

# LEVACK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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



November 2016

### Principal's Message

Yesterday your child brought home a **Progress Report Card**. This report is designed to show a student's development of learning skills and work habits during the first weeks of the school year, as well as general progress in working toward the achievement of the Ontario curriculum expectations on all subjects. We hope this report will help set direction and provide you with you and your child some valuable information regarding how well they are progressing at school. Reporting and communicating with you is always an important component of student achievement. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher at parent interviews then please contact the school through the agenda or by phone to select an appropriate time to meet to discuss how your child is performing in relation to their program.

October was a very exciting month at Levack Public School. In the area of academics our students continue to work hard on goal-setting and taking their school work seriously. During this term teachers have established comprehensive literacy and numeracy blocks in all classrooms. Teachers are balancing a variety of strategies including read alouds, shared reading, guided and small group collaboration. In numeracy students are completing mental math lessons and where applicable learning through problem-solving. Teaching strategies may look slightly different from when we were in school but the end result, fostering student success, has remained the same.

In **athletics** our volleyball teams have started their season with regular practices during nutrition breaks. Our cross-country running team also ran their hearts out in Dowling and Falconbridge. I wish to thank our volunteer coaches for working with our players instilling the importance of fair play and good competition. Our students always display positive character when out in the community and we are very proud of them.

I wish like to thank all of our community for supporting our upcoming **Little Caesar's fundraiser** we hope it will be an incredible success. Pizza kit order forms will be sent home Monday, November 7 and orders need to be returned by Monday, November 21. Chartwell's continues to operate in the cafeteria three days a week

and there is a newly installed vending machine selling fresh food available to students every day.

Throughout October and for the rest of this year we will be having spirit days. For Halloween students enjoyed activities dressed in creative costumes and danced to music in our gym complete with a laser light show and a smoke machine. The Green Team is also encouraging students to bring a litterless lunch to school on Friday, November 4. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness about the amount of garbage that is consumed every day and classroom teachers will be discussing ways to reduce waste to help protect the environment.

I wish like to thank all our parents and volunteers who helped out at our second annual Fall Harvest Feast. We truly value the support of our volunteers and the people who take time out of their busy schedules to help out at the school. I also would like to acknowledge the support of the Breakfast Club staff from Better Beginnings Better Futures. We are fortunate to have this program running at our school three days a week.

November is a time of reflection as we remember those who have sacrificed and continue to put their lives on the line for our country. On November 10th, our junior intermediate students will be attending a ceremony hosted by Onaping Branch 503 and students will be participating in a ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Members of the public are welcome to join us in our gym. Lest we forget.

I hope everyone had a good October, and that you all have an enjoyable November. Before you know it December will be here and with it many exciting events that lead to a much-anticipated holiday.

**Stephen Winckel**  
Principal

### Character Trait of the Month is Responsibility

Throughout the month of November teachers will be teaching students about the importance of responsibility and how this can positively influence their success at school.

## Important Dates



**Progress Report Cards	- Nov. 1
**Parent Teacher Interviews	- Nov. 2
**Gr. 7/8 Girls Volleyball at Confederation S.S.	- Nov. 2
**All Gr. 7 Menactra Vaccination -	- Nov. 3
**Littlerless Lunch/Paper-Free Day	- Nov. 4
**Leopard Spirit Day – wear Leopard or Yellow and Black	- Nov. 4
**Little Ceasar Pizza Kit Sales Starts	- Nov. 7
**Gr. 7 OLSAT Practice Test	- Nov. 7
**Best Start Playgroup – 9:30-11:30	- Nov. 10
**Remembrance Day	- Nov. 11
**Gr. 7 OLSAT Actual Test	- Nov. 14
**Making The Transition Gr. 7-8 at Cambrian College 7:00pm-8:30pm	- Nov. 15
**Food Drive begins	- Nov. 16
**Little Ceasar Pizza Kit Sales Ends	- Nov. 21
**Trades Day at CVDCS Gr. 7 & 8	- Nov. 24
**PA Day – No School	- Nov. 28
**Picture Retake Day	- Nov 29
**Gr. 7/8 Boys & Girls Candy Cane Classic Volleyball Tournament at Lively D.S.S.	- Nov. 30

## Remembrance Day – Wear Red & White

This year Levack Public School will remind students of the sacrifices our Veterans have made and continue to make for our freedom and the freedom of others. Students will participate in the Royal Canadian Legion poems, posters and essays competition. The children's work will be displayed at the local Legion Branch 503 on November 11 for the community to see.

On Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:00 am, Levack Public School will host a Remembrance Day commemorative ceremony in the gym to honour those who have and continue to fight for our freedom. Parents/guardians and community members are welcome. Comrade Jeff Dane will lead the ceremony. A Grade 7 student will read John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" and will explain the importance of remembrance. Three Grade 5/6 students will carry the flags for the Colour Party including the opening and closing of the ceremony. Grade 7/8 students will share their Remembrance Day poems and our school choir and band will also be performing at the ceremony. Students are participating in the Royal Canadian Legion Poems, Posters and Essays competition. Their work will be displayed at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #503 on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the Remembrance Day ceremony. In addition, our junior and intermediate students will walk to the Cenotaph in downtown Levack for a ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

## Message from our School Council

Happy November!

School Council would like to extend a huge "Thank you" to everyone who was able to participate in the Fall Harvest Feast. We look forward to continuing the tradition for many years to come. A few weeks ago there was a meeting for PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) and we were able to enjoy a presentation by Marc Guerin with the Greater Sudbury Police Services on Internet Safety for Parents. We learned that it is not necessary for parents to try to keep up with all of the apps that kids are using, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Kick etc. instead we can employ the old playground rules we enjoyed as children and adapt them for internet use: Where are you going? Who are you going with? How long will you be? Don't talk to strangers. If you would like more information, please contact the school.

Looking forward, School Council will be kicking off Little Caesar's Pizza Kits this month. We will be selling the kits once more in the Spring to keep freezers from becoming overstocked. The date for the next School Council has not been set, but look forward to information on the agenda and meeting date in mid-November.

## November Food Drive

Again this year, Levack Public School students will be collecting food as part of the annual Food Drive. The purpose of the Food Drive is to replenish our local food bank that is available to all local area residents. We hope that with your help this year's collection will be the best yet!

The collection of food will begin November 16<sup>th</sup> and end December 11<sup>th</sup>. Our grade 8 students will visit each classroom to collect all of non-perishable food items brought to school and a chart will be created to monitor progress. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Examples of Food/Items in Short Supply:

Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels  
Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Shampoo  
Canned Tuna, Chicken, Salmon, Fruit, Vegetables  
Juice, Soup, Stew, Pastas,  
Cereal, Crackers, Cookies  
Coffee, Tea  
Peanut butter, jam  
Salad dressing, mayonaise, ketchup  
Sugar, Canned milk, instant oatmeal  
Vegetable oil

## Communication

Please remind your child to make arrangements before school as the office phone may not be used for personal reasons such as calling home for permission to go to a friend's house after school. The phones at the office may be used only by school personnel or by students in the event of an emergency and with the permission of a Levack staff member.

## Cafeteria Service

Just a reminder, there will be no cafeteria service on any day that busses are cancelled (i.e. snow/ice days). To place online orders visit:

<https://www.school lunch order.ca/>

## Transition Evening for Grade 7 & 8 students and parents

Making the Transition: Finding Your Way – Grades 7 & 8 information session is an opportunity to receive information about all high school programming offered by the Rainbow District School Board.

Parents/guardians and students in grades 7 & 8 are invited to an interactive information session designed to help students make key decisions in the transition from elementary school to secondary school.

Rainbow District School Board will present Making the Transition: Finding Your Way on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Student Centre at Cambrian College, 1400 Barrydowne Road. There will be free parking on site in Lot #15 next to the Student Centre.

## Levack Buddy Benches Featured in Sudbury Star and Northern Life

Levack Public School proudly unveiled two new Buddy Benches during a special ceremony on Monday, September 24, 2016. The Buddy Bench is a character education initiative used to help eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the school playground.

Click here:

<https://www.sudbury.com/local-news/levack-ps-unveils-two-new-buddy-benches-452276>

## Green Team Challenge – November 4<sup>th</sup> Pack a Litterless Lunch

Our next environmental challenge is happening on November 4<sup>th</sup>. In an effort to be more conscious of and reduce the amount of paper consumed every day the Levack Green Team is challenging teachers to go

paper-free on November 4<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the green team came up with the idea of doing a litterless lunch that same day in an effort to also reduce the amount of garbage we throw away. We are asking students to pack litterless lunches by using re-useable containers. Thank you for your anticipated support!

## “Tiny Planet” Photo of Levack Staff and Students



At Levack we pride ourselves in building a sense of community. Whether it is improvements to the exterior of the building, which have been extensive, or with the additions made to the interior of the school, the goal is to create a warm, welcoming school environment that is obvious to the passerby and carries into the building, down the halls and into the classrooms.

A group photo is designed to represent a snapshot of our community and what makes Levack a uniquely family school. Our most recent photo was created using a fish eye technique and photo shop. Mr. Clapp from Creative Photography created an optical illusion giving the picture an appearance of a globe or circle, symbolic of the globe and connectedness amongst people. The end result showcases our school community in a special way.

Visitors and students entering the building will be see a community, connected in a sphere-like design that represents our support of the student body and what it is unique about Levack Public School. We are thrilled with the finished product and look forward to hanging it on our walls.

The school wishes to thank Sudbury Integrated Nickel Operations: A Glencore Company, for their support of our character-building initiatives that will include the donation of a third buddy bench to be installed this spring.