



Griffin Gazette

October, 2019—<http://wjbaird.lkdsb.net>/All the Good News from W.J. Baird!

EQAO

Students from Grades 4 and 7 will soon receive their individual results from the Grade 3 and 6 EQAO assessments that took place in May/June of 2018. The tests also compiled the answers to the survey questions completed by our students, which included how many hours of television are watched before or after school, compared to homework completion, and how many times a week/month they discuss homework or read with parents.

Both the Ministry of Education and the LKDSB continue to focus on Literacy, Numeracy, Indigenous, and Safe Schools. EQAO continues to be a tool that assists staff in programming as well as enhancing teaching practices in order to meet the need of individual students. We continue to set specific goals to improve student achievement which drives our School Learning Plan.

On our September 29th PA Day, staff worked diligently to enhance existing teaching strategies to improve upon student success in all areas of the curriculum. To access School and Board EQAO results, go to www.eqao.com/. Students are to be congratulated for their efforts. We are proud of you, Griffins!

Primary Assessment (Grade 3)

	<u>School</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Province</u>
Reading	85%	69%	74%
Writing	90%	63%	69%
Math	60%	52%	58%

Junior Assessment (Grade 6)

	<u>School</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Province</u>
Reading	86%	76%	81%

Writing	89%	77%	82%
Math	32%	35%	48%

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

As of Tuesday, October 1, our Breakfast Program will be cancelled until further notice because at this time we cannot staff it. Plans are in place to support those students who require food to supplement their lunches. Each classroom will have a basket filled with apples and grab 'n go cereal snack bags to take as needed.

GRIFFIN PRIDE ASSEMBLIES

Each month we conduct our Griffin Pride Assemblies here at the school. We recognize individuals from each class who exemplify the LKDSB's monthly character traits. Parents will receive notification in advance if their child(ren) will be honoured at the month-end assembly. To encourage leadership in our senior students, our SWAT members will be organizing the assemblies. Our first one, to recognize Responsibility, will be held on Oct. 7; for primary students at 9:30 and junior/intermediate at 10:00 am. W.J. Baird Students and Staff embody the LKDSB's Character Attributes!!

FOOD DAYS

Until we are accepting money again, all Food Day orders for November and December will not go out. All Fridays that have already been paid, students will receive their pizza in November and December.

Special thanks to Mrs. McTavish for coordinating the food days!

MILK and POPCORN FOR SALE!

Milk and popcorn sales are going ahead at WJB for the time being. It is being sold daily at both lunch breaks. White and chocolate will be sold for \$1.00 per carton. Popcorn is also \$1.00 per bag. Proceeds go towards helping fund field trips and school events.

GRIFFIN SPORTS ROUND-UP

The Griffin Cross Country team has been hard at work honing their skills.

Our Griffin Soccer teams represented our school well at the Area Soccer Conference. Thanks to all athletes and coaches for your hard work, determination and school spirit! You rock!!!

TERRY FOX RUN

Once again, staff and students at W.J. Baird School honoured the memory of Terry Fox by participating in our annual Terry Fox Run at the school. To everyone who contributed to help fund cancer research, thank you very much. Your help in honouring one of Canada's great heroes is much appreciated. Our students raised over \$2300!! Thank you to Mrs. Hough and Mrs. Tinline for all their hard work in co-ordinating the Terry Fox School Day Run! We all enjoyed the classroom movie challenge and seeing our Principal getting plastered with silly string!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

WJB is fortunate to have a dedicated group of parents who volunteer to be members of our School Council. In their role as an advisory council, their input is much appreciated. Our next meeting is October 15 at 6:30 p.m. in our Learning Commons. New members are welcome!

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday, Captain Positive will be visiting us. On October 10, Cody Demeaner, a professional wrestler and motivational speaker, will be talking to our students about Dreaming Big and goal setting.

On October 24, a WJB alumnus and Canadian Para-Cyclist, Alex Hyndman, will be speaking

with our students about overcoming obstacles through hard work and showing their greatness can start at W.J. Baird!

Michael Mitchell, Canadian songwriter/performer, will be performing for us on October 23 his popular Canadian songs such as, "I've got Canada in my pocket".

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Thank you to parents for using the cross walk with your kids – it sets a great example, for waiting outside for your child(ren), for encouraging your kids to walk/ride their bikes (with helmets!) to school, and also for making pick up or lunch arrangements with your child(ren)'s teacher(s).
- Parents and Guardians are reminded to call the school office at **519-676-5407**, if their children are absent. This phone number has an answering machine as well, to serve you outside of school hours.
- Positivity Food Drive is coming to a close on October 4. If you haven't already, it's not too late to donate to the Word of Life food bank.
- There will be skating opportunities for grades 1 to 8. The schedules and permission form are to follow. Remember **HOCKEY HELMETS ARE MANDATORY.**
- **In alignment with the Ministry's Safe Schools Initiative, all persons wishing to gain access to W.J. Baird P.S. during the hours of 9:10-3:35 will need to make use of the controlled access site at the front doors of the school. All persons upon entering the school will also be required to sign in at the office.**

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

We are seeking donations of non-perishable food items to have for students who may need some additional nutrition throughout the school day. Items such as applesauce, breakfast bars, granola/cereal bars, Gold Fish, Ritz Crackers, etc. Please keep in mind we are a Nut-Aware school. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.