

DOYON NEWS

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Please visit the Doyon Website at www.ipsk12.net for access to Doyon events on our "live" Doyon Calendar and the monthly Lunch Menu.

Principal's Corner ~ Sheila Halloran, Principal

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As you may or may not know, this is TEACHER/STAFF Appreciation Week. I would like to take the time to thank our teachers and staff for all they have done this year. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated and caring professionals teaching and working with your children each and every day. They are role models to our children as to what it means to give 100% and always see the true potential of others. I am honored to work with such wonderful people. Thanks to FRIES, School Committee, and Dr. Blake for recognizing our staff. There are numerous attachments in this week's newsletter, so please take the time to read them. Cereal boxes should be dropped off at Doyon. Won't it be fun to line the donated boxes around the hallways of the school and have them fall like dominos! It would be a fun challenge!!

MCAS Test Schedule

ELA Testing:

Monday, May 10th Grade 4
 Tuesday, May 11th Grade 5
 Thursday, May 13th Grade 3

Math Testing:

Monday, May 17th Grade 4
 Tuesday, May 18th Grade 5
 Thursday, May 20th Grade 3

Science and Technology:

Tuesday, May 25th Grade 5



Walk, Bike and Roll with Us has been rescheduled due to inclement weather to Wednesday, May 12th



Reminder ~ YMCA Cereal Drive

May 10th - May 14th

see page 3 for more info

	Friday 5/7	Monday 5/10	Tuesday 5/11	Wednesday 5/12	Thursday 5/13	Friday 5/14
Lunch Menu	Gills Cheese Pizza Pepperoni, Fresh Tossed Salad ~ Ham & Cheese Wrap, Cape Cod Chips	Pancakes, Maple Syrup, Ham, Applesauce Cup ~ Ham & Cheese Wrap, Cape Cod Chips	Cheeseburger on a Bun, Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Salad ~ Ham & Cheese Wrap, Cape Cod Chips	Creamy Mac & Cheese, Broccoli, Breadstick ~ Ham & Cheese Wrap, Cape Cod Chips	Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup ~ Ham & Cheese Wrap, Cape Cod Chips	Gills Cheese Pizza Pepperoni, Fresh Veggie Cup ~ Ham & Cheese Wrap, Cape Cod Chips

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Just a reminder that the IPS STEAM Team is running virtual workshops after school every day during STEAM Showcase Week (May 24-28, 2021) for families, students and community members. Pre-registration is required for all the workshops.

[See here for a list of all the workshops](#) being offered.

[Here's the registration link](#) to register for all of the workshops. Workshop registration is open until May 7th. Confirmations and Zoom links will be sent out in May. Contact Tracy Wagner, Director of Teaching and Learning, twagner@ipsk12.net with any questions.

The Ipswich Public Schools invites you
to our 4th annual



STEAM


SHOWCASE

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math

to celebrate the work of students and their teachers and connect
with businesses and community groups



**You'll be amazed at
all the possibilities!**

**Join us May 24-28, 2021
for a week of virtual
workshops and presentations!**
Registration begins April 30!

A link to the interactive website
can be found on the district site:
ipsk12.net starting May 21, 2021

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CEREAL DRIVE



SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS TO TABLES INITIATIVE: **MAY 10th-14th**

Join us in supporting our COVID-19 response efforts and donate to our Cereal Drive to help those in need. From **May 10th-14th** the **Ipswich Family YMCA**, in partnership with **The Green Team** will be collecting cereal in donation boxes located in the lobby of all Ipswich elementary, middle and high schools. Together, we can strengthen our community and help our neighbors fight food insecurity.

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP IN MAY:

During the month of May, you can also make a \$10 donation at a participating local business and your donation will provide a family in need with a grocery gift card PLUS you'll receive a discount card to all participating businesses!



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#StrongYStrongCommunity

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Public Library

If you find yourself with some free time some afternoon, Monday or Wednesday evening or on a Saturday, make an appointment to come in to the library! You can now make an appointment to come and browse in Children's for 30 minutes *at any time during the hours that we are open*. If you think you will need more time, please register for two 30-minute sessions. [Register here!](#)

Adhering to state and town protocols, the library has been opening up more and more to the public. This week marks our first early literacy program under the event tent on the library's front lawn!

