



## W.J. Baird Public School

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### October 2023 Newsletter

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#### From the Principal's Desk

It has been a great first month at W.J. Baird! Our Griffins did an outstanding job raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society through our Terry Fox Run. Our top three fundraising classes, Mrs. Hoskins' FDK, Mrs. Johnson's Gr. 5, and Mrs. Lovell's Gr. 1/2, got to watch their teachers compete in a tricycle race!

We are very fortunate to have local farmer, Mr. Ralph Dick donating pumpkins to WJ Baird. Classes are using pumpkins this week for exciting activities like seed counting and art projects.

As a school we observed the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day, on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Classes worked together to produce a bulletin board display that depicts why each student matters. Activities and experiences in classrooms focussed not only on the truth of the residential school system and its lasting and continued effects, but also steps forward in the direction of reconciliation.



I would like to wish all our families celebrating Thanksgiving a happy holiday, and hope that all our students and families have a safe and relaxing long weekend!

*Miss McFarland*

#### Important & Up Coming Dates:

October 3	Picture Day
October 5	Day 5
October 6	PA Day
October 10	Holiday- No school
October 24	District Cross County Meet (Qualifiers only)
October 26	School Council @ 6:30pm
October 31	Halloween
November 10	School Remembrance Day Observation
November 10	Picture Retake Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 10	Progress Reports sent home
November 15	Day 5
November 16&17	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
November 17	PA Day
November 22	Gr. 7 Vaccinations
November 23	School Council @ 6:30pm

## Safe Arrival and Dismissal

**School Arrival:** Students are expected to arrive at school **no earlier than 8:55 am.** as their safety on the yard cannot be monitored without a staff member present. Classes will begin at 9:10 am.

**School Attendance:** Any student who arrives after 9:10 am will be considered late and must enter through the front doors. **We encourage you to be present and on time each day as it is important to a successful school year!**

**Early Pick Up/Change to Dismissal:** Should there be a need to arrange an earlier pick-up time or a change in usual dismissal plans, please call the school office and the message be given to the teacher and your child through the office.

We ask that whenever possible these calls to the office are received before 3:00 pm.

## Medical Plans of Care

If your child had plan of care last year for a medical condition, allergy with risk of anaphylaxis, asthma requiring inhaler use at school, or medication to be administered at school, last year's plans have been sent home with students for parents to review. Please make any relevant changes and return it to the school. This will allow us to ensure that our records are up to date. If your child has developed a new condition, is new to WJ Baird, or you need to make changes to their plan of care during the school year, please contact the office.

## Inclement Weather

WJ Baird is located in **Zone 7**. In the event of inclement weather transportation may be canceled for the morning only, or for both before and after school. Please download the CLASS app or tune into the local radio station for updates in the morning. If transportation is canceled, schools will remain open, unless an additional announcement is made.

## 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, October 26<sup>th</sup> 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.