



W.J. Baird Public School

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March 2024 Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

I hope everyone had a safe and fun March Break! We have had an exciting start to Term 2 at WJ Baird! Students greatly enjoyed Carnival Day activities along with hot chocolate and U.F.O.'s. Activities like this allow us to build community within the school, encouraging relationships to be built between students from a range of grade levels.

I would like to welcome Heather Drouillard as our new School Council Chair, and Carrie Hargreaves as our council secretary. Mandy Gielen has also agreed to oversee the WJB School Council Bingo scheduling. If you are interested in working bingos at Riverview Gaming in Chatham to help School Council raise funds to support activities and excursions at WJB, please contact the office and we will connect you!


Parents and guardians are reminded of the upcoming date change of the April PA Day. The PA Day is now on Monday, April 8th and Friday, April 26th will be a regular school day for students.

Important & Up Coming Dates:

March 21	School Council @ 6:30pm
March 29	Good Friday-NO SCHOOL
April 1	Easter Monday-NO SCHOOL
April 3	Kindergarten Registration 9:30am-3:00pm
April 8	PA Day- No School for Students
April 9	Spring Photos & Class Photos
April 10	Fit2learn Family Night- more information to come
May 6-10	Education Week
May 8- June 12	EQAO Testing Period (Grades 3 & 6)
May 16	WJB Track & Field
May 17	WJB Track & Field Rain Date
May 20	Victoria Day Holiday- No School
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

Character Traits at WJB

Character traits have been discussed in classrooms and you may see the graphics below in the school. At the end of the school year, students will receive a certificate from their teacher that lists the character traits that they have consistently demonstrated throughout the school year. These traits are important to foster healthy relationships and promote a safe and caring learning environment between peers. This is why certificates will be given for demonstration throughout the year rather than focusing on one trait for an isolated period of time.



CITIZENSHIP

"Citizenship is the choice to make a difference to the place you belong."
— Charles Handy

- I make my home, school, and neighborhood a better place.
- I follow the rules and laws.
- I make safe and healthy choices.
- I try my best in school so I can achieve my dreams.

Core Value




COOPERATION

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." — Helen Keller

- I am a team player.
- I value the ideas, abilities, and opinions of others.
- I am patient and wait my turn.
- I solve problems with others peacefully.
- I contribute to and help my group.

Core Value




COURAGE

"All of your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them."
— Walt Disney

- I am courageous and strong.
- I do what is right — not what is popular.
- I know that trying new things helps me learn.
- I am ready to move onto the next grade!
- I am an upstander who stands up to bullying.

Core Value

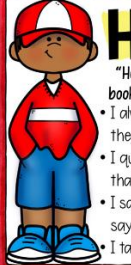


EMPATHY

"Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another, and feeling with the heart of another."
— Alfred Adler

- I think before I speak. Is what I'm about to say kind?
- I listen to and respect others' ideas.
- I imagine how others might be feeling and try to help them.
- I understand that two people might feel differently in the same situation.

Core Value




HONESTY

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." — Thomas Jefferson

- I always tell the truth so others know they can trust me.
- I quickly take ownership for mistakes that I make.
- I say what I mean and mean what I say.
- I take care of my responsibilities.

Core Value




INCLUSIVENESS

"Strength lies in differences, not in similarities." — Stephen Covey

- I have an open mind.
- I love others for who they are.
- I see the best in others.
- I appreciate different cultures, religions, beliefs, and backgrounds.
- I understand that our differences make us special, valuable, and unique.

Core Value



INTEGRITY

"Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching."
— C.S. Lewis

- Others can always count on me to make good choices.
- I stand up for what I believe in.
- I am reliable and dependable.
- I am kind, loving, and caring to others.
- I am honest and trustworthy.

Core Value



RESILIENCY

"I can be changed by what happened to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it." — Maya Angelou

- I learn from my mistakes and try harder next time.
- I am tough and brave.
- I know that it is okay to cry and that talking about my feelings helps me feel better.
- When I fall, I pick myself right back up.

Core Value



RESPECT

"I do what is right, not what is easy." — Samreen Sumbul

- I follow the rules.
- I keep my hands and feet to myself.
- I use good manners. I am polite.
- I listen to, help, and encourage others.
- Others can count on me to do the right thing.

Core Value



RESPONSIBILITY

"Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is YOU who will get you where you want to go, no one else."
— Les Brown

- I do my work and turn it in on time.
- I control my behavior and take ownership of my actions.
- I can be trusted with important jobs.
- I take care of my belongings.

Core Value

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 2024? 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 in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, from 9:30am – 3:00pm, by appointment.

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!

New: Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System

The Ministry of Education has launched the [Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System](#).

This new resource will provide parents with helpful information that allows them to have a stronger role and actively participate in their children's education. The guide covers a number of subjects such as knowing how their child is doing in school, learning about suspension and expulsion processes, attending a school council meeting or parent involvement committee meeting, and knowing about specialized supports to help all children succeed.

The full guide, translated into 10 different languages, can be found on our Parent/Guardian Resource page: [Parent/Guardian Resources - Lambton Kent District School Board \(lkdsb.net\)](#)

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 21st 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.

Fit2Learn Family Night

The W.J Baird School Council is providing an opportunity for our families to participate in engaging and active learning activities. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! More information will be provided closer to the event!

FAMILY MATH NIGHT

SCHOOL: W.J. Baird

DATE: April 10th, 2024

TIME: 6:00pm

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

JUMP 2 MATH