



W.J. Baird Public School

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May 2024 Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that we have entered the month of May! As always, the months of May and June are busy times in the school year. Teachers have been in the process of planning class trips. Please watch SeeSaw and backpacks for permission forms and information. In addition to trips, we are planning some opportunities for students in the community. Our Gr. 7 & 8 students will be trying shuffleboard at the curling club. On May 14th we are fortunate to have tennis instruction for all classes, and on June 10 & 11 we are welcoming back lacrosse instruction for the whole school. Events are being added regularly, so please pay attention to teachers' usual means of communication.

The school track and field meet will be held on Thursday, May 16 with a rain date of Friday, May 17th. On this day students need to be prepared to spend the day outdoors. Parents & guardians are welcome to spectate but are asked if they are taking their student(s) home with them prior to the end of the school day to please check them out with office staff who will be available at the meet. For the majority of the day, the front office will be closed, but we will check messages periodically.

The EQAO testing period runs from May 8- June 12 for our Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 students. We wish them the best of luck!

With the school year winding down, and planning for the 2024-25 school year beginning, we will have some staffing changes upon us. We will be saying goodbye to Mr. Vandehogen and Mr. Cato. We wish them all the best in their new assignments and appreciate the contributions they have made to W.J. Baird Public School!

Important & Up Coming Dates:

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| May 6-10 | Education Week | June 5 | Gr. 5-6 to BDHS Fun Day |
| May 8-June 12 | EQAO Testing Period | June 6 | Area Track & Field Meet @ CKSS |
| May 10 | Jump Rope for Heart | June 7 | PA Day- No School |
| May 14 | Tennis Instruction | June 10 | Lacrosse Instruction |
| May 16 | WJB Track & Field | June 11 | Lacrosse Instruction |
| May 17 | WJB T & F Rain Date | June 12 | School Play Performance |
| May 20 | Victoria Day- No School | June 13 | Gr. 3/4 & 5 Field Trip |
| May 23 | Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Delivery | June 19 | Gr. 5/6 Field Trip |
| May 24 | FDK Bike Day | June 20 | Gr. 8 Graduation |
| May 25 | School Council @ 6:30pm | June 21 | National Indigenous Peoples Day |
| May 29 | Kindergarten Orientation Night 4:00-7:00 | June 24 | Gr. 7/8 Field Trip |
| May 31 | FDK trip to the Fire Hall | June 25 | FDK, SK/1 & Gr. 1/2 Trip |
| May 31 | Gr. 7 to St. Clair College | June 27 | Last Day of Classes |
| | | June 28 | PA Day- No School |

Track & Field

The WJB Track & Field Meet is quickly approaching. The meet is scheduled for Thursday, May 16 with the rain date scheduled for Friday, May 17. Grades 3 through 8 participate. Regularly ordered pizza will be distributed to students along with any additional pizza that was ordered on the extra order forms sent home with the track & field information sheet. There will be additional items for sale such as sour keys, chips, and pop. Items available, and prices will be sent home by classroom teachers via their usual communication method (SeeSaw, Google Classroom, etc.).

Students in Gr. 4-8 who qualify for the area track and field meet at CKSS will be notified by the convenors, Mrs. Kistulinec and Mrs. Tinline.

Little Caesar's UPDATE

Thank you to all of our families who supported our Little Caesar's Pizza Kit fundraiser. Due to a conflict with our school track and field meet, the Pizza Kit delivery date has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 23.

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 2023? 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.

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 on **Wednesday, May 29** for **Kindergarten Orientation Night**. This is an opportunity for new JK students to visit the classroom, meet the teachers and see the school. All attendees will receive a W.J. Baird FDK Swag Bag!

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, September 26th** at 6:30pm in the staff room. We hope to see you there!

If you are interested in supporting the school in another way, consider volunteering to work a bingo! School Council raises funds that they use to sponsor events and support activities and projects at W.J. Baird through these bingos. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact the office at 519-676-5407.

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.