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APRIL 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
		Gr. 7's Try-A-Trade Carlton		 Good Friday
6	7	8	9	10
	EASTER BREAK NO SCHOOL APRIL 3rd - 12 th			
13	14	15	16	17
Chicken Adventure Begins	Family Gardening Event 5-6 pm Check out our Facebook for more info!			
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	
		Hot Lunch Sale (Gr. 5 Class) (More info to follow.)	Sr. Band Trip April 29 th - May 1 st	

PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

April is here, and as always, it will fly by! With the Easter break giving families a chance to rest and recharge, we encourage everyone to take full advantage of that time together. When we return, we will have just two and a half months left in the school year—an important stretch where we focus on finishing strong and ensuring all learning outcomes are successfully met.

There has been a lot of exciting learning happening in and out of the classroom. Our Grade 6-8 students recently enjoyed an incredible ice fishing trip at Emma Lake. Students had the opportunity to learn hands-on skills such as building their own fishing rods, attaching line and hooks, and even helping to build a fire. Of course, roasting hotdogs and marshmallows was a highlight, and to top it all off, some students even caught fish! It was a memorable experience filled with learning, teamwork, and fun.

We are also excited to once again welcome back our "chicken adventure." This is always a favorite for students, who love watching the process as chicks hatch right before their eyes. It's a wonderful opportunity for experiential learning and brings a lot of excitement into the school.

Looking ahead, we have several upcoming opportunities for our students. Our Grade 7 students will be participating in the "Try-a-Trade" experience at Carlton, giving them valuable exposure to different career pathways and hands-on skills. Additionally, our Senior Band students will be traveling to Edmonton from April 29 to May 1. We are very proud of their dedication and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

As we move through this busy and exciting month, we thank you for your continued support. Let's make the most of April and set ourselves up for a strong finish to the school year.

Warm regards,

Ms. Tretiak
Principal

Mr. Bergen
Vice-Principal




Mark Your Calendars: WJB Chicken Adventure!



Starting April 14, the eggs will be placed in the incubator and the countdown begins! Over the next 21 days, students and staff will eagerly await the exciting moment when our chicks hatch.

Along the way, we'll be enjoying lots of fun, chicken-themed activities as we get ready to welcome our fluffy new arrivals!

Stay tuned—it's going to be egg-citing! 

OPERATION RED NOSE

On Friday, March 6th, representatives Lynn & Randy Braaten from Operation Red Nose, made a generous donation of \$700.00 to W. J. Berezowsky Public School!!

Thank you Operation Red Nose!



Pictured above (left to right): Lynn Braaten, Leanne Tretiak (Principal), Randy Braaten

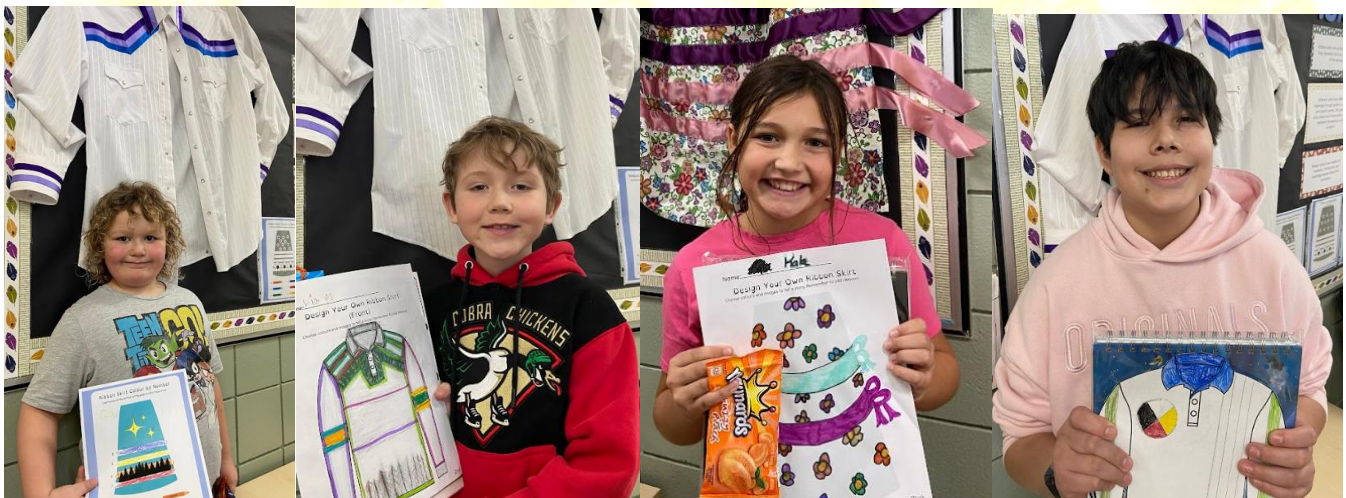
EASTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL
APRIL 3rd - 12th

RIBBON SKIRT/SHIRT DAY MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026



Draws made for activities completed by students; winners were:

Gavin Georget -Kind. Liam Barr - Gr.2 Kala Brass - Gr.3 Trayden MacDonald - Gr.8





YOU'RE INVITED!!

