



January 2015



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 5, 2015

Happy New Year
First Day of School 2015

JANUARY 19

School Council, 7pm

JANUARY 27

PIZZA ORDERS AND PAYMENT FOR
FEBRUARY

JANUARY 30

PA Day, no school for students

February 16

Family Day, no school

February 18

School Council, 7pm

February 20

Term 1 Report Cards come home

March 16 to 20

March Break, no school

April 3

Good Friday, no school

April 6

Easter Monday, no school

May 18

Victoria Day, no school

From the Principal

January is here, and Otters are in the full swing of learning!

During the month of December Otters will collect Mittens and scarves for our Tree of Warmth, as well as a variety of items for Family Hampers to be given to families in need in the Waterloo Region. We are pleased to be working with all of our Otters, as well as with our WE Team to coordinate these efforts in the spirit of caring and community.

December 17 Otters celebrated Abraham Erb style by presenting our Winter Wonderland concert. Classrooms coordinated to select a variety of ways to celebrate the season together — music, poetry, artwork, and friendship! Parents were welcomed for this celebration In December.

We are pleased to be offering opportunities for learning for all. S.T.E.A.M. (Skills and Tools for Emotions Awareness & Management) continues to be offered at Abraham Erb. This program offers students and adults tools to use daily in identifying and communicating feelings — foundational to solving problems! Ask your child about STEAM and be part of the conversation!

Safety is always a priority at Abraham Erb. Thank you to all Parents, Visitors, and Volunteers for making the Main Office your first stop when coming to Abraham Erb. All visitors, Parents, and Volunteers are required to sign in at the office each time you come to the school.

Students are to be crossing the street at the crosswalk, or at a corner — families are asked to please reinforce this expectation as crossing in the middle of the street is unsafe. Students crossing Laurelwood are expected to cross at the crosswalk.

Please continue to check out our School Website, and ask about ways to receive your personal communications through School Day!

Finally, you will be receiving Term 1 Report Cards will come home February 20, 2015. As always you are encouraged to communicate with your child's classroom teacher regularly by telephone, planner note, email, or by scheduling an appointment.

T. Stroud, Principal Abraham Erb Public School

School Council Happenings

The next School Council meeting will be held January 19 at 7pm in the library. Thank you to the many parent and family volunteers who have helped with the many efforts being organized by your School Council. You can still participate! School Council will be organizing and operating this year's Fun Fair in May. Stay tuned for more information!

You Otter Know

Look for communication about the great things happening at Abraham Erb on our Website, and through School-Day! Coming soon.

Kindergarten Registration — 2015

Calling all 4 year olds! Kindergarten registration appointments can be made for Monday February 2 to Friday February 6. Call 519-747-7694 to book an appointment. Forms are available online for your convenience to prepare for registration. Select "Register for Kindergarten" to access forms online at www.ABE.wrdsb.ca

Thank You To Abraham Erb Safety and Bus Patrols For Your Dedication to Pedestrian Safety

Parents are asked to review these safety tips with their children:

1. **STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN** when crossing the street. Look left and right. Wait until the cars come to a complete stop before entering the roadway.
2. Walk-don't run-when crossing the street.
3. Watch for cars turning at corners and into or out of driveways.
4. Respect, listen to and obey the Crossing Guards.



Important Information about Abraham Erb P.S.

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Waterloo, ON N2V 2V3
519 747-7694

Attendance Line-519 570-8051

Plus mailbox 3896#

Fax 519 746-4428

Teacher Mailboxes 519-570-8051

Plus their mailbox number #

Pizza Days!

February Pizza orders AND payment are due January 27, 2015 on School-Day. We can not process orders after this date.



SAFETY REMINDERS:

- **Pets, included leashed dogs, are not permitted on school property at any time during the school day.**
- **The Creative Climbing Equipment and Kindergarten Equipment are closed for the winter season — this includes between 8:55 and 9:10 am.**
- **Winter is the season to send extra mitts and socks with your child as these items often become very wet during the day.**

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Parents are asked to pick up children at their exit doors.

The upper parking lot is for JK/SK drop off.

If you must drive your child to school, please park legally on a side street and cross Laurelwood with the Safety Patrols.

To drop children at the school, students can be let out at the drop spots only, where they can walk around to the REAR DOORS.

There is no parking permitted by the City of Waterloo along Laurelwood Drive.



Abraham Erb Website

<http://abe.wrdsb.on.ca>

We are also on TWITTER!

