



# GRIFFIN GAZETTE



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## **April 2021 All the Good News from W.J. Baird!**

### **SCHOOLMESSENGER PARENT/ GUARDIAN REPORTING TOOL**

Located on the Board website:

[https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/school-messenger.aspx#/="](https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/school-messenger.aspx#/=)

under Elementary Attendance. Reporting your child's absence before the start of the school day made easy! This tool can be accessed through internet browser, by app or by phone.

An absence can still be called into the school (519-676-5407) on our attendance line by leaving a message with your name, your child's name and reason for absence.

### **COVID-19 SCHOOL SCREENING**

All students (or parents/guardians on behalf of students), staff and visitors must complete the screening before attending a Lambton Kent District School Board school or facility. Please be advised that the [provincial daily COVID-19 School Screening](#) assessment tool has been updated and is available online. Use the link below to download the print version. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

### **COVID Update from Public Health**

Anyone that has ONE COVID-19 symptom must stay home and follow the directions from the screening.

Everyone in your household should stay home if ANYONE has symptoms or is waiting for a test result.

### **YOUR CHILD IS SICK...**

AND was told to stay home from school (by the Ontario COVID-19 Screening Tool) or has been sent home from school with symptoms...

For more information, please visit their website at <https://ckphu.comm/schoolscovid> / or call 519-355-1071 x1900.

Work will be provided upon request while your child is waiting for his/her COVID-19 test results or quarantining.

### **WATER BOTTLES**

As water fountains continue to remain off limits, please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school. Our water bottle filling stations are in use. Every child was provided a Griffin water bottle earlier this year to help with this circumstance.

### **EQAO**

A reminder that Primary and Junior EQAO Assessments have been cancelled this year due to the Pandemic.

### **CHARACTER TRAIT**

#### *Co-operation*

*Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.* Helen Keller

*Integrity* recipients were recognized in March.

### **WARM WEATHER REMINDERS**

Just a reminder that whenever the warmer weather gets here that Griffins are asked to adhere to appropriate choices in dress.

Playground Equipment is still out of use, waiting for its annual inspection.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

If your child is starting JK or SK for the first time and you have not already registered him or her it is important that you do so as soon as possible, as numbers are used to determine classes and staffing for next year! Please pass this information on to parents who may not have children attending school.

### **RUN/WALK ACROSS CANADA**

Began March 29 and runs until June 20, classes and staff have begun to tally their walking (while at

school- DPA/PE) to track our progress with a map of Canada. Only 6165 km to go! This activity is meant to encourage being active, getting fresh air, promote positivity, goal setting, challenge students and staff, improve spirits, and have fun. Thank you to Mrs. Hough and Miss Downie for getting us moving!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next virtual School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. Please call the school if you are interested in attending and a Google Meet code to the meeting will be provided.



## MATH GAMES

Learning math can be fun! Check out [www.tvokids.com](http://www.tvokids.com). This website offers math games for Preschool children and up.

## MARCH BREAK NOW IN APRIL

*April 12-16*

This is a reminder to parents that March Break has been rescheduled to the week of Monday, April 12th through Friday, April 16th. The school will be closed during this time. We hope our families have a safe and enjoyable Break!

## IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL

- 2- Good Friday (no school)
- 5- Easter Monday (no school)
- 9- Tropical Friday (dress theme day)
- 12- 16 April Spring Break (no school)
- 19- Quadmester 4 begins; entry day between virtual and face to face learning platforms
- 21- Lifetouch Retake Day

## SAFETY REMINDERS

- **Please drop off /pick-up students off in the parking lot across the road from the school to avoid traffic congestion and to avoid interfering with buses**
- We ask that all students and parents use the designated cross walk as it is there for everyone's safety and sets a great example for our students
- W.J. Baird is a NUT-AWARE environment☺  
**(This includes WOW-Butter)**