

Laird School Newsletter

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Note from the Principal



Laird School Families,

The game of bump has hit Laird School by storm, and with our recent stint of cold weather, those games have included students of all ages. I can't help but smile when I see the lineup and the height differences among the Grade 3-8 students. Just earlier this week I witnessed one of our Grade 8 students refuse to shoot the basketball because she wanted to give the opportunity for a Grade 3 student to have a number of different shooting attempts before she took a shot. Many other students were encouraging the younger student who had a huge smile on her face. This is what I love about Laird School. Students often make each other feel welcome, despite differences in grade levels, abilities, and personalities.

As we just passed the halfway mark of our school year, we have had the opportunity to reflect on how far our students have come in the last five months. I am proud of the progress that our students have made in that amount of time, and I am proud of our staff members who have helped our students achieve that progress. I think our teaching practices have often been like that game of bump, where some students are given a few more shots so that they have the chance to be successful, while others may need more competition in order to show their true ability. Our side by side learning goal continues to help us understand exactly what our students are achieving, and what they may need in order to be more successful.

Extra-curricular sports are in full swing at Laird School, with girls in Grades 4-7 and boys in Grades 4-8 being able to participate in basketball, and students in Grades 6/7/8 being able to participate in curling. Many thanks to the staff members who put in the time and effort to create opportunities for our students. We have also begun our skating season, and I want to thank the Laird Rink Committee for letting us use the rink and to all the of the parents who come out to help tie skates and even lead the odd game of British Bulldog! Your help is very much appreciated.

Brent Guenther, Principal

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Dates of Interest

Feb 7 - Hawaiian Day

Feb 14 - Red & Pink Day

Feb 15 - Pizza Friday

Feb 18-22 - Winter Break

Mar 11 - Prep Day - No Classes

Mar 15 - Progress Reports

Mar 15 - Pizza Friday

Mar 20 & 21 - PTS Conferences

Mar 22 - Day in Lieu - No School for Laird &

Our newsletter can also be accessed on our

website: www.spiritsd.ca/lairdschool

We also update skating schedules on the website and keep our important dates current for our families.

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

Ugly Sweater Day



Thank you for participating in our spirit days. We have two coming up in February: Hawaiian Day on February 7th and Red & Pink Day on February 14th.

Wacky Hair Day



Jammie Day

SCHOOL SKATING 2019

All children need to have a pair of skates and a CSA approved skating/hockey helmet (bike helmets are not acceptable). Please communicate with the school if you are in need of equipment. Please label each skate and helmet, as well as their bag (NOT plastic shopping bags as they rip easily). You are welcome to come watch or skate with your child. If you are skating, you are required to wear a helmet while on the ice.

In addition to the January dates that classes have already gone skating,

Grades K/1/2 will skate from 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Feb 1, Feb 7 and Feb 15 and

Grades 3-8 will skate from 2:00 – 3:00 pm on Feb 8 and Feb 14.

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.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS IN FEBRUARY:
Thursday, February 7th: Hawaiian Day
Thursday, February 14th: Red & Pink Day

LAIRD SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - FRIDAY
(WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
12:45 PM - 3:30 PM

Free drop-in
program
for families



MOBILE PLAY PROGRAM

Connect with your child through play and participate in fun activities to help your child prepare for school. The program has been designed for children ages 1-6 but other ages are welcome to join. All abilities are welcome!

Wednesday, February 7, 2019
3:30-5:00 pm
Laird School

REGIONAL
KidsFirst 

Fifth Disease

What is fifth disease?

- a mild rash illness caused by a virus
- usually affects children between ages 5 – 14 years
- symptoms include a “slapped cheek”, red, patchy rash on the face, a lacy-like rash elsewhere on the body that may come and go and may be itchy
- there may be fever, headache or cold symptoms before the rash
- symptoms appear 4 – 20 days after a person is exposed
- heat (sunlight, warm bath) may bring out or worsen the rash.

How do you get fifth disease?

- the virus is spread by direct contact with saliva or droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person

What can you do if your child has fifth disease?

- there is no specific treatment

How can fifth disease be prevented?

- practice good hand washing
- do not share cups and eating utensils

When can your child return to school?

- exclusion is not recommended, as the child is no longer infectious once the rash appears



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Pink Eye

What is pink eye?

- an infection of the eye caused by bacteria or viruses
- the eyes may become watery, red, itchy and sensitivity to light
- pus or discharge from the eyes may be present
- it can last from 2 days to 3 weeks

How do we get pink eye?

- by contact with the discharge from an infected person's eye, nose or mouth
- can be spread by fingers, towels, clothing and other articles such as eye make-up applicators and eye drops
- can be spread until it is treated

What can you do if your child has pink eye?

- seek treatment early
- encourage hand washing
- if antibiotics are prescribed stay home for 24 hours after start of treatment
- to prevent re-infection, finish all the medication as prescribed
- wash all items that may have been in contact with eye or nose discharge

For more information, contact Population and Public Health.



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Kindergarten Day

February 2019

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

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 - Day 1/A	2
3	4 - Day 2/B	5 - Day 3/C	6 - Day 4/D	7 - Day 5/E	8 - Day 6/F	9
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24	25 -Day 4/D	26 -Day 5/E	27 -Day 6/F	28 - Day 1/A	29 -Day 2/B	30