



**Ledbury Park Elementary & Middle School**  
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# Ledbury Link

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**"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change." ~ Stephen Hawking**



## Principal's Message

**Mr. Friberg**

May seems to have been here and gone in a blink of an eye but yet, so much seems to always be going on at Ledbury. Many of our students and staff were heavily involved in the school musical *The Wiz*. We had a Move-A-Thon and Be Unique Day to raise funds for various causes. Over 70 students represented Ledbury at Track and Field. Our grades 1 – 4 students had drama or dance in-class workshops with Suitcase Theatre. Some of our primary students went to Ripley's Aquarium, our grade 5s went to Northern for a presentation, and our grade 7s visited Lawrence Heights, our grade 8s had Junior Achievement workshops, and we had the 1<sup>st</sup> Ledbury Park Marketplace which was a fantastic success for the community. Our grade 3 & 6 students worked hard on the provincial EQAO tests. And finally, yesterday our grades 4 – 8s had a motivation and music celebrity speaker presenting the topic, "Live Your Legacy."

for Ledbury, Glen Park, Baycrest, and for their families and friends. Our K – 8 staff worked tirelessly at lunches, after school, and on a Saturday to prepare. Thanks to our director Mr. De Castro for his vision and enthusiasm in making a difference for many of our students. We are planning on making this an annual tradition. Next year we hope to see more of the community at the evening performances so that our students have larger audiences to present their hard work.



## Move-A-Thon

Thank you to the parents and friends of Ledbury students who donated to our Move-A-Thon. We raised \$3475 which goes to three areas: *Make A Wish Canada*, a charity that grant wishes to kids with life threatening conditions; the grade 8 end of year trip; and, for continuing our technology purchases.



## Tetherball Poles Installed in Playground

I've been asking for 2 years and they finally were installed last week and are very popular. There is a work order in for playground line painting and hopefully this will be done soon so that the correct rules of play can be used.

## The Wiz Musical at Ledbury Park

Many of our middle school students and almost half of our full staff team worked tremendously hard for months on *The Wiz*. They performed

## Ledbury Marketplace

Wow! What a success! I hope that you were able to come out and support the vendors who rented tables that came to Ledbury last week. The funds raised at the event help our grade 8 trip be reduced in cost but also is a great community event. Thank you to our SAC team of parents and neighbours and our grade 7 and 8 student helpers who made it possible and hopefully becomes a tradition. Thanks especially to Ledbury parents, Julie, Hindy, and Jason, who were the organizing team who pulled it off so successfully.

# Good Bye

## Our Vice Principal Position

Since sending the VP change letter, I have received many positive messages to pass on to Mr. Gentile. In his short time here he was a terrific addition to the staff and our office team and he made a difference to many students' lives. He is leaving with mixed feelings as he enjoyed his time here but is looking forward to time with family. We welcome Ms. Gillard, an experienced Vice Principal, who will be visiting Ledbury to meet the students shortly and you will have the opportunity to meet here in the Fall.

## Staffing Information

Happy Retirement Mrs. Mason! As a long time Ledbury teacher she has touched the lives of many students and her cheerful disposition and infectious laugh will certainly be missed by our staff and many of our families. Best wishes Mrs. Mason! Also, good luck Ms. Freeman! Even though here for only a year she made an impact on her JK/SK class. Ms. Freeman will be leaving us for a new opportunity that she has sought and we are very happy for her. Pat Parsons, our cafeteria cook, is also retiring and moving to her dream home up North. Thanks for all you did for supporting some of our junior & middle school students at lunch. All will be missed next year at Ledbury.



## School Staffing & Organization 2018/19

Classroom placements are the responsibility of classroom teachers & administration and due to changing enrolment is an ongoing process that we work through very carefully. We place

students based on what we feel is best for them as we also build balanced learning environments across all the grades and classes. We also need to maintain the caps in primary so changes occur when enrolment changes prior to and including September. Mr. Gentile and I will not be meeting individually with parents to discuss classroom placements. Teacher assignments are not advertised at this time as changes do and are happening. The process will be the same as last year where class lists will be posted on the cafeteria windows on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school and teachers will greet students outside prior to entry.



## Roofing Repairs at Ledbury – from TDSB

“The roof is going to be repaired this year. Construction will begin approximately the last week of June 2018 and be completed within approximately 4 weeks. The start date for construction and the completion time for the construction are subject to change, depending on weather conditions. Over time, this roof upgrade will ensure a continued safe learning environment for our students. This is part of a major roof repair initiative that’s happening in the TDSB this year. Because of the volume of school roofs being repaired this year, work must continue throughout the school year during daylight hours however, we are making every effort to do as much work outside of regular school hours as possible.

The roofing process can cause strong and unpleasant odours, which, at times, may enter the building. Please be assured that there is no risk to our students and we are working with our facilities and health and safety teams to reduce discomfort including keeping windows and doors closed, ensuring all air intake openings are closed and that the building’s

ventilation system is on recirculation mode to ensure no outside air is introduced. Alternate accommodations will be made for students in the event of sensitivity to the fumes.

You can also find more information about the initiative at

[www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/FacilityServices/RoofRepairs.aspx](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/FacilityServices/RoofRepairs.aspx) “

I have since been told that “the roof at Ledbury Park will be mechanical fasten, foam and adhere to filter and base sheet. There will be no kettle used at the school. So no asphalt application at your school.” This reduces the smell significantly.

### **Upcoming Dates to Know**

- Dental Screening - June 4 – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 7 Immunization - June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Jump Rope for Heart - June 6<sup>th</sup>
- PA Day – no school - June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Spirit Week - June 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Parliament activities planned plus,
  - Principal of the Day & PJ Day June 11<sup>th</sup>, Vice Principal of the Day & Colour Day June 12<sup>th</sup>, with fun activities & special items to buy, kindergarten celebrations, a talent show, and a play day!
  - Details to follow on announcements
- Talent Show - June 12<sup>th</sup>
- SAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. - June 12<sup>th</sup>
- New JK Event a.m. - June 13<sup>th</sup>
- SK Celebration a.m. - June 15<sup>th</sup>
- BBQ Bonanza Meat order June 15<sup>th</sup> due
- Gr. 8 Trip - June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Gr. 8 Graduation - June 26<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day of School - June 28<sup>th</sup>