



GRIFFIN GAZETTE



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March 2020 - All the Great News from W.J. Baird!

FAREWELL

We say good-bye to our grade 1/2 teacher, Mrs. Butcher, who has been a part of the Baird family for 17 years. She has accepted a position at Indian Creek Road PS effective March 2. We wish her all the best! A supply teacher will be in for Mrs. Butcher until her position has been filled.

LITERACY TIPS

Talk to Your Child

Oral language is the foundation for reading. Listening and speaking are a child's first introduction to language. Talking and singing teach your child the sounds of language, making it easier for him or her to learn how to read. Here are some things you can do to help your child build an appreciation for words and language:

- Tell family stories about yourself, your child's grandparents, and other relatives.
- Talk to your child as much as possible about things you are doing and thinking.
- Ask your child lots of questions.
- Encourage your child to tell you what he or she thinks or feels.
- Ask your child to tell you about his or her day – about activities and games played.
- Be patient! Give your child time to find the words he or she wants to use.
- Sing songs, such as the alphabet song, and recite nursery rhymes, encouraging your child to join in.
- Play rhyming and riddle games.

NUMERACY TIPS

Be positive about math!

- Let your child know that **everyone** can learn math.

- Let your child know that **you** think math is important and fun.
- Point out the ways in which different family members use math in their jobs.
- Be positive about your own math abilities. Try to avoid saying "I was never good at math" or "I never liked math."
- Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult.
- Praise your child when he/she makes an effort, and share in the excitement when he/she solves a problem or understands something for the first time.

MARCH BREAK

This is a reminder to parents that March Break is the week of Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 20th. The school will be closed during this time. We hope our students have a safe and enjoyable March Break!

PEDICULOSIS

Head Checks

Just a reminder that we will conduct head checks the first week back from March Break. Any person can be infested with head lice irrespective of age or gender. They are equally attracted to clean and dirty hair. Head Lice are most commonly found in school children, the most vulnerable age for catching head lice infestation remains 4-11 years.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Lost and Found items will be on display outside the main office from March 9th-13th. Please encourage your child(ren) to take a look at these items to see if anything belongs to them. After 2nd Nutrition Break on March 13th the remaining lost and found items will be packaged up and sent off to a charity.

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 Baird Every Day Counts!

FOOD DAYS

Watch out for April/May/June food day orders.

SOARR! - On the Bus!

Safety— Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus; Follow loading and unloading rules/procedures!

Ownership— Greet drivers appropriately; Follow guidelines for bus behaviour; be responsible for your own behaviour

Attitude— Work together to create a positive bus environment; be well-mannered and polite

Respect— Show respect to the bus driver, fellow students and pedestrians/passing cars;

Responsibility— Use polite, quiet conversation; Clean up after yourself; Stay seated while the bus is moving

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2: FDK/Grade 2 Dental and Vision Screening

March 8: Daylight Savings (spring ahead)

March 16-20: MARCH BREAK (No School)

March 23: Griffin Farm to School Program begins until June 8 (snacks provided to students Tuesdays-Thursdays)

April 1: Lifetouch Spring Photos

April 10: Good Friday (no school)

April 13: Easter Monday (no school)

April 16: Immunization Grade 7s

April 24: P.A. Day- (No School)

SAFETY REMINDERS

- 1) **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**
- 2) Please call the school if your child(ren) is sick or has an appointment – this helps to ensure the safety of all our students

- 3) We ask that all students and parents use the designated crosswalk as it is there for everyone's safety and sets a great example for our students
- 4) When driving, please be mindful of the students crossing the street
- 5) W.J. Baird is a NUT-AWARE environment☺
(This includes no WOW-Butter)