We would love to see you. Please call the Children's Room at 978-412-8713 with any questions.

Visit the main circulation desk at the Ipswich Public Library to pick up our monthly **Takeout Crafts!** Two separate crafts are created each month for preschoolers or elementary school age children in mind.

Stop by the library at any time to pick up a free early literacy kit for use at our programs. Our virtual Early Literacy programs - Mother Goose on the Loose for caregivers with infants to age 2 and Story Time for caregivers with children ages 2 through Kindergarten are doing great and this week we are going to host the first live, in-person Mother Goose since before the pandemic. Click on this link to register for programs. [May Events Calendar IPL](#)

We enjoyed making anemometers in the STEM and pizza in the cooking class with some of you over April vacation!

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Play is the Way

Founding members of Play is The Way and the Winthrop School both located in Ipswich MA., are co-sponsoring a virtual community screening of the critically acclaimed documentary, Chasing Childhood. Chasing Childhood explores the devolution of free range play opportunities for our children resulting in a generation that is over-protected and over-directed. American children are wilting under the weight of well-meaning parents. In the pursuit of keeping them safe and creating an impressive resumé of extracurricular activities to wow admissions boards, over-parenting smothers children across socioeconomic classes. This thoughtful film follows education professionals and reformed helicopter parents who seek and offer solutions for developing more confident, independent young people while restoring some joy and freedom to childhood.

Chasing Childhood is a feature length documentary that explores a phenomenon affecting kids from a broad range of socioeconomic backgrounds. Free play and independence have all but disappeared, supplanted by relentless perfectionism and record high anxiety and depression. What's lost goes well beyond our idyllic conceptions of childhood past. When kids don't play unsupervised by adults, they don't gain critical life skills: grit, independence, and resourcefulness. Though they may appear more accomplished on paper, by the time they get to college they are often falling apart, lacking the emotional tools to navigate young adulthood.

Chasing Childhood will stream for pre-registered participants starting on Wednesday May 19th through Friday May 21st. In addition local scholar, Dr. Peter Gray, from Boston College, will lead a follow-up virtual community lecture/discussion on Thursday, May 27th at 7-pm. Dr. Gray is featured in the film and is leading community discussions across the country. The Ipswich Public Library children's room has added 10 copies to their circulation of Dr. Peter Gray's latest publication, *Free to Learn, Why unleashing the instinct to play will make our children happier, more self-reliant and better students for life*. In addition, please check out The Play is the Way art show at Zumi's from May 16-May 30th. The Winthrop school has scheduled a playground upgrade including a mud kitchen, to encourage more supervised unstructured child directed play.

May is Mental Health month and there is no better time to take stock in our children's wellbeing. After a year of Covid restrictions, families have already begun to adapt to less over scheduling of organized group activities, while promoting at home creative play. Educators, administrators and families can expand on these opportunities by providing some well needed "exhaling" time for our children.

Please visit the Play is the Way website to complete required registration at- tinyurl.com/playistheway

After registering you will receive a link to the community screening of the movie Chasing Childhood streaming from May19-21, and a Zoom invite to Dr. Peter Gray's follow up discussion on Thursday, May 27 at 7pm.

Thanks for your time and consideration,
Kerry Zagarella
Play is the Way

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SAVE THE DATES!

Join your **NEIGHBORS** for a
Virtual Community Screening of
CHASING CHILDHOOD May 19-21

Virtual Community Discussion led by Dr. Peter Gray May 27

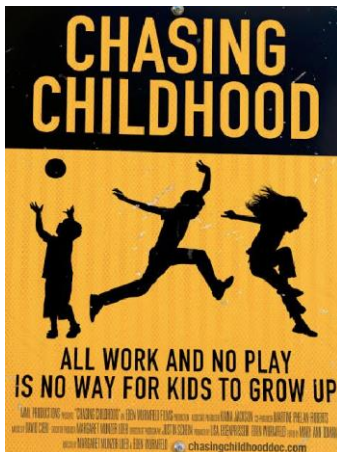
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MAY 19-21 Movie streaming registration [click here](#)

MAY 27 7pm Webinar with Dr. Peter Gray
[click here](#)

OR

Visit: tinyurl.com/playistheway



Winthrop and Doyon Schools
Ipswich ReCreation Department
Ipswich Public Library
Zumi's



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