

# Laird School Newsletter



# JAN

## 2019

## Note from the Principal

Laird School Families,

Happy New Year! I hope your holiday season was an enjoyable one. It has been great to have the students back in school this week and their energy and positivity has been wonderful.

Thank you for your kind feedback regarding the Christmas concert. I was very proud of how well our staff and students prepared for the evening, and thank you to the SCC for organizing the refreshments and snacks following the program. It was great to see students take on extra responsibility in all areas of the Christmas concert, and I still am in awe of how students are willing to help out without being asked. We had high expectations for our concert, and our students met and exceeded those expectations. As we get back into academic programming in 2019, we continue to raise our expectations of our students and their learning. To me, this is even more exciting than the Christmas concert. I love it when students share with me that they moved up another reading level, or when a teacher gives me a piece of student writing that shows growth and maturity. These are also examples of evidence showing that our side by side learning goal is making a difference.

All the best in 2019,  
Brent Guenther  
Principal  
Laird School  
(306) 223-4272

## Dates of Interest

---

Jan 7 - Classes resume

---

Jan 18 - Pizza Friday

---

Jan 29 - Prep Day - No Classes

---

Feb 15 - Pizza Friday

---

Feb 18-22 - Winter Break

---

Mar 11 - Prep/PD Day - No Classes

---

Mar 15 - Pizza Friday & Progress Reports

---

Mar 20 & 21 - PTS Conferences

---

Mar 22 - Laird Day in Lieu

---

**School skating** will be starting soon. Please make sure your child has an approved helmet to wear (**no bike helmets**). If you need to borrow a helmet or skates, the school has some for student use. Please consider donating any extra equipment that you might have (skates or helmets) to the school. Donations are greatly appreciated.

**Scent Aware Policy:** Students and guests are asked to refrain from using strong scents (perfumes, colognes, sprays, essential oils) to ensure the well-being of those who are impacted by these scents.

Side by



Side  
Learning

**REMEMBER: NO CLASSES ON Tuesday, January 29th due to a prep day.**

### **School Year 2019-20 Kindergarten Registration:**

Parents/Guardians of children born in **2014** are invited to contact Laird School at **306-223-4272** or email **laird@spiritsd.ca** to pre-register for fall Kindergarten. Registration forms can also be found online at [www.spiritsd.ca](http://www.spiritsd.ca) under “registration” and can be completed in electronic form online as well. Blank paper copies can be obtained from the school office, if preferred too. Please also be prepared to provide a photocopy of the child’s birth certificate or passport, as these documents will be needed for proof of name/spelling and birthdate.

**Reminder:** The school cell phone is for text messages regarding attendance. Please write all other information in dayplanners.

### **LAIRD SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY (when school is in session)**  
**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM and 12:45 PM - 3:30 PM**

## Chicken Pox

### What is chickenpox?

- chickenpox is caused by the varicella virus
- it develops 2 – 3 weeks after contact with the virus
- a child with chickenpox may have a fever, tiredness and irritability for about 1 – 2 days before the spots appear
- the spots are raised blister-like sores that turn into crusting scabs

### How do you get chickenpox?

- by the cough or sneeze of a person with chickenpox
- by touching the discharge from the sores
- chickenpox is most infectious 1-2 days before the rash appears

### What can you do if your child has or has been exposed to chickenpox?

- use acetaminophen (e.g. Panadol, Tylenol, Tempra) to treat a fever
- **Do not use A.S.A.** There may be a link between chickenpox, A.S.A. and the development of Reye's Syndrome, a very serious neurological disease.
- drink plenty of fluids
- keep nails short and clean and encourage your child to not scratch the sores
- bath in warm (not hot) water with baking soda
- check with your pharmacist about a safe medication to treat itching
- parents of immunosuppressed children should **immediately** contact their child's doctor if the child has been exposed to chickenpox

Children can return to school when they are feeling well enough to participate normally in all activities.

Chickenpox immunization can be given after one year of age. See your local Public Health Office for eligibility.



05/2018

## When should your child stay home from school?

What are some reasons I should keep my child home from school?

### Fever

- children with fevers, even slight fevers, should not be sent to school
- a fever is a sign of illness

### Vomiting and/or diarrhea

- within the last 24 hours
- children should not return to school until 48 hours have passed since their last symptom

### Respiratory infections

- sore throat, coughing, earaches or persistent cough with discharge from nose and/or throat

### Rashes

- skin rash may be a sign of illness
- rashes have different causes
- if your child has a rash, see your doctor
- some rashes require antibiotic treatment

### Pink eye

- your child can return to school after 24 hours of appropriate antibiotic treatment



05/2018

Winner of the Premier's Award for Excellence and Innovation in Education - 2018

# RESONATE

## Junior

Music Conference for grades 1-6

A DAY OF MUSIC-MAKING FUN  
WORLD-CLASS CLINICIANS  
DRUMMING  
JAMMING  
INSTRUMENT BUILDING  
SINGING  
PERFORMANCE

#Music  
makesitbetter

FEB  
6&7

Bethany College  
Hepburn, SK


more information and registration  
[www.resonatelive.ca](http://www.resonatelive.ca)






Kindergarten Day

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 -Day 4/D Kindergarten	8 -Day 5/E	9 -Day 6/F Kindergarten	10 -Day 1/A Jammie Day	11 -Day 2/B Kindergarten	12
13	14 -Day 3/C	15 -Day 4/D Kindergarten	16 -Day 5/E	17 -Day 6/F Kindergarten	18 -Day 1/A 	19
20	21 -Day 2/B Kindergarten	22 -Day 3/C	23 -Day 4/D Kindergarten	24 -Day 5/E	25 -Day 6/F Kindergarten	26
27	28 -Day 1/A	29 -Prep Day— no classes	30 -Day 2/B Kindergarten	31 -Day 3/C		

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 - Day 4/D Kindergarten	2
3	4 - Day 5/E	5 - Day 6/F Kindergarten	6 - Day 1/A	7 - Day 2/B Kindergarten	8 - Day 3/C	9
10	11 - Day 4/D Kindergarten	12 - Day 5/E	13 - Day 6/F Kindergarten	14 - Day 1/A	15 -Day 2/B Kindergarten 	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 -Day 3/C	26 -Day 4/D Kindergarten	27 -Day 5/E	28 - Day 6/F Kindergarten		