

# LEVACK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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



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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2017! It is wonderful to see so many smiling faces as we welcome students back to school. As we start this new year it is a time to reflect and refocus and as educators and parents we like to set goals that we would like for our children. Progress Reports were sent home before the holiday and I hope you have been able to sit down with your child and discuss strategies for growth. The Levack staff is committed to the success of your child and we value your support immensely. Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Interviews are by request of the teacher and/or parent/guardian so please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

I wish to thank all of you for your support with many of the December events including the Food Drive, Christmas Sing-Along and Christmas Melodies Concert. It is because of dedicated and caring staff, students and parents that these events are possible. I also wish to thank our school community for contributing to the food collection during the month of December. Over 1000 non-perishable food items were collected for the local food bank. Students surpassed the goal and as a result some staff members were treated to a pie in the face. It was a great way to show community support and school spirit!

I would also like to thank our parents for supporting the Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser organized by the Levack School Council. All the money raised from this fundraiser will go to supporting extra curricular activities, transportation and excursions. Thanks to you, the costs of sending students to events across the city will be greatly reduced.

I am always proud of the many accomplishments of our students and wish to congratulate members of our volleyball teams for their efforts at various high school tournaments and at the board championships. I know it takes a lot of coordination to provide transportation for your child and parental support was vital in putting teams on the court. Special thanks should be extended to coaches Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Krause for their leadership. I look forward to the start of the basketball season.

On another note, for parents of 7/8 students, there are many high school Open Houses that are happening early in the new year. The Open House for CVDCS is next Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 pm. For a complete list of schools and dates please visit the following website: <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/news/rainbow-secondary-schools-host-information-nights-grade-8-students/>

I would also like to extend an invitation to parents and community members to attend our school's **Kindergarten Open House, January 19, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm**. If you have an incoming Junior Kindergarten for the 2017- 2018 year, or if you know someone in your neighbourhood with a child who will be entering school next year spread the word and join us on January 19<sup>th</sup>. It is a wonderful way to showcase our amazing school and inspiring kindergarten rooms and highly engaging program.

Finally, I would like to announce a few changes to our support staff. In December we said goodbye to Mr. Trottier who has been our school custodian for 6 years. We wish him the very best at Walden Elementary. Replacing Mr. Trottier is long-time staff member and local resident Mrs. Tremblay. We are very fortunate to have someone so dedicated and committed to keeping our facility safe and welcoming. Mrs. Whalen, another local community member, is joining Mrs. Graveline as a night cleaner. Welcome, Mrs. Whalen!

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas vacation. I look forward to working with you in making this new calendar year the best yet.

Stephen Winckel

# Highlights from the Christmas Season...

Christmas Melodies Concert



Christmas Sing-Along



Levack Choir



Mr. Martin Sleeping in the Courtyard



Levack Concert Band



Pie Throwing Assembly



## Important Dates



**CVDCS Visits Gr. 8	- Jan. 11
**Buster the Bus Safety Program	- Jan. 12
**Knights of Columbus Free Throw	- Jan. 12
**Skating	- Jan. 13
**CVDCS Open House (6:30–8:00pm)	- Jan. 19
** <b>Kindergarten Information Night</b> (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)	- Jan. 19
**Skating	- Jan. 27
**Spirit Day: Favourite Sports Team	- Jan. 27
**Gr. 8 & Kindergarten Grad Photo Day	- Feb. 1
**PA Day – No School	- Feb. 3

## Dressing for the Weather

It has been a very cold start to winter therefore it is important that students dress appropriately for the weather. We remind students to wear hats, mittens/gloves, snow pants and boots every day. There are some students who come to school ill-prepared for the frigid temperatures therefore we ask that you double check the weather conditions in the morning and ensure your child brings all of the necessary clothing items with them to school. If you are in need of winter gear please contact the school and we will help gather the items needed to keep your child warm and comfortable.

## Northern Fruits and Vegetables Program

Beginning in January, the Northern Fruits and Vegetables Program (NFVP) will resume at our school offering fresh fruits and vegetables to our students Tuesdays and Thursdays. We would like to thank Ronda Lachance for working alongside our dedicated group of student volunteers for ensuring healthy snacks are offered to our students twice a week.

## 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.

## Primary Reading Tip of the Month

For Primary Readers: Choose books that are repetitive and full of rhyme so your child can join in while you read with them. An important part of reading is to read familiar and favourite books again and again!

**Kindergarten**  
in English and French Immersion

Reserve your spot for Kindergarten Orientation

**REGISTER NOW!**

For enrolment in Kindergarten, your child must be four years of age by the end of the calendar year.

Information Night for the English and French Immersion Programs  
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

When registering your child, please bring his/her identification documents including birth certificate, birth registry/baptismal certificate, proof of residency, Ontario Health Card and an immunization record.

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## Breakfast Club

Students can enjoy free breakfast when they come into the school every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you would like to donate funds or volunteer please contact the school. We are very fortunate at Levack to have a dedicated group of people who assist with this program and we would like to thank Breakfast Club Volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication.

## Facebook

Don't forget to visit and like our Facebook page. You will find up to date information and photos highlighting the many wonderful events that happen at Levack Public School. <https://www.facebook.com/LevackPublicSchool/>

