

Winston Churchill

February 2020

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KinderSTART-February 5, 2020 **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 to 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

- 1) Find your school
- 2) Find your school registration date (February 5)
- 3) Complete the Registration Form
- 4) On February 5, 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 17. We hope everyone will enjoy the day off to spend time with their families!

Family Day Free Swim and Skate

Chatham Memorial Arena will offer free skating on Family Day from 12:00-1:30.

Free swimming is offered at the Wallaceburg Sydenham Pool and Blenheim Gable Rees Rotary Pool on February 17 from 10:30-12:00 and 1:00-2:30.

Term 1 Report Cards

Report cards will not be sent home for Term 1.

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**.

Service Disruption-Phone Service

There will be a disruption in our telephone service on February 12, in the afternoon.

The phone service will be temporarily unavailable due to a local service disruption for maintenance. Parents/guardians are encouraged to email the school at cindy.jansseune@lkdsb.net or visit the school during this time if you need to contact the school regarding your child. Parents/guardians can also contact the LKDSB Board Office at 519-336-1500.

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, Everyday Counts!

Anti-Bullying Day

February 26, 2020 is Pink T-shirt Day! 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! We will also continue our work around KINDNESS MATTERS to ensure that everyone is treated with respect and we put an end to bullying.

Trip Payment

The next payment for the Muskoka Woods (Grade 8) field trip is due on February 21. Please make your payment of \$125 on School Cash Online before February 21.

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 Seesaw and Google Classroom. 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.

Carnival

Mdm. Brenders has been working with our students to plan a Winter Carnival to celebrate our French-Canadian culture. The event will take place on February 21. Beaver Tails will be enjoyed on February 19 by those students who preordered (order on School Cash Online before February 11).

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