PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
We are so pleased to welcome Ms. Elizabeth Lawrence to our staff. Ms. Lawrence is our SERT / Learning Centre Teacher, and on Day 3 afternoon Ms. Lawrence is with our Grade 4/5 class. Everyone is making her feel very welcome at Innisfil Central Public School.

ICPS FAMILY SKATE
We are excited about our Annual Family Skating Event on Wednesday Dec 12th. This is how the ICPS families will be celebrating the holiday season together. Families can skate from 4:30 to 5:20 p.m. at the Stroud Arena. Between 4:30 to 6:30 families can stop by the community hall, upstairs to enjoy free hot chocolate, and pre-ordered pizza. Students must be accompanied by an adult to participate in this event. Families are reminded it is a family event and supervision is the responsibility of each family. Please ensure children have the proper safety equipment.

“CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS”
Our staff and students are committed to making this Christmas better for some local families. We will be conducting a toy, food and loonie drive.

Please send in any new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable foods or a small cash donation of $1 or $2 to the school. Gifts for older students are always in high demand, such as hockey sticks, hair care and beauty products, sports equipment and gift cards. We thank you in advance for making this a better Christmas for these children. All donations will be picked up on December 14th.

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY – THANK YOU!
We have purchased 2 footballs, 2 soccer balls, and 9 tennis balls with Canadian Tire money! We have collected more money to be making more purchases. In total we have collected $115.33 so far! Way to go! Thank you for the donation of Soccer Balls from the Manley family, and orange sports balls from the Stubbs family!

Kernels Popcorn Fridays are here!
Popcorn will be sold on Fridays for $2.00 a bag!
Caramel & Buttersalt

TURKEY LUNCH – We Need You!
Turkey Lunch will be on Tuesday December 18th. We are looking for volunteers to help cook the Turkey Lunch! Please call the school and give us your name and we will forward you name and number along to our Volunteer Coordinator who will get in contact with you. We provide the food we just need your time, talent and stoves to cook the turkeys and vegetables.

BARRIE COLTS TICKETS
We are the “Main Focus School” for the Barrie Colts game on January 26th! This is a great fundraiser for our school and night out for our families. The order form will not be going out until January. Tickets are $18.00 each and taxes are included. However, we wanted to get this information out as it would be a great gift idea to put a note for someone over the holidays and follow up with the tickets in the New Year.

BUS NOTES AND BUS SAFETY
As stated in the previous newsletters, students can only ride on their own bus to and from school. If you do have a day care emergency that would result in a student traveling on an alternate bus, we would appreciate knowing as soon as possible. Notification to the bus company is required when children ride alternate busses due to daycare emergencies, so Mrs. Vent appreciates knowing about these situations as early as possible.

Riding the bus is a privilege that comes with responsibilities. Students know the rules and expectations of their bus driver. If a student cannot co-operate with the driver and follow the safety rules of the bus, bus privileges can be removed. Please remind your child(ren) that they have a responsibility to sit quietly on the bus, keeping hands and feet out of the aisle, not eating and making sure items do not go out the window. Following these basic expectations makes bus travel much safer for everyone.

SCHOOL SPIRIT AT ICPS
Our Student Committee has divided our school into “Four Nests” The 4 nest colours are Yellow, Green, Red and Purple. Students will be told what Nest Colour they are in and can earn points for their Nest by participating in spirit days. Let’s show our spirit at ICPS!

PJ Day is planned for Dec. 7th “
Holiday Hats / Creative Hat Day is Dec. 14th
Red and green day will be on the 21st
INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER
The board has a new parent / community website where the most up-to-date information regarding busses will be posted. We encourage all families to check out the website if you are unsure that the busses are running. Be sure to bookmark www.simcoe-county-schoolbus.ca. The school remains open on bus days, but transportation to and from school rests solely with the parents.

TECHNOLOGY AT SCHOOL
We will be opening up our guest wireless network to some of our students, which means the students may bring in their own device (tablet, iPod, Netbook and laptops). These are very expensive devices that are the sole responsibility of the student. Accidents happen and a family has to seriously consider the possibility of technology getting broken at school or on the bus. School laptops are available for class assignments that require technology. Bringing your own device to school is not a requirement; it’s a personal decision.

Cell phones must be “out of sight and off” at the school. Our school board requires that students do not use their cell phones and cell phones cannot ever be used for texting or taking photographs while at school. Of course, we understand that some students are given cell phones for emergency purposes and with the long bus rides for some students, we fully understand this decision. Students found using cell phones at school will have them taken away and returned to a parent when he/she comes to pick it up.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
This time of year we have more students with illnesses or injuries, some of which require medication. This is a reminder that students should not have medication at school until we have a signed form from a doctor indicating how the medication should be taken. If your child will be taking medication at school please contact Mrs. Vent for this form.

Occasionally students ask staff members for pain or cold medications. Please note that staff cannot give these medications to students, but parents are welcome to stop in and provide this medication to their children.

MAGAZINE SALES
Another good gift idea is magazines. Why not order from www.qsp.ca and use the school code of 9002. That way our school benefits from the magazines you buy, since a portion of all sales are returned to the school. You can order magazines anytime of the year and the school benefits!

SAFE ARRIVAL ON BUS CANCELLATION DAYS
Since our school is completely bussed, we do not make Safe Arrival calls on days when the busses are cancelled. You do not need to call Safe Arrival on days that the busses are cancelled in the Central Zone.

INNISFIL CENTRAL WRITES ABOUT...
There was a writing challenge during the month of November and how our school can make sure we are inclusive. There were 45 entries submitted and it was very difficult to decide our top 5 entries! Three students received a $10.00 gift certificates to spend at the book fair and 2 students received 2 tickets to go to the Barrie Colts Game on November 24th.

Thank you to the Innisfil Fire Department for the donation of the tickets!

HOLIDAY LITERACY CHALLENGE
When you are reading or decide to write over the holidays record it on the Celebrate Literacy Chart! If you wish to make your own chart on a computer go ahead and be creative!

When you return to school on January 7th bring the sheet with you for a recognition certificate!

Let’s keep up the great work at ICPS with our Reading and Writing!

Enjoy the holidays with friends and family and remember to get outside and play!

SCHOOL IS CLOSED FROM DEC 24- JAN 4
SCHOOL RESUMES ON JAN 7, 2013

UPDATING FAMILY INFORMATION
If you have a new cell/home number or e-mail address, please let the office know.
If you want to get on the e-mail distribution list just let us know... within days you will get all school information (newsletters, notices, order forms) electronically.