A FREE EVENING TO EXPLORE WHY CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS BEHAVE THE WAY THEY DO — WITH PRACTICAL TIPS AND A FEW LAUGHS ALONG THE WAY



APRIL 27, 2026



6:00-8:00PM



BEREZOWSKY SCHOOL
566 MCINTOSH DR.



DR. LAYNE PETHICK

Speaker

**EVER WONDER WHY KIDS BEHAVE THE WAY THEY DO?
THEN THIS IS FOR YOU!**



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TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT AI: TIPS FOR PARENTS

It may be hard to believe, but most kids think that their parents are way more tech-savvy than they really are! That's why we need to be ready to talk to them about all of the tools, technology and devices in their lives – including AI.

Here are some tips on how to do that:

Explore AI together. If young kids are using an AI chatbot or voice assistant, sit with them at first to help them learn to use it and get curious about its responses. As they get more comfortable, you can step back, but try to keep a conversation going about what they're doing and experiencing. **Make sure they know to come to you if a chatbot ever says anything inappropriate or upsetting.**

Encourage kids to be curious, creative and playful when using AI. Encourage kids to play with AI by experimenting with different prompts and by using what the AI made as a draft that they can change or build on.

Help kids understand that chatbots are toys, not a replacement for real-life friends or for qualified mental health support. Make sure they know about qualified sources of online counseling and support like [Kids Help Phone](#).

Teach kids to be educated consumers of what they see online. Teach them about trustworthy sources of information, and *how to verify whether AI answers are accurate.* MediaSmarts' [Break the Fake](#) program teaches four quick and simple steps to find out whether something is true or not.

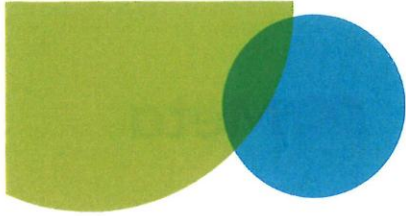
For example, using a *reverse image search* like TinEye can tell you quickly where a photo first

appeared. That may not tell you if it's a deepfake, but if it didn't come from a reliable source there's no reason to believe it's real.

Control how personal information is being collected when your kids use AI:

- Check the tool's terms of service and privacy policy: Consult the websites *Terms of Service, Didn't Read* (www.tosdr.org) and *Privacy Not Included* (<https://foundation.mozilla.org/en/privacynotincluded>) for summaries and privacy reviews.
- You should also check to see if any places your kids post content online (social networks, video sites, fan fiction sites, etc.) allow content to be used to train AI.
- Check the app or site's settings to see if you can control chat history, data collection and storage. Make informed decisions about how your data is used. Many Chat AIs let you opt out of having your chats used to train them if you want to.
- You can also limit how much data can be collected from your browser or device:
 - If they're using it on a laptop or desktop computer, you can install a browser plug-in such as Privacy Badger.
 - If they're using an iPhone or iPad, you can select "Ask App not to Track."





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- If they're using an Android device, you can download the DuckDuckGo app and turn on App Tracking Protection.
- You can go to the device's Settings and limit access to location, photos, camera and microphone.

Make sure kids understand their school or classroom's rules about which uses of AI are acceptable and which aren't. Let them know that it's more important to work hard, master skills, and learn from your mistakes than to always get good grades.

If your kids have social media accounts, you can check their privacy settings to make sure only people they know in person have access to their photos. This will make it harder for their photos to be used to create deepfakes.

However, deepfakes are most likely to be made by friends and peers, not strangers. Make sure your kids understand that intimate deepfakes aren't "victimless" but do real harm to the people depicted in them.

"We want to get rid of the shame, because I can tell you [after] talking to lots of teenagers, they rarely go to adults when things go wrong because they're scared of being told 'You're an idiot. This is your fault. Your life is over.'" Kaitlynn Mendes, Western University

Talk to your kids about healthy sexuality and relationships, and make sure they know they can come to you if something goes wrong. If they do, stay calm and help them find a solution, such as using the tools found at [StopNCII.org](https://www.stopncii.org). Check out the tip sheet [Talking to Your Kids About Sexting](#) for more information.

Like all technologies, AI influences how we use it, but we can always choose to use it safely and responsibly. Helping your kids learn about how AI works, talking about its risks and benefits, and letting them know they can come to you if they have any concerns will empower them to make good choices and get the most out of AI.

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HAPPY EASTER WJB FAMILIES

