



East Lambton Elementary School

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November 2023 Newsletter

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

Principal's Message: This is a month when we put focus on remembering and paying respect to the men and women who have and continue to fight to maintain the rights and freedoms that we enjoy as Canadians. Each day, as staff of East Lambton, we coach our students on how to do our part to respect these rights and freedoms by interacting with each other in a respectful and kind manner, resolving conflicts in a peaceful and appropriate way. Respect means you care enough to think about how you impact others.

Building community among staff and students is an important focus for our school and to promote our vision of community, all staff and students have been placed onto Colour Houses and will be participating in a variety of challenges with their school "family". Our goal is to show mutual respect for all members of our colour house, to work together to achieve our goals, to promote wellness amongst our members, and to positively support each other, to work hard, and to have fun.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week: November 20-24th has been designated as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. We will wear PINK on Wednesday, November 22nd. Activities and discussions will happen throughout the week in our classes. Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

The different forms of bullying include:

Physical – hitting, shoving, stealing, or damaging property.

Verbal – name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist, or homophobic comments.

Social – excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them.

Electronic (commonly known as cyberbullying) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments through cellphones, e-mail, text messaging, and social networking sites.

A great article explaining bullying can be found [here](#).

Donation to ELES: Thank you to all the community members and organizations who have made generous donations to our school over the past few months. The Watford Rotary Club made a generous financial contribution to support literacy programs in our school. The Mike Harvey Foundation made a sizable donation to support our efforts to provide free hot lunches throughout the school year.

We also had a very generous donation from a family within our school community. This family allowed each student to choose a book to add to our library collection and purchased 260 new books for our school. Each book will have a tag inside the front cover sharing which student chose that book. This is a gift that will keep on giving as ELES students for years to come will be able to enjoy these new library books!

We are very fortunate and grateful to be a part of this generous community. Your commitment to our students is overwhelming!

School Learning Plan: Our School Improvement Team met recently to develop our School Improvement Plan for the year. LKDSB requires each school to set a goal for the six areas below. These goals and the identified success criteria for each will be discussed with School Council and will be a continued focus of learning and discussion with staff throughout the year.

Student Literacy Achievement Goal: Use tiered supports, phonemic awareness and phonics screeners and lessons to provide targeted instruction that improves literacy skills.

Student Mathematics Achievement Goal: Use tiered supports and number talks to provide explicit and systematic instruction that improves numeracy skills.

Student Wellbeing Goal (including Feeling of Belonging, Caring & Trusting Adult, and Sense of Welcoming): Based on survey data, we will help students to feel a greater sense of belonging, feel welcomed at school, develop relationships with more than one caring adult, and take pride in sense of self by engaging students and strengthening relationships.

Indigenous Goal (including Truth and Reconciliation Commitments): Continue to develop staff and student understanding of the truth in our Canadian history and develop an appreciation of Indigenous culture.

Anti-oppressive Education Goal: Build in discussions and programming (all-yearlong) that includes marginalized voices and recognizes systemic obstacles and/or celebrates differences.

Attendance Goal: Work as a team to build relationships with students, families, and our school community and to encourage students in grades 1-8 to attend school greater than 90% of the time.

Important Dates:

Nov. 1 – Forest Area of Schools meeting in East Lambton Gym @ 5 pm

Nov. 2 – Grade 7 & 8 Immunizations

Nov. 7 – Lambton Public Health Dental Screening

Nov. 8 – Wreath orders are due (School Cash Online)

Nov. 8 --Picture Retake Day

Nov. 10 -- Progress Reports Sent Home

--- School Pride Day – wear your ELES colours

--- Free Grilled Cheese Lunch Day

Nov. 13 – Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Learning Commons

Nov. 13 – 17 – Scholastic Book Fair in Learning Commons

Nov. 14 – Wear Blue for Diabetes Awareness Day

-- Sub Day

Nov. 15 – Colour House Activity – please wear your colour house colour.

Nov. 16 -- Parent-Teacher Interviews 3:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 17 -- Parent-Teacher Interviews 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

-- PA Day (no school for Students)

Nov. 20 – Bus Safety presentations

Nov. 22 – Pink Shirt Day for Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Nov. 24 – Inside Out/Backwards Spirit Day

Nov. 27 – Wreath Pick-up 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Nov. 28 – School Christmas Dinner 11:00 (snow day Nov 29)

Upcoming Events:

Treaties Recognition Week:

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) commemorates Treaties Recognition Week between November 6-10, joining school boards across the province in promoting education and awareness about treaty rights and treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Ontario.

