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The Ledbury Link *January 31st, 2018 Issue 4*

Principal's Message

Mr. Friberg

Happy New Year! I trust that you all had a relaxing break filled with happy and memorable times with family and friends. For many of us, January marks a time for new beginnings, determination and new goals. The frigid cold in December seems to keep hitting us hard. Inside, however, the school continues to hum busily with activity: new clubs, new sports, our Parliament planning activities, new term lunch programs, rehearsals for our musical, plays and speakers visiting our classes, and completing lessons and tests to end term 1.

Recess During Cold Weather

It hasn't happened yet but indoor recess can occur during cold snaps. Students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightning, extreme winds, and extreme cold. When temperature and wind chill measure -28 C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is lower than -18 C.



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.

Highlights at Ledbury since the last *Link*:

- **Ledbury Gives Back to the Community:**
 - 2000 pounds of **food** were donated to North York Food Bank
 - The giant **toy** box in the front hall of was filled to the brim with donated toys to the Chum Christmas Wish.
 - **Toothbrush Drive** – a Parliament initiative ending this week – please send in new toothbrushes which will be sent to Ethiopia by a Ledbury parent for those who need it
 - **Book Drive** – another Parliament initiative coming soon – this campaign is to donate new (or nearly new) books to a shelter for women and children in Toronto
- **STEM** (Science Technology Engineering & Math) workshops come to our grade 1 – 6s. Using school budget a **robotics** company came for ½ day hands-on STEM activities.
- **Puppet Suitcase Theatre** came to visit our kindergarten classes. This came from a SAC allocation – thanks!
- **Winter Concert** – With conviction – what a great concert in December! It was diverse in not only style of performances but also fantastic to see a variety of student ages and groups. Let's keep pushing our intermediates to be involved in activities like this! Thanks to the buyers of hot chocolate & goodies support our grade 8 trip in June.
- The school paid for the Dufflebag Theatre to come and perform an awesome rendering of the **Three Little Pigs** to our K – 3 classes. Rave reviews from the kids.
- **The Wiz** is coming to Ledbury – “Ease on down the road” to our performances in May. Our J/I students are busily practicing their lines & music & also dance to this fun and energetic musical that the staff are working on with students who auditioned and with the many helpers who have also

volunteered for behind the scenes. I'm overwhelmed with how many staff members have also volunteered to help out. Stay tuned for ticket sales in the Spring – May 9th and 10th.

- Our grade 5/6 classes are all having weekly **Peace by PEACE** seminars from January until April. These interactive & collaborative sessions are delivered by Glendon College grad students in a program that promotes cooperation and problem solving.

Report Cards will be sent home on Feb. 12th. These reports will cover the student achievement towards the overall expectations in the curriculum and their achievement of the Learning Skills in the period from September to January. Parent-teacher interviews will be occurring that week with an evening event on Thurs. Feb. 15th.



Our **Boys Basketball** team (gr.7/8) is off to a great start to their season. We are currently 4-0 with 2 regular season games remaining. Our **Girls Volleyball** teams (Junior & Intermediate) are showing great skills early in the season.

Upcoming Dates to Know

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| Winter Wonderland Adult Night | Feb. 1 st |
| Cookie Gram Sales on sale | Feb. 6 th -9 th |
| Secret Life of Riley K Play for gr. 3-6s | Feb. 7 th |
| Grade 8 Trip Info Night for parents | Feb. 8 th |
| Grade 8 to 9 Transition Info for parents | Feb. 8 th |
| Term 1 Report Cards go home | Feb. 12 th |
| SAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. | Feb. 13 th |
| Cookie Grams delivered to classes | Feb. 14 th |
| Grade 7/8 dance | Feb. 14 th |
| 100 th day of school celebration K – 3s | Feb. 15 th |
| Parent – Teacher Interviews evening | Feb. 15 th |
| Parent – Teacher Interviews day a.m. | Feb. 16 th |
| PA Day – no school for students | Feb. 16 th |
| Family Day – no school for all | Feb. 19 th |
| Speech Arts Competition for gr. 4-6s | Feb. 20 th |
| Mental Health & Well Being Week | |
| | Feb. 26 th – March 2 nd |
| Ward Event here at Ledbury regarding street safety in area schools 7:00 – 9:00p.m | Feb. 27 th |




Mirroring off the Canadian system, Ledbury has formed a Student Parliament. I am thrilled with their enthusiasm and they are getting to work right away with activities that foster community spirit, fundraising for the school and for others, and developing programs and activities that will eventually involve the entire student body.

