



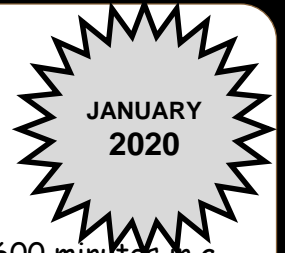
Watt's Happening

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Read Every Day In 2020!



Reading 20 minutes a day pays off! A student who reads 20 minutes each day reads 3600 minutes in a school year and roughly 1 800 000 words. A student who reads 5 minutes each day reads 600 minutes in a school year and an estimated 282 000 words. By the end of 6th grade, the student who reads 20 minutes a day will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. The student who only reads 5 minutes a day will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life? (Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Please support your child in reading every day at home. Model the importance of reading. Talk about what you have read. Share the text and help them to make connections. Ask them questions to push their thinking and their imaginations!

Questions to Ask to:

Make Connections:

What does this remind you of? When did you experience something similar? How can you relate to...?

Support Visualizing: What can you picture? In your mind what do you see? If this were a movie...?

Support Summarizing: Tell me what the basic gist is? What is the key information? In a nutshell, this says that...

Thank you for helping to build your child's literacy skills!

Erika Black
Principal

Happy New Year!

Welcome Back! The staff at Watt would like to wish everyone the very best in 2020! Three cheers to all of our students who performed and helped out at our Christmas Concert. You sounded wonderful! A big shout out to all the staff for their extra time and efforts in making our last week before the holidays a wonderful experience!

SAFE ARRIVAL

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

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Early Pick-up?

Parents, unless your child has an appointment before 3:10 pm, please refrain from interrupting the class and signing your child out early. Teachers often recap the day and remind students what they need to bring for the following day. Also, students have their 'end of the day' routines to fulfill. Teaching happens right up to dismissal! You are welcome to wait in the front foyer until the bell rings. Thank you for your support!



SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER:

SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Watt **Winterfest** takes place on **Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 6-7:30pm**. Join the Watt community for an outdoor fun night organized by School Council! Watch for details in your child's agenda.

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

2019 / 2020 School Council Committee

CHAIRPERSON	Kate Monk
VICE-CHAIR	Greg Goulter
TREASURER	Jennifer Novak
SECETARY	Amber Gordon
FUNDRAISING CHAIR	Kerri Meeks

2020 Kindergarten Registration

Please register your child during the month of January. 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>



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
SECRETARY: Laurie Johle
MUSKOKA LAKES TRUSTEE: Louise Clodd
SUPERINTENDENT: Paul Goldring

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School Reminders

Robo Robotics!



Students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to come out and join the Robotics Club. The group will meet in the library during the morning break on day 3 and the afternoon break on day 5.

Encourage your budding technician to come out and try some coding, programming and creating!

Thank you to Ms. Simmons, our very own Robotics Guru for organizing and supervising our upcoming techies!

Please Remember....

- Elective payments are due January 16th
- Students need a pair of indoor shoes
- Write your child's initials on clothing tags
- Pizza money for February is due Feb. 4th

Inclement Weather

With the arrival of the winter 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.

Proportional Thinking Is All Around!

With lots of experience in making comparisons, your child will eventually progress to proportional thinking - that is, being able to make comparisons by using multiplication.

Qualitative comparison: "The adult is taller than the child"

Additive comparison: "The adult is 100 centimetres taller than the child."

Multiplicative comparison: "The adult is twice as tall as the child."

Help your child develop their proportional reasoning by looking for situations involving proportional thinking in real life. Have your child explain his or her thinking.

Some examples are: Mr. Brown's car lights are not working at full strength. They are dimming and losing 25% of their brightness. Should he drive at night? Why or why not?

Christina promises to help her sister with her paper route each day. Her sister said she'll give her one quarter of her profits. Is this a good deal for Christina? Explain.

Incorporate proportional thinking when cooking or baking in the kitchen! The possibilities are endless!

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:

Tuesday February 4, 2020