

LEVACK PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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



October 2016

Principal's Message

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with your family. We have many things to be thankful for at Levack and there have been several events this year that have made this start up so successful.

Last week the school hosted a **Fall Harvest Feast**. It was truly amazing to see all the happy children sitting together in our gym enjoying a home-cooked meal. The school would like to thank the Levack School Council and the Chair of the School Council, Mrs. Schoengen, for bringing this special event back to Levack. We would also like to thank the countless volunteers and parental support of this event. We hope this tradition continues for years to come.

The Levack School Council is also responsible for the addition of two new **Buddy Benches** that were installed on our playground in September. The buddy bench program is an idea that started a few years ago in the United States to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the school playground. If a student has no one to play with or feels shy to approach a group, he or she can go sit on the buddy bench. If students see someone on the buddy bench, they know to reach out to them and make them feel included. Big thanks to Mrs. Sime and the generosity of King Fabricating in Dowling for donating the benches.

The school would also like to thank Mrs. Heather Guse, teacher and volunteer, who has spent hours creating beautiful bulletin boards around the school including a brand new board highlighting the buddy bench program.

There have been many other exciting events that have added to the life and spirit of the school. In addition to the Levack Minithon, in late-September our school hosted the Sudbury Integrated Nickel Operations, A Glencore Company, **Mining Open House**. We were happy to open our school to neighbouring schools and the community. We are so fortunate to have such strong community connections with businesses and companies with strong ties to this area.

At Levack we pride ourselves in building strong community ties and it is evident in the events that have helped shape our school year. This week our students had an assembly to hear about the poster and literacy

competition supported by the **Royal Canadian Legion, Onaping Falls Branch 503**. Our students have always fared well and we hope for active participation again this year.

Character development remains a focus and we are continuing our efforts on building a positive school culture. Throughout the year we will be encouraging students to treat others with respect. In September our focus was **RESPECT** and we hosted an anti-bullying day assembly with Constable Cheryl Kennelly. This month, our character trait of focus is **EMPATHY**. We ask that you take some time to discuss with your children the importance of understanding how someone else feels and understand things from his or her point of view. Being respectful is what it means to be a Levack Leopard.

As you know, communication is an important part of education and I am happy so many of you are visiting our school's **Facebook** page. If you have not yet visited our Facebook page I encourage you to check it out. We will continue to use this electronic format to share stories and updates about the school. It is a wonderful way to stay current about the events happening in and around the school. <https://www.facebook.com/LevackPublicSchool/>

Thank you for your continued support of our school, we are looking forward to a fantastic fall. Go Jays!

Stephen Winckel
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES



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| **World Food Day Challenge | - Oct. 14/16 |
| **Toronto Blue Jays Day – Wear Blue Jays' apparel or team colours: Blue, White and Red) | - Oct. 14/16 |
| **Larchwood X-Country Meet | - Oct. 17/16 |
| **Recycled Battery Challenge begins | - Oct. 17/16 |
| **Bus Evacuation Practice | - Oct. 20/16 |
| **Public Meeting for Valley North Area at CVDCS - 6:00-8:30pm | - Oct. 20/16 |
| **Picture Day 9:00am | - Oct. 21/16 |
| **PA Day – No School | - Oct. 28/16 |
| **Halloween Spirit Day – Wear a Costume or wear Orange and Black | - Oct. 31/16 |
| **Progress Reports Go Home | - Nov. 1/16 |

Go Green Club & World Food Day

Under the leadership of Mme Rienguette, our newly formed **Go Green Club** has been hard at work bringing environmental awareness to our students. Beginning with the vintage clothing day, the Go Green Club continues to encourage students through example, the importance of protecting the environment and preserving our natural resources. Many students participated in Vintage Clothing Day and the next challenge is happening Friday, October 14th.

World Food Day is Friday, October 14th. The Go Green Club is presenting to students the benefits of **pulses** (beans, dry peas, lentils and chickpeas).

To help spread the word about the many benefits of pulses, for World Food Day we are inviting staff and students to **pack some pulses in their lunches on Friday, October 14th.**

We are also inviting **staff and students to bring in a new or favourite recipe (that uses pulses of course!) to school on Friday** in order to add it to the "Pulses Recipe Book" that the Green Team will be putting together. This recipe book will be in the library and available for students and staff to borrow. We are encouraging our students to take a look at and borrow it to try out some new recipes with their families!

Members of the Green Team will be circulating in the cafeteria on Friday and some lucky students will be entered into a draw to win some delicious pulses-inspired prizes!

Here are some good links with information about the benefits of pulses:

http://www.iypcanada.ca/uploads/ck/files/16_march_8_brochure_reduced.pdf

<http://iyp2016.org/themes/productivity-environmental-sustainability>

<http://pulses.org/future-of-food/pulses-sustainable-food>

Battery Recycling Challenge

We have signed up for the **2016-2017 Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge**. The Challenge officially starts on October 17, 2016 and runs until April 21, 2017, but you can start sending in batteries any time! The purpose of the challenge is to teach children and their families about the proper way to handle, store and recycle batteries at home and at school. The school that collects the most batteries, based on the number of students, will be rewarded with a cash prize! Last year the top school won **\$6,446!** Another great thing about this challenge is

that part of the proceeds go to support the **Sick Kids Hospital**. Last year **\$2,578** was raised for the foundation! Spread the word to family, friends and colleagues to recycle their batteries and help us tackle this exciting challenge!

School Council

Levack Public School Council had its first meeting on Thursday, October 15th. A new slate of officers were presented as outlined below. We look forward to another rewarding year as we continue to advise and provide input to help the school and staff with various administrative duties.

Members of the 2016-2017 School Council are:

Chair: Dahnja Schoengen
Vice Chair: Cindy Pratt
Secretary: Jennifer Sime
Parent Representative: Carrie Morin
Staff Representative: Pauline Taylor
Principal: Stephen Winckel

Cafeteria

As you know, Levack is one of only two elementary schools in the Rainbow Board to offer a fully serviced cafeteria three days per week. In an effort to streamline the service Chartwells has set up online orders for school lunches. Here is the link to place your online orders:

<http://www.school lunchorder.ca/>

Amanda from the cafeteria is also accepting orders at the school cafeteria one day per week.

Every Friday before 10:00 am, Thursday if Friday is a holiday, students or parents can come into the cafeteria and place orders for the next week or longer if this is preferred. The ability to come in and pay with cash allows parents without access to pay online the opportunity to purchase lunches for their child through the cafeteria.

Chartwells are happy to continue to provide excellent service to the students at Levack Public School and are happy to adapt their model of service to better suit you and the students.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is up and running and will continue three days/week. Breakfast club is always looking for volunteers for one morning or more of your time.

Please contact Kathy Moggy at 705-966-3884 or by

email: katemoggy@hotmail.com. Your help is greatly appreciated. Without volunteers we would not be able to run our Breakfast Program.