



W.J. Baird Public School

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February 2024 Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

I would like to thank the community members and players from the Chatham Maroons who took the time to visit W.J. Baird to be guest readers in classrooms! Promoting and fostering an enjoyment of reading is fundamental to early literacy. Students greatly enjoyed the activities throughout the day and the opportunity for family members to come read with them!

Term 1 reports will be sent home on Friday, February 16. 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.

There are staffing changes coming at W.J. Baird. First, I would like to congratulate Mrs. Hough on her retirement! Replacing Mrs. Hough in the Learning Commons and prep coverage role will be Mrs. W. Tinline.

Congratulations to Mr. Cato who will be taking over in our Gr. 5 and Gr. 7/8 classrooms!

Mrs. Jansen who has been supporting students as an educational assistant, is wished the best of luck as she pursues a different position. Replacing Mrs. Jansen for the rest of the year will be Mrs. S. Tinline.

Important & Up Coming Dates:

February 2	PA Day
February 9	Gr. 8 Grad Photos
February 14	Red, White & Pink Spirit Day
February 19	NO SCHOOL- Family Day
March 11-15	March Break
March 21	Dental Screening FDK, Gr. 2 & Gr. 8
March 29	NO SCHOOL- Good Friday (Christian)
April 1	NO SCHOOL- Easter (Christian)
April 9	Spring Photos
April 11	School Council Meeting @ 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 government of Canada has announced the theme for Black History/African Heritage Month will be “**Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; A Future to Build**”. A digital toolkit and resources are available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>.

There are significant Black historic sites located within the LKDSB's geographic area, students will learn more about our local history and its connection to the Underground Railroad and other historical events, and the ongoing contributions of Black communities to Ontario, Canada and the world.

The LKDSB is committed to supporting Ontario's Anti-Black Racism Strategy.

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 Thursday, February 1, 2023, from 4:00pm – 7:00pm or Friday, February 2, 2023, from 9:00am – 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: Volunteers Needed

The WJB School Council is looking for volunteers to work bingos at Riverview Gaming Centre. This is a fundraiser for School Council. Bingos are at a variety of times and currently dates are scheduled January through March. Should you be willing to volunteer, please contact the school office to be connected with the School Council Chair, Jennifer Clark.

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, April 11th 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.