The members of the **Ledbury Student Parliament** are busy meeting, working together with staff and classmates, and planning events to raise spirit, social awareness, and money at our school! They introduced themselves to the whole school at this month's assembly to share their visions. Please keep an eye and ear out for more notices and events organized and led by the Ledbury Student Parliament:

- Prime Minister: Charli Shapiro
- Deputy Prime Minister: Karuna Adhikari
- Parliamentary Secretary: Jonathan Schwartz
- Minister of House: Angel Bautista
- Minister of Sport: Oscar Somer
- Minister of Finance: Dea Bejleri
- Minister of the Environment: Orli Brown
- Minister of Health&Well-Being: Joshua Holmes

Coming Soon: **Cookie Grams**
 Week of Feb. 6th – 9th at recesses
\$3.00 Valentine decorated cookie* with a message that can be filled in
 Will be delivered on Feb. 14th
 Buy for a friend. Buy for yourself.
 Funds raised support the grade 8 trip



*Cookies by **“Baked by Joy”** who has given us a discounted rate to increase our profits.

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” Helen Keller



Cashless Comes to Ledbury

In December Carol sent a letter and has sent email reminders of Ledbury Park launching School Cash Online.

We are currently at 58% of Ledbury Park families registered. We are aiming to be 100%. To register for School Cash Online - <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Please use the https and not add www in front of it. Once you register, you can choose to purchase the items or activities using a debit or credit card. You will be able to see when the school has a new item posted online and you will also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school event requiring payment.

If you require assistance with the process, please contact the parent help desk at 1 866 961 1803 or call Carol.

Optional Attendance Status - Ledbury Park New - "Closed" for 2018-2019

Each year, the TDSB classifies schools as "limited" or "closed" to optional attendance based on the space they have available for the upcoming school year (s).

- A school classified as "**limited**" can accept students on optional attendance.
- A school classified as "**closed**" cannot accept **any** students on optional attendance. Only students having homes within the school's attendance area will be accepted. Students enrolled in the school-based child care centre have the option of attending the school in which the child care is located.

Due to projections, the TDSB planning department has now classified Ledbury as "closed" to Optional Attendance for the 2017-2018 year. This means that we will only be able to accept students whose residence is within the Ledbury district.

To learn more about the Optional Attendance policies and procedures for the TDSB, go to www.tdsb.on.ca, choose "Parents" and you will see Optional Attendance listed on the left-hand side of the screen.



Kindergarten Registration Time is Here

Kindergarten is the first step in a lifelong journey that will see your child learn, grow, and succeed. We know early learners learn best through doing; so our four and five year olds are introduced to math and science through play as part of programming. To inspire a love for learning, kindergarten classrooms use inquiry and exploration through science activities, math games, art projects and more. To attend JK in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31st.

Registration takes place February 14th + 15th at school **To register** your child for Sept, 2018, you will be required to bring the following documents:

- Proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- Proof of address (two pieces of identification that show your address, such as a phone bill, Hydro, bank statement, no driver's licence)
- Address must be in the Ledbury catchment area if child is not enrolled in the Ledbury daycare
- Child's Ontario Health Card
- Proof of immunization (the card that shows a list of needles that your child has received)
- Home, work, and cell telephone numbers for parents/guardians and emergency contacts (an emergency contact is someone whom you permit to pick up your child if you cannot be reached)
- Verification of date of arrival, if your child was not born in Canada.
- *Please note:* only parents or legal guardians can register a child for TDSB programs