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# The Ledbury Link *November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Issue 3*

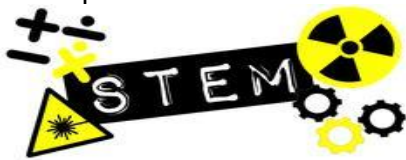
## Principal's Message

**Mr. Friberg**

As we quickly head into December, the whirlwind of upcoming festivities, and the end of fall term, I reflect on the great learning that I'm seeing and the opportunities for engagement. Field trips, plays, and workshops continue to enhance the learning environment at Ledbury. Sports, clubs, and extra-curricular activities happen every day. Highlights:



- The school's thoughtful **Remembrance Day** ceremony in the gym. I spoke on how we as citizens of Toronto & Canada have so much to be grateful for and how lucky we all are to belong to this great Ledbury Park community. Thanks to the student groups who participated and to the staff, especially Mr. Honess, that contributed to the meaningful ceremony.
- Our grade 1 – 4 classes have all been immersed in **STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math)** in-class workshops to enhance their science curriculum in building and robotic experimentations.



- Our grade 7/8s were a captive audience in a **theatrical play** that came to Ledbury with the relevant middle school & high school topics of bullying, exclusion, depression, and suicide.
- Next week our kindergarten classes will have a **puppet theatre** on community and cooperation and our grade 5 – 6 classes will also have their STEM workshops.



- **Fieldtrips** to the farm (kindergarten), the Science Centre (gr. 5/6s) and also this month, in partnership with the Baycrest and Lawrence Heights community, 30 of our junior students

went to the Canadian Tire Jump Start Canada Sports Hall of Fame.

- Our **Library** held a very successful Book Fair – thank you Ledbury community for your support!
- **Volleyball:** Our Junior Boys Volleyball completed their season and our Senior Boys Volleyball finished their regular season 12-0 and are going to the playoffs next week.



- **Basketball:** Our grade 7/8 Girls Basketball team has their final tournament on Monday. Good luck girls! Our Grade 5/6 Girls Basketball team played four strong games at our tournament on Tuesday against tough competition with a win against Harrison. Throughout the season, all 16 players worked hard, showed great improvement as a team, and stayed positive in tricky competitive situations. Particular congratulations and thanks go out to Grade 7 coaches Erynn Levy and Jenna Greenspoon for their time and dedication to the team. The season would not have happened without their skills and commitment. Great work this season, Team!



- **Upcoming - Jr. and Sr. Girls Volleyball TRYOUTS** will take place next week. Actual dates will be known soon and shown on permission forms which will be given out prior to tryouts. Practice schedule & game dates will be given once team is finalized.
- **Upcoming as well – European Hand Ball** – open to all grade 4 – 6s Tuesdays & Thursday at lunch.



- Our **playground** track is finally completed! Come on out and see the brick laneway, and the new track, trees and outdoor classroom.



The **1<sup>st</sup> Ledbury Park Student Parliament** begins next week. Instead of using the Council framework, we have decided to model our leadership team after the Canadian government. Consisting of 8 members of grade 7/8s: a Prime Minister, a Deputy PM, and a Secretary who will be supported by 5 cabinet ministers of various posts that will have sub-committees that will arrange activities for the entire school and be the voice of the students. The cabinet positions are: House, Fundraising, Well-being, Athletics, and Environment. The staff and I are excited to have this new form of student leadership begin to take place. We had many applications for the positions and it was great to see the thoughtful and creative essays that students wrote and many of the ideas will take fruition in the new year. More to follow! Including the formation of the Ledbury Senate!

As the cold wind slowly creeps upon us, please ensure that your child is coming to school prepared with the appropriate clothing. A proper winter jacket, gloves, hat and boots are essential for our students to be safe. Students will go outside for recess unless the weather provides an unsafe risk for our students. Please also remember to send your child with indoor shoes that they can leave at school. In a fire drill, students will not have time to put boots on in order to exit the building.



