



W.J. Baird Public School

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February 2023 Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

I would like to thank everyone who was a guest reader or attended the snuggle up and read session during Family Literacy Day. The day was a great success as it is important for students to build literacy skills both at school and home. Reading together, as we did during this event, is a great way to promote literacy skills at home!

Term 1 reports will be sent home on Friday, February 17. These reports will outline students' progress thus far in curricular subject areas as well as the development of learning skills that support academic tasks and social development. Should you have any questions about the report card, please make contact with teachers.

Important & Up Coming Dates:

February 14	Red & White Day
February 14 & 15	Youth Gambling Awareness Presentations
February 17	Term 1 Reports go home
February 20	Family Day- No school
March 13-17	March Break
March 23	School Council @ 6:30pm

Black History/African Heritage Month:

In recognition of Black History/African Heritage Month in February, the LKDSB is committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in our history and society. This year, the focus for Black History/African Heritage Month will be "Black Innovation."

As there are significant Black historic sites located within the LKDSB's geographic area, students, staff and families are encouraged to learn more about our local history and its connection to the Underground Railroad and other historical events, and the ongoing contributions of local Black communities to the development and prosperity of Ontario and Canada.

The LKDSB is committed to supporting Ontario's Anti-Black Racism Strategy. Visit the Government of Canada Black History Month website for additional information and resources.

Value Village FUNdrive:

Thank you to all families and community members that made donations to our Value Village fundraiser!

Pediculosis/Head Lice

Parents/Guardians are reminded to routinely check their child(ren)'s hair for pediculosis or head lice. Please ensure that students are aware that they should not share head wear with others to help prevent the spread.

KinderSTART: Kindergarten Registration

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 in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, from 9:30am – 3:00pm.

Remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child

We look forward to meeting all our future Griffins!

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, March 23th at 6:30pm in conference room A. 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.