



W.J. Baird Public School

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November 2023 Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Progress reports will be coming home on Friday, November 10th. The progress report will provide parents and guardians information about how the student is demonstrating and developing in the six learning skills areas (responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative, and self-regulation) and their progress toward achieving curriculum expectations at the provincial standard.

Also coming home will be a form to sign up for parent/teacher/student conferences. We will do our best to accommodate time requests, but will assign timeslots on a first come, first served basis. Interview times will be available on the evening of Thursday, November 16 and the morning of Friday, November 17. We look forward to seeing you there!

Colder weather is upon us, and students are outside for recess and may be outdoors for learning activities, DPA, and physical education classes. Please ensure that students are prepared for weather fluctuations by bringing items that can be layered for extra warmth if needed.

Important & Up Coming Dates:

November 5- 11	Treaties Recognition Week
November 8	Indigenous Veteran Day
November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony at WJB
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 11	Progress Reports sent home
November 16&17	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
November 17	PA Day
November 22	Spirit Wear Store Closes

Remembrance Day

This year Remembrance Day falls on Saturday therefore we will be having a ceremony at W.J. Baird on Friday, November 10. We will welcome representatives from the Blenheim Legion. Teachers will be discussing the contributions and sacrifices made both past and present by the Canadian servicepeople in the Canadian Armed Forces, and the proper behaviour and protocols at such an event.

Treaties Recognition Week

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) commemorates Treaties Recognition Week from November 5-11, joining school boards across the province in promoting education and awareness of treaty rights and relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Treaties Recognition Week is an annual event to recognize the history of treaty rights and why treaties matter.

The LKDSB recognizes the traditional land of Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit (Delaware Nation), Kettle & Stony Point First Nation, and Walpole Island First Nation – Bkejwanong Territory. We acknowledge that the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi known as the Anishinaabeg and the Delaware known as Lunaapeew inhabited these lands at the time of the written treaties, these being Treaty #2, Treaty #7 and Treaty #29. The LKDSB appreciates the support and partnership of First Nations to collectively promote education and mutual understanding of Indigenous rights and perspectives.

W.J. Baird Spirit Wear

We are pleased to announce that we have a new spirit wear store. There are a variety of new items. The store will remain open until Wednesday, November 22. Orders will be delivered to the school by December 7. If you would like to order an item as a gift, please indicate so on in the notes area of the order, so that you will be contacted for pick up rather than having the order sent home with students. Our store can be found at: <https://b4marketinginc.wixsite.com/wj-baird-public-sch>

Blenheim Blades Local Grade School Night

Brutus Blade the mascot for the Blenheim Blades came to our school to let us know they are having a grade school night! On Thursday November 16th, any students wearing W.J. Baird Public School swag will get into the game free! There may even be a school cheering contest!

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.

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 first school council meeting will be on Thursday, November 23rd at 6:30pm. 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.