

Inspiring student learning through the focused efforts of all community members

Wednesday, March 4th, 2015

Dear Blair Road Families,

"Kid's Club" is the before and after school program that has operated at Blair Road School for over 15 years. It started with a group of parents, the principal at the time and Cathy Small. It began as a unique offering for families in our area, and has been very successful. Over the last few years before and after school programs have been implemented in many other schools in the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) as required by the Ministry of Education.

One of the most significant differences of the new programs is that the Ministry now requires all programs to become licensed and operate according to the Day Nurseries Act. The Blair Road Neighbourhood Association (BRNA) has spent a significant amount of time researching what this would mean for Kid's Club, and our participants, volunteers, staff and Board members. Unfortunately after careful consideration and extensive research, the BRNA has voted to discontinue Kid's Club after this school year.

There are constraints for the BRNA becoming licensed, such as staff qualifications not meeting the Day Nursery Act requirements. Our Board members are all volunteers, and we don't have the resources to implement or sustain a daycare program at Blair Road, or the funds to hire a full or part time staff person to manage the program.

We sincerely appreciate the support that the community has provided our program over the years. Cathy and the many staff and volunteers that have kept this program in operation for so long have left an incredible legacy.

If you require before and/or after school care for your child for the 2015-2016 school year, it is important that you visit <u>http://www.wrdsb.ca/beforeafter/register-for-programs/</u> to register. This is the only way the WRDSB and Jacob Hespeler Child Care Centre (who will provide programming for students in Grades 3-6) will be able to determine program viability for next year.

Sincerely,

Kelly Deml Kid's Club Coordinator BRNA

