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Office News

We welcome the month of February with open arms. Although the weather is still unpredictable, our days are getting a little longer and we can enjoy a bit more daylight as each day goes by. Our school will be busy once again this month as it is filled with many activities that will enrich our students. With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it is important that children come to school prepared for the cold – boots, mittens or gloves, and hats should be worn to school. It's a good idea to provide extra mittens and socks in the event that they are needed.

On February 1st, we celebrated our Terrific Kid's Assembly with an emphasis on the character trait of respect. Our divisional winners who exemplified respect are pictured above; Chloe Orme, Ayla Seabrook, Eptzin Gallegos Vazquez, and Chermin Muangmai. Congratulations to all our students who were recognized for displaying respect in their classrooms and around the school. Thank you to the Kiwanis for their support for our Terrific Kids assemblies.

Boler Mountain



P.E. McGibbon's intermediate classes enjoyed a beautiful day of sunshine and tubing at Boler Mountain. It was great to offer this experience to our students. Thanks to the staff who made this opportunity possible. There are two other school trips scheduled for Boler Mountain for our junior students in February.

Black History Month



February is Black History/African Heritage Month. Black History is annually celebrated this month, and the role of African Canadians in our history and society is embedded in curriculum throughout the year. Educators in the LKDSB are committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in our history and society. This year's focus in February is Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate, A Future to Build. Activities celebrating

the historical and ongoing contributions of Black Canadians will occur throughout the month in our school and classrooms.

Sports



Our intermediate boys and girls basketball teams have started their season of games. It has been exciting to cheer them on; Go Grizzlies! A reminder to friends and families that are coming to watch the games, please enter through the side door of the school located in the parking lot. Although the school doors are locked, there will be someone at the door to let you in. We thank all our staff who offer their lunches and after school hours to make this opportunity available to our students.

Kindergarten Registration



P.E. McGibbon hosted its first FDK registration on February 1st and 2nd. We have 39 new JK students registered for the Fall of 2024! Please continue to encourage neighbours, friends, and family who live in the P.E. McGibbon school zone to register their JK for September. There will be more registration days in the coming months. We look forward to meeting all our future Grizzlies.

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. Schedule an appointment with the school to complete registration.

Trades Fair



On February 29th, P.E. McGibbon will be hosting a Trades Fair from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. This is an exciting opportunity to have a number of community partners come into our school to share about the trades. The Trades Fair is open to students in grades 4 to 8 and their parents. Our goal is to peak the interest of our students in the trades and to get them excited about heading into high school with a potential path in mind. We have Imperial, Liuna, Lambton College, and other community partners that are participating. Those in attendance can receive pizza after visiting the different booths.

Report Cards: Term 1



It is quickly approaching the time for report cards to be coming home. Your child's teacher continues to use information gathered from observations, conversations, and student products to share specific examples of what your child has done to demonstrate their learning throughout term 1. You can expect your child's report card to speak to your child's strengths and next steps for improvement. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you would like to discuss your child's report card.

Upcoming Events

February 1st: KinderSTART 4-7 pm

February 2nd: KinderSTART 9 am - 12 pm

February 2nd: PA Day

February 8th: Grade 3/4 Tubing Trip: Boler Mountain

February 14th: Grade 5/6 Tubing Trip: Boler Mountain

February 19th: Family Day

February 26th: Muffin Day

(every student gets a muffin - February 25th is National Muffin Day)

February 29th: Trades Fair

March 11-15th: March Break