



Confederation Central Colts

June 2023

Building Stable Relationships and Creative Minds

Principal: Tracy Ronsick

Administration Assistant: Kate Brown

Website: <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/confederation>

Facebook: @ConfedCentral

Office Update

It is hard to believe that we are in June. This year has flown by, but we have made many wonderful memories along the way and have all grown academically, socially, and emotionally. We are so proud of the way that our students have persevered and continued to put forth a consistent effort throughout the year. I hope that everyone has a restful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you back in September.



June Character Trait: Acceptance

This month we are focusing on the character trait of acceptance.

Acceptance is understanding and celebrating the way that each person is different and unique. When we show acceptance, we make others feel valuable and loved, regardless of our differences.

Examples of acceptance:

- Spending time with people who are different than you
- Including everyone
- Being kind and respectful
- Seeing the best in others
- Learning about other people
- Doing things that others want to do
- Understanding that our difference makes us special, valuable, and unique

Dress Code

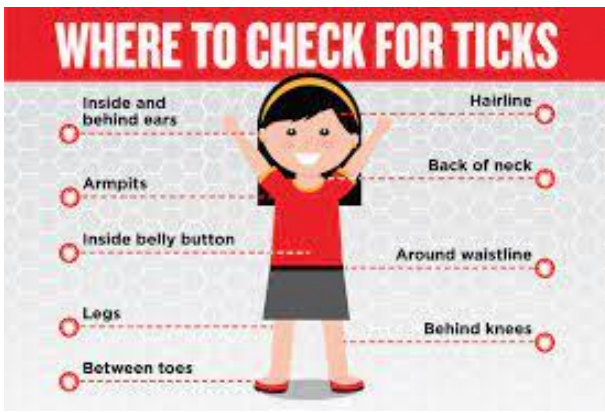
As the weather is getting warmer, a reminder about the dress code at Confederation Central.

Please remember:

- to wear clothing that depicts appropriate slogans and language and that is respectful towards all
- to wear wide tank top straps (no spaghetti straps)
- to ensure that your midriff is covered (the bottom of a shirt should meet or extend beyond waist band of pants)
- to dress in layers if wearing a muscle style top
- to ensure that length of shorts is appropriate
- to ensure that rips/ tears in pants/ shorts are appropriate

Weather

Warmer weather is upon us, and the students have been enjoying extending their learning outdoors. Please ensure to send your children in cool clothes, pack a refillable water bottle, and consider sending sunscreen or hat each day. Also, with warmer weather, comes a variety of bugs and insects including ticks. Please consider completing a daily tick check on your children as each side of our yard is surrounded with open farmer's fields. If you find a tick on your child, the Lambton Public Health website has valuable information on detection and next steps. <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/health-info/sampling-testing/>



Pride Month



The month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month in Canada. Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) joins school boards throughout the province in supporting the LGBTQ+ community with the display of the Pride Flag on flagpoles at all school and Board locations throughout the month of June.

This year, we will be displaying the Progress Pride Flag, an inclusive design by Daniel Quasar, which includes chevron shaped black and brown stripes to represent racialized LGBTQ+ communities, those currently living with AIDS and those who have been lost to the disease. The light blue, pink and white reflects the Transgender Pride Flag in the design.

The display of the Pride Flag will be in accordance with the appropriate display of the Pride Flag with the National Flag of Canada, as outlined on the LKDSB's [Display of Flags Regulation](#).

Recently, Ontario Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, made public statements to address some of the resistance that is emerging across the province. *June 1 marks the beginning of Pride month in Ontario and around the world. For many, Pride is a time to celebrate the things that make us unique and special, to look to community for acceptance and support and to demonstrate our commitment to making every single person feel welcome.*

Recognizing that many 2SLGBTQ+ students face increasing levels of bullying, harassment, and mental health issues, it is my expectation that school boards will redouble their efforts to protect these students and ensure their inclusion within Ontario schools.

It is incumbent on all school boards to ensure all students – most especially 2SLGBTQ+ students – feel supported, reflected in their schools, and welcomed within our communities. That includes celebrating Pride in a constructive, positive and meaningful ways to affirm that 2SLGBTQ+ students know that their educators and staff, school board administrators, and government stand with them.

We firmly believe that all publicly funded schools must be safe spaces for all children, regardless of race, heritage, faith, sexuality, and gender.

My message to children in our schools, particularly 2SLGBTQ+ students is that Ontario's government sees them, values them, and we are proud to stand with them.

