



GRIFFIN GAZETTE



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Zone 7

December 2020 All the Good News from W.J. Baird



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2020/21 - 2025/26

VISION
**Our Students -
Shaping Our World**

MISSION
**Fostering Success for
Every Student Every Day**



LKDSB STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2020/21-2025/26, OPERATIONAL PLANS

The Operational Plan will guide decision-making and actions of all LKDSB staff to meet the goals established in alignment with the four strategic priorities:

- **Student Achievement & Well-Being:** Advance high standards for innovative and responsive learning;
- **Inclusive Diversity:** Champion anti-oppressive education;
- **Sustainable Stewardship:** Optimize human, financial and physical resources; and
- **Trusting Relationships:** Strengthen relationships based on respectful collaboration.

The LKDSB remains committed to “Fostering Success for Every Student Every Day.” Click on the links to learn more about the [Strategic Priorities 2020/21-2025/26](#) and [Operational Plan for the 2020-2021 school year](#).

AUTOMATED SAFE ARRIVAL CALLS

Effective November 25th, Lambton Kent District School Board will be implementing an automated attendance messaging system for W.J. Baird. The system will notify parents/guardians if your child has been marked absent and the school has not been notified of the reason for the absence. It is important that if parents receive an automated message to call the school to indicate reason for absence. You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information and by notifying the school office in advance if your child will be late or absent. Please note: School voicemail messages are checked regularly.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we experience winter weather conditions it is important to understand the school board’s policies regarding inclement weather. Our school is in Zone 7. If buses are cancelled in Zone 7, they will not pick up or drop off children. The school is open even when buses are cancelled, unless otherwise stated. On days when buses are cancelled, academic programming will continue as normal. If your child is not a bus student, they are expected to be at school and will be marked absent if they do not attend. If they are not able to attend, please contact the office at 519-676-5407, so that we know they are safe. Our phones are busier than normal on these days so feel free to leave a message. To get school bus information, please visit the following website www.schoolbusinfo.com or listen to CKSY (94.3 FM) or Cool FM (95.1 FM) for any announcements as to bus cancellations or school closures.


Seat Assignments
on the school bus

CLASS would like to remind students they MUST sit in their assigned seat.

Let's help STOP THE SPREAD!

If you are unsure what your assigned seat is ask your bus driver or call:

Student Transportation Services
Tel: 1-877-330-4287



COVID-19 DAILY SCHOOL SCREENING

All students (or parents/guardians on behalf of students), staff and visitors must complete the screening daily before attending a Lambton Kent District School Board school or facility. The [provincial daily COVID-19 School Screening](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/) assessment tool is available online <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> with an option to download the print version.

MASKS

With students wearing their masks daily, they tend to get dirty from wear. It is recommended that fabric masks are washed daily with soap or detergent in hot water.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

With the community's and Ontario Student Nutrition Program's support, we are able to provide students with a 'Grab 'n Go' type of breakfast consisting of fresh fruit (typically oranges, bananas, or apples) and a cereal bar. Every classroom is provided with a bin filled with these nutritious options daily.

GRIFFIN PRIDE FOCUS

Every month, students and staff will be focusing on one of the character attributes posted on the LKDSB web-site (<http://www.lkdsb.net>), and exploring how they can model this behaviour to do their part in creating a safe school community. December's focus is empathy.

Courage winners were recognized on Nov. 30.

KIDS HELP LINE

The Kids Help Phone is available 24/7 for students who need immediate support. To contact Kids Help Phone call 1-800-668-6868 or visit their website www.kidshelpphone.ca

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

School Photos have been approved by Medical Officers of Health to occur with specific safety protocols in place. Stay tuned for dates...

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next virtual meeting of the School Council will

be held on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome! Please contact the school if interested as a code for Google Meet will be provided to you.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Students are reminded to dress appropriately for cold weather, including boots, mittens/gloves, hats and coats. For safety reasons neckwarmers are encouraged rather than scarves. Snow suits or water-resistant pants could be worn over clothing to keep students dry in wet or snowy weather. Students should also have a pair of shoes that are kept clean and dry to be worn only indoors.

The students are outside for 20 minutes twice a day and may be longer or more often for 'mask breaks'.

Please be sure to have your child's name on each item. Loose fitting clothing can be hazardous on the yard! Please make sure that clothing is reasonably tight fitting and tucked in if possible to avoid putting children in positions where the clothing can cause strangulation problems.

PLAYGROUND-DANGER OF STRANGULATION

To help prevent child injuries/deaths on the playground, please keep these safety tips in mind:

Remove cords and drawstrings from children's hoods, hats and jackets.

Wear a neck warmer instead of a scarf.

Make sure children do not tie ropes to slides and other playground equipment.

Supervise children on the playground.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Due to the ice and snow during the fall and winter months, students are at a greater risk of falling or slipping off of the playground equipment. To ensure the safety of students, equipment will be closed once the gravel becomes frozen. If your children are visiting the school property during the evenings, on weekends or during holidays, kindly remind them to stay off of the equipment until better weather returns.

kinderSTART REGISTRATION



We are waiting to hear how our kindergarten registration will occur this year. If you know of anyone looking to register their child for the next

school year, please have them contact us at the school or visit the LKDSB website.

DATES

Dec. 4: Pajama Day

Dec. 11: Red/Green/White Day

Dec. 18: Last Day of School

Holiday Hodge Podge Day: wear a bit
of everything holiday day

Jan. 4, 2021: Return to School

Jan. 12: Last Day to inform Principal to switch
between learning models

Feb. 2: PA Day

Feb. 3: Face to Face/Virtual Learning Entry

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The students, School Council, and Staff at WJB
wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday break!