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# Ledbury Link

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## Principal's Message

Mr. Friberg

We hope you all enjoyed the long Thanksgiving weekend. It was great to see how many parents were able to join us for the annual Welcome Back BBQ (Thank you to our SAC parents for all the hard work!) and also at our Curriculum Night. We hope that you were able to learn more about how your child's teacher(s) are delivering their programs this year. Ledbury Park continues to examine how to deliver ways for our children to be global citizens and to practice the competencies & skills that they will require to be successful as the adults of the future. Teachers and students will be using increased online communication with parents in place of paper agendas and much of the homework & assignments will also be done in a paperless increasing format.

## Jungle Sports is Coming to Ledbury

On Tuesday the consent form will be coming home for all JK – 8 parents to sign. It is on yellow paper. Students will not be able to participate in the special gym program the week of Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> unless the consent form is returned to their homeroom teacher. We need them on file before the sessions.

## For SK French Immersion – Sept. 2019

All current JK student families will receive the application process letter in this week's Friday Folder if you are interested in this for Sept, 19.

## Trustee Jennifer Arp Newsletter

Please find attached our current Trustee newsletter and also the parent concern protocol for the Board.

## Fundamentals of Math Parent Guide

The Ministry of Education has released the attached parent guide for your review.

## Staff Parking Lot closed to parents in a.m. Please use Kiss and Ride at front of school



Last week we closed the parking lot for many safety concerns and other reasons mentioned already in a letter emailed to the parent community. The calmness in the backyard is really noticeable and the staff are all able to get to their classrooms on time now that they are not blocked from parking in the staff lot.

We have the front loop of the school open for a Kiss and Ride – drop off *without getting out of your car* and then going. We have added an adult to the backyard for our younger students (kindergartens) for extra supervision. Soon we will be having student safety patrollers to assist both escorting students to the back and also on street corners reminding drivers to slow down.

As the City Parking Authority Services and the Toronto Police Services will be around to ensure that St. Germain and Falkirk Streets do not have parents parking illegally, we highly encourage you to park a block or two away where there is ample legal street parking.

We know that some parents find this inconvenient. But I must stress that the extremely dangerous driving behaviour and parking conditions in the staff parking lot has necessitated this change.

***“Over every mountain there is a path, although it may not be seen from the valley.” ~ Theodore Roethke***

## Highlights from September



- We held the annual Terry Fox Run and at last count Ledbury has raised over \$3000!
- Over 60 students represented Ledbury Park at the District Cross Country Meet at Earl Bales Park
- 15 intermediates students went to Freedom Day at Yonge / Dundas Square
- Sports Team practices on now for: Grade 6 – 8 Boys Soccer and Grade 7 – 8 Girls Soccer, Jr. and Sr. Boys Volleyball
- On Thursday, after a short campaign of posters and speeches in the gym, our grade 5 – 8 students voted for their chosen candidates for our 2018/19 Student Parliament of grade 7/8 students. The Parliament has a Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Secretary, and Cabinet Ministers of the following portfolios: Environment, House, Finance, Sport, and Mental Health & Well-being. I was thrilled to see how hard all the students worked writing nomination speeches, their campaign work, and the overall enthusiasm of the intermediates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ledbury Parliament which begins their session this month. The Parliament plans multiple fundraising and spirit-raising activities for the school and is also a sounding board to the staff representing the student voice.



### Roofing at Ledbury

Despite the roofing repairs timelines for completion being the late summer, as you can see they are still working at it. I've been told that part of the delays has been due to the weather (very hot in summer and the rain in the fall). As a staff we are also trying to be patient and hoping for a speedy end which is forecast to be two – three weeks.

## Kids and Flu – From Toronto Public Health

The flu germs spread when people cough, sneeze or talk. The flu germs can also live on surfaces like toys, countertops, and door handles for up to eight hours. Students can pass the flu germs to each other, to school staff and to family members before they show symptoms. Children under five, seniors and people in poor health are at greater risk of complications from flu. Vaccination is the best protection against flu. It takes 2 weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective so get it early.

Tips on staying healthy this flu Season:

1. Get your flu shot early
2. [Wash your hands](#) often
3. Avoid touching face and eyes
4. [Cover your cough](#) or sneeze
5. Do not share drinking cups and utensils
6. Disinfect common surfaces like door handles, hand railings, keyboards, cell phones and tablets.

Visit [toronto.ca/health/flu](http://toronto.ca/health/flu)

### Important Dates to Know

There are many grade team and division team field trips and special events planned in the next two months – they won't all be listed here. It is exciting to see the enriching activities that the teachers are planning for their classes.

SAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>
Sight & Sound Clinic	Mon. Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Movie Night 4:00 p.m.	Thurs. Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>
Jungle Sport in Gym	Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup> – Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Gr. 8 Open House 6:00p.m	Thurs. Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>
Scholastic Book Fair	Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> –Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>
Progress Reports home	Tues. Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>
SAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m.	Wed. Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>
Parent-teacher Interviews	Thurs. Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>
PA Day & Parent-teacher	Fri. Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>
K – 6 Magic Shows	Tues. Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>
PA Day	Fri. Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>
Winter Concert	Thurs. Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>

Save the Date - - 2 concerts 2 different times same night – More details to follow – Primary students will be earlier in the evening and the Junior/Intermediate students will be later in the evening. This ensures more students are performing (including our Kinders!) and that our parents & guardians can fit in the gym.