**Baycrest PART Public Meeting** – tonight, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Baycrest Public School. This meeting is open to all Ledbury Park parents. You should have received the letter from the Board outlining the recommendations that will be presented to the public. It deals with school boundary lines and attendance catchment areas that are being proposed that will affect the Baycrest community and how it will affect Ledbury.

### Winter Concert & Bake Sale



*Our annual Holiday Concert will take place on **Thursday, December 14, at 6:30pm.***

Come and hear the sounds of the season presented by the homerooms of Grades 1 through 6, plus select students in Grades 7 and 8.

Our Grade 8 Fundraising Committee will also be selling food & gifts in the main hallway for you to enjoy while in the concert.

All students involved will participate in a dress rehearsal on the day of the show which the whole school will watch. They will be required to meet their homeroom teacher in their classrooms by 6:20pm. Students will remain with their homeroom teachers for the duration of the performance (with the exception of stage time), so that we can provide the maximum space for adult family members in the gym. Since students watched their siblings and friends during the school day they will not come back to the gym to watch the rest of the concert. Kindergarten parents – your children will be having their concert in the Spring.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

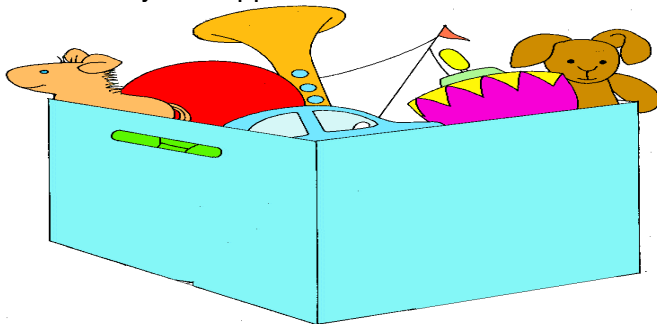


### **Kiss and Ride**

At the last SAC meeting I was asked to review how the Kiss and Ride works. Parents & caregivers who drive their children to school should either park on a side street perpendicular to Ledbury (Marmion, Melrose, St. Germain [west side of Falkirk]) or enter St. Germain and the parking lot, go around the parked cars to the Kiss and Ride. The children should disembark where a teacher is present and the car moves on and out of the parking lot. There are other teachers in the playground to supervise. Parents who are in the daycare who need to personally drop off students should park in a spot but not in the Kiss and Ride area as this blocks the flow of traffic. We still have many parents who illegally park on St. Germain which also slows the entry & exit of the vehicles in the morning. Thanks to the parents who are following the correct routines. We would really appreciate if all parents followed these routines for the orderly and safe delivery of students to school.

### **Giving Back**

Ledbury is giving back to the community by participating again in a Food Drive and the Chum Christmas Wish. Please consider donating food items between Dec. 6th and Dec. 20th. Food donations go to the North York Harvest Food Bank. Toy donations go to the CHUM Christmas Wish and need to be brought to school by Dec. 20th. Thanks for your support!



### **Upcoming Dates to Know**

Baycrest PARC Public Meeting	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.
PA Day – no school	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>
Puppet Theatre – kindergarten	Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>
Winter Concert	Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.
MADD for grade 7/8	Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>
Last day of school	Fri. Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Return to school	Mon. Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>
Peace by PEACE – gr. 5-6s	Jan. – April weekly
SAC meeting	Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.
PA Day – no school	Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>
Theatre Group K – grade 3	Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup> a.m.
Family Skate Night	Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>
Ladies Night	Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>



**We had a very successful fall book fair!**

**Thank you to all of our Ledbury students and families for visiting the fair.**

**A very special THANK YOU to the parent volunteer crew.**

**We could not have done it without your help!**

**Our final sales total was just a few dollars shy of \$7000!**

**We earned just over \$3800 worth of rewards back from Scholastic, and teachers already have new books in their classrooms. The Library Learning Commons will also be stocked with new books for students to borrow. See you at the next fair!**

*There will not be a December Link. On behalf of Mr. Gentile and the entire Ledbury Park staff, I wish you all a safe & happy Holiday Season.*

*All the very best wishes for a healthy & successful New Year.*