



ISLAND VIEW SCHOOL

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Mission: We can all learn. We need a safe, respectful and challenging place to learn. We learn best when teachers, children, parents and community work together. We have a responsibility as partners in learning to help others in our local and global communities.

Vision: To ensure all children have a safe and positive learning environment inspiring them to be lifelong learners as respectful, responsible and productive citizens.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR AT IVS

We are in the final section of the school year and it is nice to see the warmer days and longer hours of daylight. With the warmer weather, we encourage students to be more active outside and take the opportunity to walk or bike to school. We will be having the conversation with the students in the near future, but we ask that you speak to your son or daughter about how to stay safe when biking or walking to school. As well, please keep in mind there will be more students on the roads and sidewalks during our morning commute.

We are also encouraging the students to find a variety of activities to play outside. In order to help with this, we have containers by the doors with a variety of toys that the students can take outside at recess. We are asking that students do not bring their own toys to school so that they do not get lost or broken; rather, if there is something they feel would be great for our playground to let us know and we would be happy to look into getting it for our playground.

FEEDBACK FRIDAYS FOR STUDENTS

In addition to seeking ideas about items that would help make our play space better at recess, Mr. Carr will be starting Feedback Friday this week. During the first part of the morning, Mr. Carr will circulate through the school and pick a class to provide feedback about life at IVS. It is important to include students in the conversation about our positive learning environment in order to ensure that improvements are meaningful to the students. The two questions that will drive this conversation will be "What are your favourite things about IVS?" and "What would you like to see added or improved at IVS?" We look forward to hearing some great ideas from the students!

IT WAS A SWEET TRIP FOR GRADE 2

The grade two classes were able to enjoy perfect weather for their trip to Elmhurst Outdoors last month. The students learned about our Canadian heritage through hands-on learning about how to make maple syrup.



Saint John Arcade

Students from our grade 4 classes will be attending the Saint John Arcade to showcase their Coding projects. They have been working to create video games using the program Scratch and will put them on display on April 12th. It has not been finalized which student are going since it depends on which projects are ready. Great work grade 4!



IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 4th—Last Mad Science
- April 5th—Estey Art Club
- April 6th—Estey Art Club
- April 12th—Saint John Arcade (Coding Event)
- April 12th—Estey Art Club
- April 13th—Estey Art Club
- April 17th—Badminton Jamboree (Westfield School)
- April 17th—PSSC Meeting (All Welcome)
- April 19th—Estey Art Club
- April 20th—Estey Art Club
- April 20th—Heritage Fair
- April 25th—Hot Lunch Orders Due
- April 25th—Professional Learning for Teachers (Noon Dismissal for Students)
- April 26th—Estey Art Club
- April 27th—Estey Art Club
- April 30th—Home and School Meeting (6:00pm)
- May 3—Estey Art Club
- May 4th—Professional Learning for Teachers (No school for students)
- May 7th—AGM/Professional Learning for Teachers (No school for students)

**APRIL THEME:
COOPERATION**

The sum of the parts is greater than the whole.

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April 25th is a Half Day for Students

Teachers will be participating in a half day professional learning afternoon on April 25th. This is an opportunity for teachers to review and learn new strategies for helping students learn new concepts. Our focus on April 25th will be small group instruction as a tool for helping students learn various reading strategies. By grouping students according to strategies such as rereading difficult words, chunking letter sounds, or following punctuation properly, instruction can be efficient and student centered. There are many strategies and this is a great opportunity to explore different methods of instruction.

PSSC MEETING APRIL 29TH

Our next PSSC meeting will take place at 6:00pm on April 29th in the Library of Island View School. The PSSC is a great way to participate in the discussions that shape the culture of our school and even if you are not a member of the PSSC you are welcome to attend. At our next meeting we will take a closer look at our Math goals and take a hands on look at Math instruction in our classrooms. This would be a great opportunity to ask questions about the “New Math” and how it helps build a solid foundation for our students.

MUSICAL UPDATE

Students have been practicing their parts for the musical during lunch recess for the past couple of weeks and things are coming together nicely. It takes a lot of time and hard work to prepare for a musical and we appreciate the effort the students are putting forward. We will continue to practice at lunch recess, and we are planning to start the after school practices in the near future. After school practices will begin on April 16th and will run Monday and Tuesday after school for a total of 8 after school practices. More information was sent home with the cast member so please ask your child if you have not seen it yet. **Our two performances will take place on Wednesday, May 9th, and Thursday May 10th; both performances will begin at 6:00pm.**

Have a Great Spring!



Hot lunch and Online Ordering

The School District is still in the process of setting up and training the next group of schools for the cashless school software so it will not be ready to launch prior to this round of hot lunch orders. It looks promising that the software will be ready before the end of the school year and we will let you know in advance so everyone can sign up for the service. We hear many parents are looking forward to the return of online ordering and the school staff are also looking forward to the upgraded system. **Please note, the deadline for May hot lunch this month is April 25th.**

Badminton Jamboree

The badminton Jamboree will take place on April 17th at Westfield School. We are still in the process of narrowing down the participants and the successful candidates will be notified soon. Good luck to everyone as they continue to practice and prepare for the jamboree.

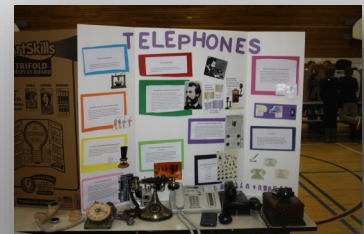
Our Eggs are Hatching

The salmon eggs are beginning to hatch! Well, not really, but they are changing. Salmon eggs don't hatch like regular eggs; instead they grow out of their eggs like tadpoles. They are transitioning to the Alevin stage where they will have a tail and a yoke sack to provide them with food until they can swim.



Heritage Fair April 20th

Our school based heritage fair is fast approaching and it will take place in our gym on April 20th. Students have been working hard on the projects and they are always one of the highlights of the year and a great way to showcase the students in our school. A few projects will be selected to attend the District Heritage Fair later this spring. Good luck!



LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

There will be no school for students on May 4th and May 7th since the teachers will be involved in their NBTA Annual General Meeting and provincial training. The elementary sessions for the whole province are in Saint John this year so you may notice the uptown a little more busy than normal on May 4th.