) and focused on a lesser goal (winning). We've all been there.

For me, the best results with consequences seem to happen when the focus is solving a problem — versus causing massive discomfort for the kid. Sometimes, those two things intersect, but do not (repeat) DO NOT panic when a kid actually enjoys fixing the problem. Many kids have enjoyed repairing damage or making some other form of restitution. This does not mean the kid 'won' (and you lost). It means we feel good about ourselves when we work to solve problems.

This is where some logic comes in. Avoid asking: 'Did the kid suffer enough?'

Ask instead: "Was the problem solved? Was the damage paid for or repaired? Was the person's time or energy made up? Did the kid make it right?"

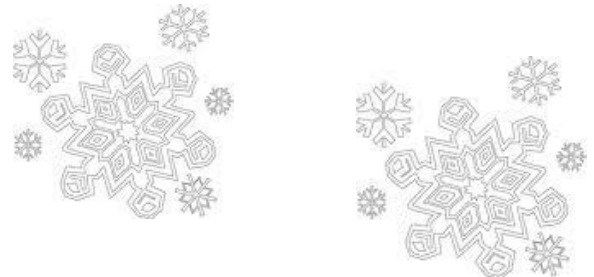
Or: "Do I have a wise friend who might help me find more logical restitution than lifetime grounding?"

Taken from Love and Logic by Dr. Charles Fay

...when in doubt,  
choose the kids.  
there will be  
plenty of time  
later to choose  
work... ANNA QUINDLEN

## Coughs, Sneezes, and More

Along with the cold and snowy weather also comes cold and flu season! If your child becomes ill at school we will notify you immediately and request your child is picked up. Please remember to keep your child home for 48 hours in instances of throwing up or diarrhea to ensure they are no longer contagious.



## SSSSoupy Tuesdays!

Soupy Tuesdays begin Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and will be offered for the next 8 weeks. An order form was sent home. If your child would like soup or milk on Tuesday, we ask that you complete the form and return it to school on or before Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Cost: \$1 per bowl and \$1 per milk.

Please send a non-breakable bowl and spoon with your child each Tuesday if they wish to purchase soup.



It's not only children who grow.  
Parents do too. As much as we  
watch to see what our children  
do with their lives, they are  
watching us to see what we do  
with ours. I can't tell my children  
to reach for the sun. All I can do  
is reach for it, myself.

~Joyce Maynard



# What's Been Happening At IFPS



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## Hackergal Hackathon

On Dec 12, girls in Mme Barrette's and Ms. de Schneider's classes participated in the Hackergal Hackathon with girls from across the country. They competed to create stories using the Python programming language around the theme of the environment. They worked hard and helped each other out to produce hundreds of lines of code. Well done, girls!

- "Hackergal is a not-for-profit organization that introduces young girls across Canada to coding through the experience of a hackathon. With women vastly underrepresented in the tech industry all over the world, Hackergal strives to inspire a new wave of Canadian female coders to bring equality to the booming industry."

Ms. de Schneider

Thank you Ms. de Schneider for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity!



## **Unique Tie Day**





# School Council Corner

**Happy New Year to all Iroquois Falls Public School Families!!!**

Parent Council would like to remind Parents/Guardians/Families how much we appreciate your involvement in your student's school life and programs. We understand how busy life can be but your support is tremendous and we just want to say a **Huge Thank you!!** Your support for all the various fundraisers your students have been involved in and sure to be continuing in this the New Year is amazing! Your presence for the Christmas program and the Christmas Dinner is very telling of your ongoing encouragement you give to your student(s) and in turn all students!!

We continue to invite parents/guardians/families to participate in this year's School Council committee. We are planning a New Year's dance in the coming month so be sure to watch your calendar as well as a few fun activities coming this year.

School Council

## 50/50 FUNDRAISER

With the draw date quickly approaching, if you wish help sell tickets within the community, please contact the school or a member of this year's IFPS School Council.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS!**



# Closing message.....

We at IFPS hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season which was filled with love, care, and the making great memories. I am not sure about you, but I love this time of year as January is about new beginnings.

Serving as the principal of a school where the culture is most often centered around putting others before ourselves is an inspiring place to be; all due to the efforts of our staff, our students, our families, or our community partners.

Thanks to all those who contributed to our Food Drive, to those who continue to support our events, and everyone who work together to make IFPS a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and successful 2019!

Mr. Mineault

Principal

