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Principal's Message

Mr. Friberg

I cannot believe how fast the last month flew by us. Our school continued to grow this September and we have over 40 more students than this time last year. Fortunately the Board projections for our primary classes were correct and Ledbury was able to continue their classes as is with the ministry cap of 20 being fulfilled in all classes. Due to larger classes in our intermediate grades, an additional teacher was allocated and classes needed to be reorganized in the 3rd week of school. All that has come to pass now and many things are being planned for all students moving forward. The calendar is filling up with sports, clubs, trips, and special events.

Thank you to the parents who came to Curriculum Night on Thursday. I hope you found the evening informative and I do encourage you to continue the lines of communication with your children's teachers.

The EQAO results from the testing in the spring were released last week. Last year our grade 3s continued to perform better than the Board & provincial averages at reaching provincial standard and we can be proud of that. There is room to achieve higher results in these areas (reading, writing, and mathematics). We will be looking at how to encourage students to demonstrate level 4 abilities throughout the year. Our grade 6 results were higher in reading than ever before but results did go down in writing and were only slightly higher in math. Although the low result in math is common throughout the Board & province, it concerns us that we are achieving these results. This year a focus for our staff will be spent on the subject

of math for professional development plans, our work with the school math coach, and in adapting teaching and learning strategies to improve our overall results. You will hear more in the next newsletter of what we are doing and what parents can do to help at home as well.

Drop Off and Pick Up of Students AND Kiss and Ride at school staff parking lot

The school bus loading and unloading zone in front of the school needs to be kept clear for the various busses that pick up and drop off at our school. Please obey the signs when parking. Please do not park in our school parking lot as it is for staff and we are finding that staff are not able to find parking spots when they arrive at school.

Parents asked for a *Kiss and Ride* and two of our teachers are now present each day - one to receive at the gate and one to supervise in the immediate play area.

It is very important for the safety of all our children that parents who use the *Kiss and Ride* do not park their cars along this route. The purpose of the Kiss and Ride is for parents to drop off their children and keep the flow of traffic moving. Please be mindful and respectful of this procedure. The safety of all our children is everyone's main concern. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in this matter.



Cross Country Team

Thank you to Ms. Karp, Ms. Vogiatzis, and Ms. Kim for running with our Grade 2-6 students in the morning and to Ms. Clark and Ms. Fage for running with our grade 7 - 8s in the afternoon. Those children who make the team will represent Ledbury at the District Cross Country Meet at Earl Bales Park on **Wednesday, October 4th**.

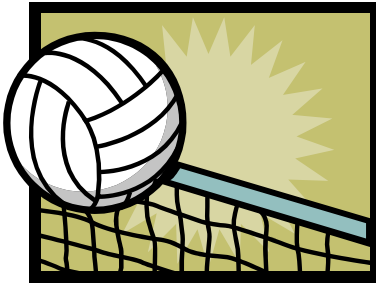
Sports Teams

In Practices Right Now

Gr. 6 - 8 Boys & Girls Soccer
Junior Boys Volleyball
Senior Boys Volleyball

Upcoming Sports - stay tuned

Gr. 5 / 6 Girls Basketball



Important Dates to Know

- Fri. Oct. 6th PA Day - no school
- Mon. Oct. 9th Thanksgiving - no school
- Wed. Oct. 11th Pop Up Museum in the gym
Celebrate Canada's 150th
- Tues. Oct. 17th SAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. Oct. 18th Magic Show a.m. K - 8
- Mon. Oct. 23rd Vision & Hearing Clinic
- Tues. Oct. 24th Play for Gr. 7/8
- Tues. Oct. 24th Pumpkin Patch & Movie
Night 5:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Oct. 26th Grade 8 Open House
- Fri. Oct. 27th Photo Retake Day

On behalf of our staff & Mr. Gentile, I would like to welcome back all the families and to extend a warm welcome to our new families who joined our community in September.

"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are." --- John Pierpont "J.P." Morgan

From the Eco Club

Teacher Wells

Hello families! Do you recycle empty coffee containers? Well, please bring them to school instead! We will use them in classrooms to collect used markers and dry compost items, such as paper towels, pencil shavings, and used tissues. This will keep our school waste going to the correct place and reduce our eco-footprint. Small changes can make a big difference in our world!



Terry Fox Run

Last week you received the Terry Fox letter and pledge form. The 37th Annual Terry Fox Run was held on Thursday on a perfect weather day! We changed the route to go around the community. Thanks to Ms. Fage for organizing and to our parent volunteers who were corner guards. Help us to keep Terry's dream of a world without cancer. You can continue to send donations in with your child up to Wed. Oct. 4th and you can also donate online.



P.A.L.S. is back

P.A.L.S. stands for *Playground Activity Leaders*. The program is offered by Toronto Public Health in collaboration with the TDSB. P.A.L.S. leaders will run sport & game activities during selected lunch and recess periods for interested students in the school yard. They will also assist students with bullying issues. Selected students attend training to be conducted by Public Health. Stay tuned for more information!