

# LEVACK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



"Our students believe in Levack because we believe in our students"



September 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School is back in session and we are excited for the year ahead!

Teachers returned in August in order to prepare for the arrival of students. It is amazing to see how much time and care goes into preparing for the start of the school year. I wish to personally thank members of our support staff, Helen Tremblay, Lola Graveline and Chad Loisel, for all their hard work over the summer getting the school ready for September.

Thanks to new and returning students I am pleased that our current enrolment numbers have met predictions. As our grade 8 students graduate and move on to high school we depend on new residents and children entering kindergarten. I would like to thank you for helping to spread the good news about Levack Public School.

One of the most positive ways our school has improved communication has been through Facebook. Like us on Facebook and get up to date information, pictures and news stories about our great school! <https://www.facebook.com/LevackPublicSchool>

Last year we discussed the idea of going paperless and we are always considering ways of reducing paper. One method of receiving school information is via email so watch for something coming home requesting your email for communication purposes.

The support of the community has been tremendous and parental involvement continues to be an important part component of student success. I hope to see you at **our first School Council meeting on Thursday, September 15th**. Remember to send in your nomination forms. This is also the same day as our Open House. We hope you can join us for a BBQ and "Meet the Teacher Night."

All of us at Levack P.S. are looking forward to a wonderful year with our students and their families.

**Stephen Winckel**  
Principal

### STUDENT AGENDA & PARENT GUIDES

It is time to start another exciting year of learning. Your child has received an agenda that allows both teacher and parents to communicate on a daily basis about homework and other assignments or special events. You will also be receiving several important letters and documents during the first week of school. Please take the time to go over these as they contain very important information. The Guide for Students and Parents will also provide details about various programs, special dates, school council, volunteer forms, insurance, etc.

### IMPORTANT DATES



- \*\*Leopard Spirit Day - Wear school colours (Yellow & Black) or something leopard - Sept. 9/16
- \*\*Stand Up Against Bullying Day (Wear Pink) - Sept. 15/16
- \*\*Open House & BBQ: 4:30 - Sept. 15/16
- \*\*School Council Meeting: Library 6:00 - Sept. 15/16
- \*\*All Gr. 7 Hepatitis B & Gardacil Vaccination and
- \*\*All Gr. 8 Girls Gardacil Vaccination - Sept. 19/16
- \*\*Minithon: Terry Fox Run - Sept. 22/16
- \*\*Glencore Mining Show in Gym - Sept. 29/16
- \*\*PA Day – No School - Sept. 30/16

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Absence:** If your child is absent please remember to call the school and leave a message. The answering machine is on 24 hours a day. You may also write a note in your child's agenda prior to the date.

**Leaving Early:** If your child is being picked up early from school please write a note in their agenda.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will resume Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer please contact the school.

## CAFETERIA OPEN 3 DAYS A WEEK

We are fortunate at Levack to be one of only two elementary schools in the Rainbow board to offer cafeteria services. Chartwells Food runs the cafeteria and this year they have altered their schedule and procedures for placing food orders. In the past, students have had the opportunity to order food every day of the week. This year, the food services portion will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. There will still be vending machines offering milk, dairy products and other refrigerated snacks five days a week however hot food from the kiosk will only be available three days a week.

The other big change is the method of ordering. Instead of sending money with your child Chartwells has tried to make it convenient by offering an online service. Simply visit their website to place your order:

<http://www.schoollunchorder.ca>

Visit the above website, select "Levack" from the list of schools and pay by credit card. They are still offering pizza all three days as well as special menu items such as tacos on Tuesdays. You can order a meal as late as 7:45 am but you can also pre-order, days or weeks in advance. Chartwell hopes parents will find this new ordering system straight-forward.

Just a reminder, there will be no cafeteria service on any day that busses are cancelled (i.e. snow/ice days). The cafeteria will open next week of school.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

We invite parents to participate in our school council. We meet four times a year usually between 4:30-6:00. Our first meeting is Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 pm in our library following our Open House. Elections will be held at that time. Other items on the agenda include the review of Fund Raising, School activities, Breakfast Program as well as programming updates. We hope you can join us.

## VISITOR IDENTIFICATION TAGS

For safety reasons, all visitors to our school are required to report to the office. Visitors are also required to wear identification tags while in the school. These identification tags as well as a sign in logbook are located in the office. Parents dropping off or picking up their children are also to report to the office and are asked to wait for their children in the main entrance for security reasons and to prevent congestion in the halls.

## STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING DAY: WEAR PINK on Thursday, September 15th

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools are invited to wear pink on Thursday, September 15, 2016, as Rainbow District School Board marks its 9th "Stand Up Against Bullying Day".

Ten character traits, which are modeled, taught and expected in Rainbow Schools, provide the foundation for ongoing character development and the values of the Board - honesty, respect, empathy, responsibility, integrity, courtesy, resilience, acceptance, courage and co-operation.

The many character development programs and activities in Rainbow Schools complement the Board's Code of Conduct, which promotes responsibility, respect, civility and academic excellence in a safe learning and teaching environment.

## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We welcome Mr. Tim Martin who is our Grade 1 & 2 English teacher and Ms. Joni Sobiera our Grade 5 & 6 English teacher. We also welcome Ms. Ashley Rienguette our Junior/Intermediate French Immersion teacher and Ms. Megan Tonon our Junior/Intermediate Core French and Special Education Resource teacher. It is of course wonderful to see so many familiar people teaching at our school and we welcome them all back for 2016-17.

## FIRE DRILLS & LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

In addition to practice fire drills there will be a lockdown practice during the month of September in order to ensure that safety practices are in place. Please help us to reassure your child that these are Rainbow District School Board routine safety drills and there is no need to be alarmed.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We believe that each student should have the opportunity to benefit equally from our system and that students have equal access to programs and resources in the regular school day. We realize some parents may choose to send their child with some supplies however we want you to know that this is not a requirement. We budget for items such as school agendas, pencils, binders, paper, etc. We do ask that students have indoor/outdoor shoes, a backpack and a lunch bag large enough to accommodate two nutrition periods. If you have any additional questions about supplies please give us a call at the school.