As part of Pride Month, we are partnering with the [ArQuives](#) in Toronto to record and preserve the history of the LKDSB's 2023 Pride events and creations. As part of this effort to record our own history, each school will be receiving a **Pride Mini Museum**. The Mini Museum is a banker box that will be our students place to deposit items that represent our school's Pride Month activities and initiatives.

The LKDSB is committed to supporting student achievement, well-being, and the Strategic Priority of [Inclusive Diversity: Champion anti-oppressive education](#). The LKDSB's Strategic Priority, "Inclusive Diversity: Champion anti-oppressive education," [Safe Schools Act](#) and the protected grounds under the Ontario [Human Rights Code](#) further reinforce the importance of recognizing and affirming the rights of LGBTQ+ communities, particularly the human rights of everyone to be treated equally and with dignity and respect.

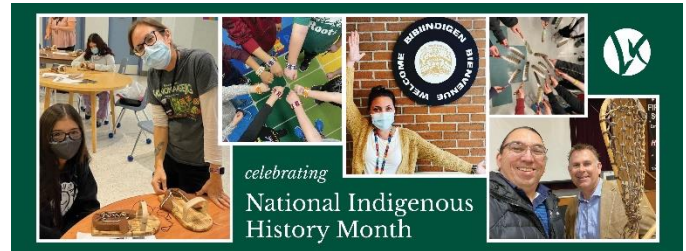
National Indigenous Month

June is National Indigenous History Month, a time for all Canadians to reflect upon and learn the history, sacrifices, cultures, contributions and strength of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.

LKDSB will be recognizing June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day. On this day and throughout the year, we honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. LKDSB is committed to working with and alongside local Indigenous communities to

promote learning and understanding of Indigenous rights, histories, knowledge, culture and perspectives. Staff, students and families are encouraged to learn more about the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

LKDSB continues to work in partnership with Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Eelūnaapèewii Lahkèewiit (Delaware Nation), Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and Walpole Island (Bkejwanong) First Nation to support student success and well-being. [Learn more about Indigenous Education at LKDSB.](#)



Track and Field

We are so proud of our students for their progress made throughout our track and field season. We have had amazing participation and sportsmanship and are excited to be sending 28 students onto the city track meet on June 5th to represent Confederation Central. A special thank you to Mr. Schaefer and Mrs. Swan for all their hard work in organizing both the school meet as well as preparing our students for the city meet. Thank you to all staff that helped to run the track and

field day! We wish all our students a successful day in Petrolia. Go Colts!



Kindergarten Registration

We are excited to welcome our newest Colts in September. To help get the students prepared for school, there were 3 dates set aside to visit the school, meet our amazing FDK educators, and participate in some classroom activities. If you know of anyone in our school boundary that has a child born in 2019, please encourage them to contact the school to register for September.



Moving?

Have you recently moved or are you planning on moving over the summer? If so, please let us know so that we can update our files and send important documentation to your new school if needed.

Next Year

A further newsletter will be sent closer to the end of August discussing class organizations and further information for September. Please stay tuned.

Bus Info

Please see the following information from CLASS regarding bus information for September.



Report Cards

Report cards will be issued on Thursday, June 29th. For any student that is absent that day, reports cards will be mailed home unless alternative arrangements have been made with the office.

School Council

We have a very caring and dedicated group of family members that meets every other month to help make the school a better place for learning for our students. If you are interested in being part of this team, we would love to hear from you. All are welcome. Our next meeting will not be held until October 4th in person at 6:00pm, so please connect with the office or watch for further information in the September newsletter.

Stay Connected on Facebook

If you are not already, please like our Facebook page for updates, reminders, and highlights of

events occurring throughout the school. We can be found @ConfedCentral.



Important Dates to Remember

- June 2- Dance A Thon
- June 2 – Little Caesars Lunch
- June 5- City Wide Track and Field Event
- June 7 – Hi-Way Bowl; Splash Pad and East Street Fire Hall Field Trip gr. 1/2
- June 9 – PD Day – No School
- June 12- rain date for City Wide Track and Field Event
- June 13 – grade 7/8 immunizations
- June 14 – EQAO ends
- June 14 – Hi-Way Bowl Field Trip - FDK
- June 15- African Lion Safari Field Trip gr. 5/6, 7/8
- June 19 - Juneteeth
- June 19 – Lambton Centre Field Trip – gr. 3/4, 4/5
- June 21- National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 22- Grade 8 Graduation at GLSS
- June 22- Kustermans Field Trip gr. 1, 2/3, 3/4
- June 23- Marcin Bowl; Alberts; Splash Pad and East Street Fire Hall Field Trip gr. 3/4 , 4/5
- June 27 - Play Day
- June 29- Last Day of School- report cards sent home
- June 30- PD Day- No school for students