The LKDSB recognizes the traditional land of Aamjiwnaang First Nation; Eelūnaapéewi Lakhéewiit (Delaware Nation), Kettle & Stony Point First Nation; and Walpole Island (Bkejwanong) First Nation. The LKDSB appreciates the ongoing support and partnership of the four First Nations to collectively promote education and mutual understanding of Indigenous histories and perspectives.

Schools are working towards greater understanding of treaties, treaty relationships, and the responsibilities we have to raise awareness about Indigenous histories, cultures, contributions, and perspectives. Treaties Recognition Week is one of the many steps in Ontario's journey to healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. As staff and students, we will be building our understanding of treaties during the first week of November by connecting to virtual events and participating in various learning activities.

Did you know...

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships.

Every Ontarian is a treaty person.

Most of Ontario is covered by 46 treaties and other agreements, such as land purchases by the Crown signed between 1781 and 1930.

First Nations had their own process of Treaty-making that had existed for thousands of years.

Treaties are legal agreements between two or more nations.

PA Day: November 17th is a PA Day. There is no school for students on this day.

Progress Reports and Interviews: Progress Reports will be going home with students on Friday, November 10th. In-person interviews will be scheduled for Thursday November 16th and Friday November 17th. Parents are asked to sign up for a 10-minute interview using our Sign-Up Genius Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080448AAA723A7F49-45288716-interviews>

The scholastic Book Fair will also be running in the learning commons during parent-teacher interviews.

Wreath Fundraiser: Again, this fall, we have embarked on our popular Wreath fundraiser. Wreath Order Forms are available now on School Cash Online and due November 8th. Payment is also required via School Cash Online. Wreaths will be available for pick up will be on Monday, November 27th from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. If you require assistance with School Cash On-line, please do not hesitate to contact the office for help.

World Diabetes Day: Tuesday, November 14th is World Diabetes Day. To show our support, staff and students are encouraged to wear blue to support Diabetes Awareness.

Reminders/Information for Parents:

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.

Inclement Weather: schoolbusinfo.com and local radio stations will communicate information regarding bus cancellations. If you have a concern regarding bussing, please do not hesitate to contact Sandy at Lang's @ 519-383-1221. EAST LAMBTON IS IN SCHOOL BUS ZONE 1.

Student Accident Insurance – Voluntary Participation

The Lambton Kent District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during off school property activities - - this includes extracurricular sports, field trips, etc. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by provincial health care or their employer's health care plan. Please check with your provider regarding coverage.

The Board encourages all parents/guardians to review this or other available Student Accident Insurance plans, especially those with a child(ren) participating in medium to high-impact physical activities (both during school and outside of school hours).

The insuremykids® student accident insurance program offers three plans with a variety of benefits and affordable rates. Their most affordable plan is available for as little as \$17 per year. All plans provide 24/7 coverage. For more information or to purchase insurance, please visit www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437.

The 2023/2024 Student Accident Insurance Program is available for purchase now and is in effect for 365 days. No matter when the student accident policy is purchased the coverage is available for 365 days, one year from the date of purchase. This allows families to purchase whenever they prefer.



The poster features a light blue background with white snowflake patterns. At the top left is a yellow sunflower logo. In the top center, the text "Noelle's Gift TO CHILDREN" is written in a mix of black and grey fonts. To the right is a circular logo for "Moose Lodge #1046 Sarnia, Ontario" featuring a moose. The main title "Winter Fun Day" is in large, green, bubbly letters with a white outline and a drop shadow; a Santa hat is placed on the letter 'F' of "Fun". Below the title, the date and time "SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH 12:00 PM — 3:00 PM" are written in bold red letters. A dotted line separates this from the text "Join us for a Winter Fun Day FULL of fun activities!" in red. Below that, a list of activities is written in blue italics: "Craft Tables, Movies with Popcorn, Hot Chocolate, Juice and Delicious Pizza, Horse and Wagon Rides, Pictures with Santa!". At the bottom, "FREE Fun Day" is written in green, with "FREE" in block letters and "Fun Day" in a cursive script. The entire bottom section is on a red background with the text "St. Matthew's School • 720 Elm Ave, Sarnia" in white.

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