



## W.J. Baird Public School

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### April 2024 Newsletter

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#### From the Principal's Desk

Families are reminded of the schedule change for the April PA Day. Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> will be a PA Day and there will be no school for students. The originally scheduled PA Day on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> will be a regular school day.

It is the time of year that year end activities and field trips are being considered and planned. Please watch SeeSaw and Google Classroom for information and ensure that permission forms and items required are sent to school with students. Field trips are valuable educational experiences and allow students to learn in different ways and gain new experiences. If you have any concerns about field trips, please contact the office.

WJB is holding spring fundraisers, Little Caesar's Pizza Kits and Flowerbed plant vouchers. Funds raised help the school offset the cost of activities and excursions for WJB students. Your support of our fundraisers is greatly appreciated!

The WJB School Council is hosting a Jump2Math night on Wednesday, April 10 from 6:00-8:00pm. This is an opportunity for families to engage in fun and exciting learning activities. All students will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian, and a consent form will need to be signed prior to participating in the activities. We hope to see you there!

#### Important & Up Coming Dates:

April 8	PA Day- No School for Students
April 9	Spring & Class Photos
April 10	Jump2Learn Night 6:00-8:00pm
April 11	Toilet Training Info Session @ 2:30pm
April 19	Heart & Stroke Kick Off
May 2	School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
May 6-10	Education Week
May 8-June 12	EQAO Testing Period
May 10	Jump Rope for Heart
May 16	WJB Track & Field
May 17	WJB Track & Field Rain Date
May 20	Victoria Day- No School
May 25	School Council @ 6:30pm
May 29	Kindergarten Orientation Night 4:00-7:00pm
June 6	Area Track & Field Meet
June 7	PA Day- No School for Students
June 20	Gr. 8 Graduation
June 27	Last Day of Classes for Students
June 28	PA Day- No School for Students

## School Climate Survey- Attention Parents & Guardians

The Ontario Ministry of Education asks all school boards in Ontario to conduct an anonymous school climate survey on a regular basis so boards of education can help schools:

- Assess perceptions of safety, mental health and well-being – from students, parents and school staff;
- Make informed planning decisions about programs to help prevent bullying and promote safe and inclusive schools;
- Determine the effectiveness of their programs on an ongoing basis; and
- Build and sustain a positive school climate.
- Continue to build parent voice/participation in survey

The Lambton Kent District School Board is required to conduct a school climate surveys of students, school staff and parents at least once every two years as they all play a key role in contributing to a positive school climate. **We are requesting that you, as a parent/guardian of LKDSB student(s) go to your child's school website or the [Lambton Kent District School website](#) and follow the School Climate Survey link to help us build and sustain a positive school climate within your school community.**

Please note that the results of these surveys will be used by our Safe Schools team, as well as by the Lambton Kent District School Board, and all feedback collected will remain anonymous and confidential.

## School Fundraisers

### Little Caesar's Pizza Kits

We are selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits. They can be purchased online by visiting [PizzaKit.ca](http://PizzaKit.ca), selecting 'Ship My Order to the Group' and entering our fundraiser ID: 440881. Orders are due Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### The Flowerbed Greenhouses Vouchers

We are also selling vouchers for various sizes of hanging baskets and planters from The Flowerbed Greenhouses. The pickup dates for vouchers to be exchanged for plants are May 8-29. Voucher orders are due to the school with payment by Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that colours and varieties of plants are on a first come, first served basis.

**All fundraisers are in support of activities and excursions at W.J. Baird Public School.**

## KinderSTART: Kindergarten Registration

It's not too late! Do you have or know a child in the WJ Baird area that is turning 4 by the end of 2023? If you do, they are eligible to attend FDK! Contact the WJ Baird office or follow the steps below:

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form @ [www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten) in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff

**WJ Baird is holding our KinderSTART night on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm. This will be an opportunity for our new Griffins to meet teachers and explore the classroom! We look forward to seeing you there!**

## School Council

The school council meets at different times throughout the school year. These meetings are open to any parent, guardian or community member who is interested in attending. Please watch our social media accounts and website for school council meeting dates. Our next school council meeting will be on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30pm in the staff room. We hope to see you there!

## Staying Connected with WJB

For the most up-to-date information, please consider following us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is intended to be an information page that gives reminders about upcoming events. This page is information only and does not take comments or messages. Should you ever need more information regarding an item posted on our Facebook page, please contact the office. In addition to this our school website can be found at <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/wjbaird>. You can find information about upcoming important dates, and our newsletters will appear on this page.

## School Council Jump2Math Night

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm for exciting learning activities that families can do together. Please see the flyer for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

**FAMILY MATH NIGHT**

SCHOOL	DATE	TIME
W.J. Baird Public School	Wed. April 10/24	6:00- 8:00pm

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**JUMP2MATH**  
It's All Fun and Games, then they learn Math Night  
Join us for Life-size games and Giant mats the whole family can play.

Hop, Skip and Jump to better Math Skills with  
Life-size games and Giant Math mats

**2 JUMP 2 MATH**

**Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

**A consent form will have to be signed before entering the activity space.**

**No shoes are permitted in the activity space.**

**For more information visit:**

**<https://vimeo.com/255322343>**