



East Lambton Elementary School

East Lambton is Bus Zone 1
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January 2024 Newsletter

School Motto: Work Hard. Be Respectful. That's our Lion Pride.

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

I am so excited to be joining the Lion Den here in Watford as your new Principal! I am looking forward to getting to know your students and the community as we progress through the school year. Please feel free to reach out anytime to have a conversation or even just say hello. I can be reached by email at

Randi.McDonald@lkdsb.net or by calling the school at 519-346-2755.

Mrs. Randi McDonald

Principal

Upcoming Events:

January 8: First Day of Classes

January 11, 18, 25: Pizza Days

January 10, 17, 24, 31: Popcorn Days

January 12: Free Lunch – Soup Day

January 12: New Years Fancy Dance – dress your best for this spirit day!

January 22: SK and Grade 8 Grad pictures

January 26: Sports Day Spirit Day

January 29: School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

January 30: Colour House Activity Day

February 1: Kindergarten Registration 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 2: PA Day (no classes for students)

February 2: Kindergarten Registration 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Kindergarten Registration

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form @ www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on February 1st from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm and February 2nd from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child

Grade 8 Fundraising:

The Grade 8 class will be hosting a New Years Fancy Dance on Friday, January 12. Each class will have a time to come down to dance, purchase goodies and have fun! Please see the flier for more information.

Reminders/Information for Parents:

End of Day Dismissal Routines: Thank you for always keeping the classroom teacher informed of changes to end of day dismissals. Please also be sure to keep the office informed of these changes as sometimes homeroom teachers are away, and messages do not get communicated to the office.

Labelling of Clothing: Each year countless items end up in our Lost and Found - ultimately many of these items are never claimed. Any unclaimed items will be donated to various community agencies in need. Labelling your child's clothing is the BEST way to ensure that "found" items can be returned to the rightful owner.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices: All electronic devices, such as cell phones, media players, digital game devices, computers and cameras are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school without the permission of school personnel and only for educational purposes. Cell phones are to be kept in lockers at all times. At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property.

Playground Equipment:

[Please be advised that our playground equipment will be closed until the Spring.](#)

The Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange advises the closure of school playgrounds due to the following reasons:

Freezing temperatures - At temperatures below 0 deg. C, very few types of protective ground surfacing remain resilient enough to offer any degree of protection to a falling child - regardless of depth. If the ground cover is frozen, the play equipment is NOT safe for use.

Snow build-up - Snow can cause two problems on a play structure - first, it can make play surfaces very slippery; secondly, it can create suffocation hazards if the openings at the end of tube slides or similar structures become closed in by drifting snow.

Ice or freezing rain - As noted above, ice or freezing rain can make play surfaces, hand grips and stairways very slippery, increasing the risk of slip and fall injuries.

Clothing - Winter clothing is much different from normal clothing. Synthetic materials, such as nylon, reduce sliding resistance, particularly on plastic slide beds. This can increase the travel speed on this equipment to a dangerous level, and if combined with frozen ground cover, as described under Item (1), can increase the chance of injury. Winter clothing is also very bulky and is more likely to have drawstrings or hooks and clips which can become entangled in components of the equipment. All scarves should be kept inside of the child's coat.

Please remind your child to not use the playground equipment during non-school hours for these safety reasons.

Inclement Weather: East Lambton School is in Zone 1. Please listen to local radio stations, visit www.schoolbusinfo.com, or download the My SBI Mobile App to receive updates on bus delays or cancellations due to inclement weather or other. Busses in the morning that have been cancelled in the morning due to inclement weather **will not** return students to school in the afternoon. If parents drive students to school in the morning, they are responsible to pick their children up and take them home in the afternoon. Busses that have been cancelled in the morning due to fog **will** operate in the afternoon and to return students to their homes. *Please remember to call the school if your child will be absent due to bus cancellations.*



NEW YEAR
Fancy Dance
SUPER AWESOME BASH!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

LET'S KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE AT ELES!

YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR FANCY HOLIDAY ATTIRE

DANCES WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GYM AFTER LUNCH

TREATS AVAILABLE

BOTTLED WATER \$0.50
JUICE BOX \$0.50
POPCORN \$2.00
CANDY BAG \$1.00
GLOW STICK \$0.50

**PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT GRADE 8
CLASS TRIP TO MUSKOKA WOODS**