



Iroquois Falls Public School

April 2019 Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk:

The next two months have the potential to be fast and furious, perhaps often in a blur, as we quickly move toward the finish line the 2018-2019 school year! We still have several activities planned including: Education Week (early May), Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO Testing (late May), monthly assemblies (late May and June), Kindergarten Graduation (late June), and our Grade 6 Farewell Assembly (late June); just to name a few. Please see the attached list of Education Week events that are planned.

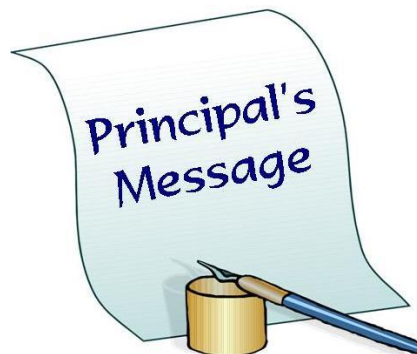
As we head into the “home stretch”, parents are encouraged to connect with your child’s teachers to follow-up on any goals that were set to help your child be successful during our final reporting term. As always, our staff are pleased to meet with parents who wish to discuss their child’s academic, social, or emotional progress, while setting in motion a road map for next year’s programming.

With spring attempting to surface, the snow continuing to melt, and warmer temperatures being felt in the air, keeping students focused on their academic success can be challenging. Parents can help support us in our work include by contacting teachers when necessary, reviewing the blog weekly, monitoring any classroom websites that your teacher has active, reading the agenda or teacher notes on a nightly basis, and perhaps most important, asking your child about assignments and topics that are being covered making sure your child is dedicating some time each evening for homework.

We continue to encourage parents to ensure that their son or daughter are attending every day as every day counts. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 705-232-6651.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mineault
Principal





SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Your School Council is holding a Mother's Day Dinner and Dance to raise funds for outdoor play area. What better way to show mom how much she means to you by bringing her out for a wonderful dinner prepared by our council members. If you can't attend dinner please come to the dance and celebrate with us. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you all there. The canteen will also be open for snacks and drinks.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We continue to accept new registrants for September 2019. To be eligible for Junior Kindergarten, a child must be four years old by December 31, 2019. Proof of age and address are required as part of the registration process.

EQAO DATES

If your child is in Grade 3 or 6, please avoid making any appointments or booking any trips on May 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th for our grade 3 students and May 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th for our grade 6 students. This year's EQAO will take place during these time-frames and students' attendance is necessary. If your child will be away on one of these dates, please let the school know as soon as possible.

PICTURE DAY

Thursday, May 2nd, 2019

Spring Picture Day and Family / Sibling Picture Day



Please send your child in appropriate attire if you wish to take advantage of either photo opportunity.

GRADE 4/5/6 CHOIR

Congratulations to our Grade 4/5/6 choir under the direction of Mr. Takayesu for their fine performance at the Lions' Music Festival and the final concert. The choir will be performing again at the IF Community Choir Concert. We thank the Iroquois Falls Lions' Festival Committee for their generous food contribution.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

The JK-Grade 6 Awards Assembly and the Grade 6 Farewell Assembly will be held in late June Tuesday, June 27th at 11:30 a.m.



Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessments

Between May 21st and June 1st, 2019, students in grades 3 and 6 will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 and 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario.

This assessment consists of two booklets assessing language and a third booklet assessing mathematics. Each booklet is made up of two sections, for a total of six sections. Each section will take about one hour to complete. The administration of the six sections will be spread out across 3 days, but students will be able to write during the two week window for any absences.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*, which is what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Therefore, your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Students will write the test in their regular classrooms with their regular teachers and are simply encouraged to do their best and show what they know.

In the fall of 2019, EQAO will send our school a report on your child's achievement on the assessment, and we will send it home at that time. Your child's results are private and will give you an indication of his or her achievement in relation to Ontario's high provincial standard. The standard, or Level 3, represents the range from B- to B+. Meeting the standard means your child has a solid grasp of the required knowledge and skills, which is a good indication that he or she will be ready for Grade 4. The results of the assessment do not affect your child's grades or report card in any way. They do, however, give you information about your child's progress to add to the overall picture.

You can use the information that EQAO assessment results provide about your child's strengths and areas needing improvement to celebrate his or her progress. It can help you in discussions with teachers. We can use it as a school community, along with other information, to guide our school improvement initiatives for reading, writing and mathematics. This benefits not only your child but all the students in our school. The results are also used by our school board and the Ministry of Education to direct attention and resources where they are needed. For more information about EQAO and to view a sample of its assessments, you are encouraged to visit www.eqao.com.

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DRESS WACKY DAY





WORLD AUTISM DAY



BREAKFAST CLUB

Start the day right!



The Breakfast Club runs every Monday through Friday morning at 8:15 a.m. until 8:45 a.m.

The “Breakfast Club” at Iroquois Falls Public School has been in operation since the school opened and provides breakfast for many children on a daily basis. The program is one that is offered nationwide in various schools.

The Breakfast Club continues to be a wonderful place for children socialize and start their day with a little ‘extra’ something first thing in the morning. If you have any questions, or would like some more information about how to contribute, please feel free to call the Mr. Mineault for more information.

Volunteers are needed, so if you are looking at doing some volunteering, please call!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Just a friendly reminder that if your will be absent from school, please call us at 705-232-6651 and press extension 0 to leave a message or email debra.charlebois@dsb1.ca the days your child will be absent. Please include your child’s name, the teacher’s name and indicate the reason for the absence: illness, family trip, or any other reason. **It is the parent’s responsibility to notify the school if their child(ren) will be absent, absent, or attending the After School Program.**



COMMUNICATING CONCERNS

Communicating with your child's teacher and school is essential in the education of your child. It is very important that as an equal partner, parents have a willingness to work with their child's teacher and school to foster growth and promote success in the classroom. The following are suggestions for our parents to follow when they have concerns about their children's progress/well-being during the school year:

1. Gather your data from your child.
2. Don't wait too long to resolve your concern(s).
3. If your child is old enough, coach your child so that he/she talks to the teacher in private about the problems so that the student takes ownership to help remedy the situation.
4. Call the office secretary. Make an appointment to see your child's teacher, or leave a message for the teacher to call you about the concern(s) you have.



MAY EVENTS

- May 6th to 10th – Education Week (Calendar provided)
- May 10th – School Council Mother's Day Spaghetti Dinner and Dance – 5:30 p.m.
-please get your tickets for the dinner
- May 15th and May 16th – EQAO Practice
- May 21st - June 1st – EQAO Testing
- May 24th – Spirit Assembly – 1:30 p.m.

JUNE EVENTS

- June 10th – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- June 15th – Jump Rope for Heart
- June 12th to 14th – Gr. 6 – Camp Bickell
- June 24th – Tentative SK Graduation
- June 24th – School End of the Year Award Ceremony at 12:00 p.m.
- June 25th – Torch Run at 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- June 25th at 11:30 a.m. Grade 6 Farewell Assembly
- June 27th– Report Card Day and Last Day of School

