



The Eagle Explorer

Dresden Area Central School
March Edition

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March Break

March Break begins on Monday, March 11th and goes to Friday, March 15th. The last day of school is Friday, March 8th with students returning on Monday, March 18th. We hope that all our students, families and staff have a safe and restful break. We look forward to seeing students back when classes resume.

Spring Weather

Spring is fast approaching. With that comes frequent changes in the weather and temperature. Please keep an eye on the daily weather and ensure that your student is dressed accordingly and is prepared each day. With exceptions, students are expected to be outside for two twenty-minute recesses each day. Additionally, teachers will often bring their students outside for daily physical activity.

Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our school through the What's Poppin' Fundraiser. Popcorn should be available for pickup on Wednesday, March 27th,



Transportation Update

At this point, the school community has been notified and has received information regarding the change in bell times, from 9:35am – 3:35pm to 8:00am – 2:20pm, for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information, see the LKDSB correspondence attached to below.

Extra-Curricular

Our girls' and boys' basketball teams continued their incredible seasons in February. Good luck to both teams in the league finals taking place on Monday, March 4th. The girl's championship is at 4pm and the boy's championship follows at 5:00pm. Both games are at DACS.





Important Dates to Remember!

- Mon, March 4th – Wednesday March 6th – Skating
- Mon, March 4th – What’s Poppin Fundraiser Ends
- Fri, March 8th – Last Day of Classes
- Mon, March 11th – Friday March 15th – March Break
- Mon, March 18th – Classes Resume
- Wed, March 27th – What’s Poppin Fundraiser Popcorn Pickup
- Fri, March 29th – Good Friday | No school
- Mon, April 1st – Easter Monday | No school
- Tues, April 2nd – Grade Photo Retakes
- Tues, April 2nd – Spring Photos
- Mon, April 8th – PA Day | No School
- Tuesday, April 9th – Parent Council @6:30pm

Eagles Excellence

Congratulations to all award winners at the February Eagle’s Pep Rally and big thank you to Student Council for organizing and running the event. Keep up the great work Eagles!



Spirit Days

- March 7th St. Patrick’s Day | Green and White
- March 8th – Pajamas and Movies Day
- March 21st – Funky Sock Day

Black History Month

Mrs. Rahn has been working with our grades 2, 3, and 4 classrooms about quilting, its connection to slavery, and her connection to both. In honour of Black History Month, the Grade 3 students have chosen their own quilt square to create and will be taught to quilt by Mrs. Rahn in the upcoming weeks.



Classrooms across the school have been working together to create a quilt bulletin board in our front hall. Each homeroom class had two Black heroes to read about and discuss as a class. Each class decided what information was interesting and exciting to share with the school and filled out hexagons to join the quilt.

February 29, 2024

Bell Time Change for Dresden Area Central School

Dresden Area Central School will be changing the school bell time for the 2024-2025 school year. **Effective September 3, 2024, Dresden Area Central School (DACS) students will start school at 8:00AM and be dismissed at 2:20PM.**

This decision will align the bell times at DACS with the bell times at Lambton Kent Composite School (LKCS). As part of this change for the community, the school bus service will also be converting to the K-12 integrated service model, wherein students attending both DACS and LKCS will ride together on shared bus routes servicing both schools. Information regarding what will be changing and what will be staying the same in relation to this decision is highlighted below.

What Will Be Changing:

- Pickup and drop off times at the school will be aligned to the new bell times.
- The bus that students currently ride may change with the updated K-12 service and route updates.
- All buses will service both DACS and LKCS and therefore, student from K-12 will be riding each bus.

What Will Stay the Same:

- As student safety is a priority, school buses will continue to have seating plans for all elementary school students, with elementary students planned at the front of the bus.
- Bus stop locations for all students will stay the same.
- There will be no substantial change to average riding times.
- Maximum bus loading parameters will remain the same.

Preliminary transportation details will be available from CLASS via the online parent portal tool by mid-July. Parents / guardians who do not have a portal set up will need to create one at <https://cklass.ca/parent-portal/>

Final transportation details will be available on parent portals anytime after August 26th, 2024.

We understand that this decision will impact students and families in the DACS community. Parents/Guardians with any questions or concerns about the change, service for their student(s) or requiring assistance in setting up a parent portal can contact Student Transportation at 1-877-330-4287

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For reference information contact:

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March Break Connection Camp

Building Social Skills in Students



Students in grades 7-10 are invited to participate in a social skills camp over the winter break. ABA Specialists team will lead day-long, fun-filled learning opportunities focusing on building positive peer connections, and refining the skills needed for success in school, including organization, planning, leisure, and self-regulation.

Connection Camp Activities will Include:

- Cooperative games, STEM activities and creative art projects
- Mindfulness activities including outdoor nature exploration (weather depending)
- Team building activities
- Homework help if needed
- Lunch and Snacks

Students will be encouraged to participate in all activities, including lunch prep. A choice of independent activities will be available for those needing a break from the group. Our goal is for all participants to enjoy themselves and learn skills in a safe place at a comfortable pace.

Camp Dates & Locations:

Tuesday March 12th, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

@ John McGregor Secondary School, Chatham

@ Chatham Kent Secondary School, Chatham

@ North Lambton Secondary School, Forest

Wednesday March 13th, 2024 Time 10:00-am -2:00pm

@ Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School, Sarnia

@ Great Lakes Secondary School, Sarnia

@ Northern Collegiate High School, Sarnia

Thursday March 14th, 2024 Time 10:00am –2:00 pm

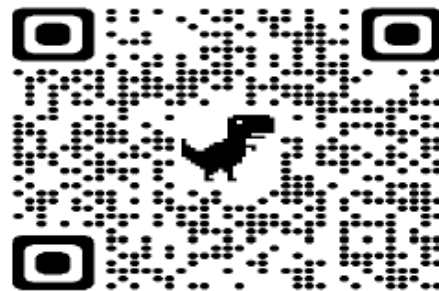
@ Lambton Central Collegiate & Vocational School, Petrolia

@ Northern Collegiate High School, Sarnia

@ Great Lakes Secondary School, Sarnia

To register your child, please complete the registration form following the link:

Use your camera to get to form, then sign into google to complete.



For additional information on the camp, please contact your school's Resource Teacher or:

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