



# NICKERSON NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM ÉCOLE LEO NICKERSON SCHOOL

February 2024

This February, Leo Nickerson will recognize Black History Month for its fourth consecutive year. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, learn, and reflect on the rich tapestry of African American history, culture, and achievements. Throughout the month, our students will have the chance to explore the inspiring stories of trailblazers and visionaries who have made significant contributions to our world. From civil rights leaders and inventors to artists and scientists, these remarkable individuals have left an indelible mark on history, and we are thrilled to shine a spotlight on their achievements.



Our dedicated teachers have prepared engaging lessons and activities that will not only educate our students about the importance of diversity but also foster a sense of unity and understanding among our young learners. We believe that by learning about the accomplishments and struggles of African Canadians and beyond, our students will develop a deeper appreciation for the richness that diversity brings to our community.

Let's make this Black History Month a time of inspiration, empowerment, and celebration. Together, as a united school community, we can create an environment where every student feels valued, respected, and proud of their own unique heritage.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a culture of diversity, inclusion, and understanding at Ecole Leo Nickerson Elementary. Here's to a month filled with enlightenment, appreciation, and celebration!

Warm regards,

Mr. Adam Rurka



## Outdoor Pursuits Fun!







6	Kindergarten Information Evening 6:30 pm	15	100th Day of School
7	No Kindergarten Classes	19	<b>NO SCHOOL: Family Day</b>
	Grade 1-6 Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm	21	Colours Pizza Party
7	Healthy Hunger (Kernels)	21	Healthy Hunger (McDonald's)
8 & 9	<b>NO SCHOOL: Teacher's Convention</b>	23	Outdoor Pursuits #3
14	Healthy Hunger (Nitza's Pizza)		



6	No Kindergarten Classes	13/14	Parent Teacher Interviews
	Grade 1 - 6 Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm	18	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
6	Healthy Hunger (Kernels)	20	Healthy Hunger (IHOP)
7	Carnaval d'Hiver	20	Colours Pizza Party
13	Healthy Hunger (Nitza's Pizza)	22	<b>NO SCHOOL: Day In Lieu</b>

**Spring Break: March 25 - April 1, 2024**

**Returning Tuesday, April 2, 2024**



3	No Kindergarten Classes	17	Healthy Hunger: Tim Horton's
	Grade 1 - 6 Early Dismissal @ 12:25pm	22	<b>NO SCHOOL: PD DAY</b>
3	Healthy Hunger (Kernels)	24	Hot Lunch: Lunch Lady
5	Healthy Hunger (Lunch Lady Hotdogs)	25	Colours Pizza Party
10	Healthy Hunger (Nitza's Pizza)	29	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**Please consider sending a complete change of clothes in a plastic bag for your student in the event of an accident. We have limited supplies available. If we do send home clothing, a label indicating that we have done so and requesting that you wash and return the item will be in your student's agenda.**

# NICKERSON FEATURE

## OFFICE STAFF UPDATE

### Welcome Back Mrs. Christensen!!

We are delighted to have Mrs. Christensen back in the office! It's great to have her smiling face greeting the students each morning!



Welcome To Mrs. Karen Keels who will be starting a new position in the office after being an EA after many years at Leo Nickerson! Mrs. Keels will be a familiar and friendly face to all who visit our office!

We say goodbye and good luck to Mr. Erik Hornung and Mrs. Nicole Johnson who have accepted positions at Joseph Demko School!

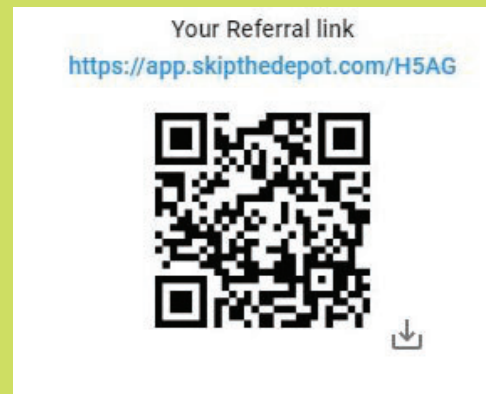
## SKIP THE DEPOT PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Ecole Leo Nickerson has made arrangements with **Skip the Depot** to pick up recyclable bottles, cans, milk jugs and juice containers on the monthly dates noted in the calendar above. If you would like to join in on this fundraising effort, all you need to do is drop off your bag of recyclables on the morning of the scheduled pick up in the front foyer. See Mrs. Keels in the office for a label for your bag. All of the proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards the new playground.

**NEXT PICK UP DATE: February 15, 2024**  
**OR**

Use this invitation code to have the pick up from your home at your convenience!

<https://app.skipthedepot.com/H5AG>



To date, we have raised **\$984.92** towards the new playground!

Our Librarian, Mrs. Taylor is looking for a volunteer to work during the day for our French Book Fair February 28th from 11 am - 3:30 pm and February 29th from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Please email Mrs. Taylor at [darcy.taylor@spschools.org](mailto:darcy.taylor@spschools.org) or phone Tues-Thursday.

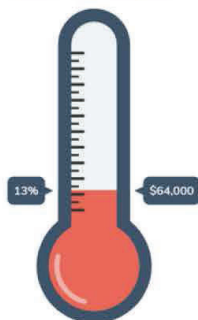
# FRIENDS REPORT



## FRIENDS OF LEO NICKERSON

### UPDATES

GOAL: \$500,000



#### Playground Progress

We had a very successful first playground committee meeting where we discussed the application documents to begin the process for our playground replacement. We set the ground work for our committee structure and needed roles. Energy was high with great ideas and plans for our new playground set to be ready for play September 2026.

The next meeting will be February 15th at 6:45pm (right before the Friends of Leo Nickerson meeting) in the staff room. We will be voting to approve the application to send to the city for approval.

#### Current Fundraisers

- Cash Calendar
  - Congratulations to everyone that won during the month of January!
  - Winners were announced on our Facebook page



#### Upcoming Fundraisers

- Bottle Drive
  - February 15 - 17
- Purdy's
  - February 23 - March 17

#### Need to Know

- Next Meeting: February 8th @ 7pm in Staff Room

OUR AGM WILL BE HELD THURSDAY MARCH 21st

