

# Winston Churchill

## February 2019

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### **KinderSTART-February 6, 2019** **9:00-5:30**

KinderSTART is a one day event held at Winston Churchill P.S. for parents to drop in and register their children for Kindergarten. It's also a great opportunity for parents and children to learn more about school together!

The program allows children and parents have an early opportunity to visit the school and meet staff in preparation for Full Day Kindergarten in the fall of 2019.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION—EASY AS 1-2-3-4!**  
Before coming to KinderSTART, register online by logging in to: [www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten)

- 1) Find your school
- 2) Find your school registration date (February 6)
- 3) Complete the Registration Form
- 4) On February 6, come to the school and meet our school staff

#### **Please bring the following items:**

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g. utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Emergency contact information

Visit the [KinderSTART website](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten) for more information about the registration event.

### **Family Day**

In recognition of the statutory holiday, schools will be closed on Monday, February 18. We hope everyone will enjoy the day off to spend time with their families!

### **Family Day Free Swim and Skate**

The following arenas will offer free skating on Family Day:

Chatham Memorial: 3:30-5:00

Thames Campus: 4:30-6:00

Chatham William Erickson: 6:00-7:30

Free swimming is offered at the Wallaceburg Sydenham Pool on February 18 from 10:30-2:30.

### **Term 1 Report Cards**

Report cards go home with students from JK to Grade 8 on Friday, February 16th. Teachers write comments on the report card that focus on what students have learned in the curriculum and how they are progressing. The comments describe strengths and identify the next steps for improvement when necessary. Comments provide personalized, clear and meaningful feedback that help parents understand how they can assist their children at home.

Comments on the first page of the report card are directly related to Learning Skills and Work Habits. These skills are extremely important and help our students to access the curriculum and be successful in their learning.

Students will enter their comments/goals on Page 3 during school time. Parents are asked to complete and sign Page 4 of their child's report card and return it to school. Parents are welcome to request time to discuss the report card with their child's teacher.

### **Valentine's Day**

All students are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing Pink, Red and White on February 14, for Valentine's Day!

In celebrating Valentine's Day, we ask that students **do not bring in treats to share with their class.**

## **Inclement Weather**

Due to inclement weather, school buses are occasionally cancelled - but the school is still open. Students are expected to be in class and instruction will continue as usual. Listen to CKSY-FM or CFCO-AM in the morning for information. You can also check the school bus information website at: <http://www.schoolbusinfo.com>. Remember that at Winston Churchill, Every Day Counts!

## **Basketball Teams**

Congratulations to the Senior Girls' and Boys' basketball teams on their success so far this season. They have been working very hard and are showing incredible Bulldog spirit. Thank you to Mr. Mavor, Miss Haskell, and Mr. Taylor for coaching these teams.

## **Anti-Bullying Day**

February 27, 2017 is Pink T-shirt Day! Kindness starts here! On Pink T-shirt Day, we ask all staff and students to wear something pink to symbolize that we will not tolerate bullying at WC!

## **Trip Payment**

The next payment for the Muskoka Woods (Grade 8) field trip is due February 21. Please send in the \$125 by this date.

## **Contact the School**

We are asking parents to please contact the school when your child(ren) are sick, or leaving for appointments. We recognize that you are communicating regularly with your classroom teacher through the Dojo and Seesaw Apps. However, it is important that we record the absence and track student attendance at the office. We appreciate that you continue to leave a message on our voicemail or call the school to report your child's absence!

## **Cell Phones**

Students and parents are reminded that **students are asked to have their cell phones off and in their backpacks while on school property.** School issued technology will be used for instructional purposes when directly supervised by an adult.

## **Tips for Mindful Parenting**

1. Find time for yourself every day, where you can be in stillness—just 3 minutes/day
2. Create opportunities to practice mindfulness during everyday activities
3. Be intentional about your use of technology
4. Schedule time to JUST BE with your children, with no agenda
5. See the world through your child's eyes
6. Enjoy the everyday moments with your children and really connect with them (everyday, not just on the weekends, or vacations)
7. Get to know yourself well. Become an observer of your own thoughts and emotions, and pay attention to the messages they may be giving you
8. Give yourself permission to take time out and ask for help when needed
9. Spend a few minutes every day reflecting on a great moment you had with your child/ren and/or something you appreciate about them
10. Breathe...often