



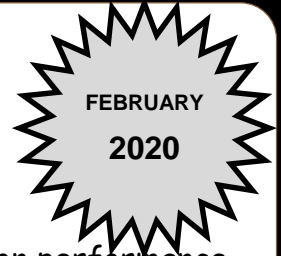
Watt's Happening

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Instilling a Growth Mindset!



Reams of research show that students who are praised for being smart fixate on performance, shying away from taking risks and meeting potential failure. Students who are praised for their efforts try harder and persist with tasks longer. These "effort" kids have a "growth mindset" marked by resilience and a thirst for mastery; the "smart" ones have a "fixed mindset" believing intelligence to be innate and not malleable. We acknowledge that we need to praise their efforts; however the praise needs to be connected to what they are learning, i.e. what their next steps are. The key to instilling a growth mindset is teaching children that their brains are like muscles that can be strengthened through hard work and persistence. So rather than saying, "Not everybody is good at math. Just do your best", say "When you learn how to do a new math problem, it grows your brain." Or instead of saying, "Maybe math is not one of your strengths," a better approach is adding "yet" to the end of the sentence: "Maybe math is not one of your strengths yet." J. Anderson 2016

Intelligence is malleable. We can all change our brain! Model taking risks by learning something new and talk about it to your child! Perhaps it will encourage them to take risks in their own learning!

Once again I would like to thank everyone at Watt PS for the last four months. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and Watt will forever hold a special place in my heart. It is a small but mighty school' filled with wonderful students, a terrific staff and supported by a fantastic community. I am sad to leave; however, I am happy to report that Mrs. Dianna Petrie will be Watt's principal beginning Monday February 3rd, 2020. Mrs. Petrie comes to us from Gravenhurst Public School with a wealth of knowledge in curriculum and special education. We are pleased to have her join our team! I wish you all the best in the years to come!

Erika Skala Black
Principal

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parent(s)/Guardian(s); Please remember to contact the school in the event that your student(s) will be away/late.

705-759-3643



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Winterfest!- All are Welcome!

Come on out on Tuesday, February 4th for our annual Watt Winterfest from 6-7:30pm.

Join us for a fun filled night of sledding, skating and broomball!

Warm up around the campfire and lug a mug for some delicious hot chocolate.

All you need is your skates, helmet and sled!

2020 Kindergarten Registration

Please remember to register your child.
What you need to bring: } Child's proof of age (e.g. birth certificate) } Name and phone number of your family doctor } Child's health card number (optional) } Child's immunization record JK students must be 4 years old by December 31, 2020.

You can also access the **online registration** system by going to the link below. The link will also be on the Board website where you can select "Kindergarten Registration" from the main page.

<https://ereg.tldsb.ca>



SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER:

The next meeting of the School Council takes place on Tuesday, March 3 in the library. 6:45pm start. All are welcome!

Looking for current information on labour updates? Please refer to the TLDSB website - Labour Updates, which is updated regularly.

Stay connected with our Watt community through Facebook and Twitter!



Battle of the Books 2020!

Junior and Intermediate teams are reading the new releases! Read on! Don't forget that several of the titles are on Sora!



PRINCIPAL: Erika Skala Black
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MUSKOKA LAKES TRUSTEE: Louise Clodd
SUPERINTENDENT: Paul Goldring

2019 / 2020 School Council Committee

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School Reminders

What's the best way to get better in reading and math?

The only way to get better in reading is to read!

The only way to know your math facts to 20 and multiplication tables is to practice them!

Help your child practice their timetables and math facts while driving in the car or during a commercial break and be sure to read with them every night!

Please Remember...

- Students need to wear indoor shoes
- Write your child's initials on clothing tags
- Pizza money for February is due Feb. 5th

Inclement Weather

Just a reminder to listen to one of the following radio stations for bus cancellation information on mornings when the weather is questionable:

The Moose 105.5 Huntsville, The Moose 99.5 Bracebridge, Rock 95.7, or CBC One 94.3 Huntsville.

Please note that if the buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon. Unless stated on the radio or on the TLDSB website that the school is closed, the school will be open for business.



Beautifying our 'Home Away From Home'

Hats off to the following students for designing and creating a welcoming space in the boys and girls washrooms. These students have worked diligently to make their washrooms unique and special. We appreciate their efforts and creativity!

Our artists include Mikayla Blanchard, Keira Brazier, Sarah Hermann, Gracie Eberle, Tacori Latanville, Jocelyn Readman, Amelia Wretham, Katrina Church, Alasdair Wilson, Kilian Bourque, Bishop Turnbull, Nathan Tew and Jaeden Novak.

Way to go #Watt Power!

A huge shout out to our resident artist, Ms. Hampson, for sharing her skills and techniques with the students!

Milk

White and Chocolate milk are sold daily during 2nd Nutrition Break for **\$1.00** by the office.



February Pizza Orders

Completed December pizza orders must be returned to school office with payment by:

Wednesday February 4, 2020