

Zone Township Central School

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March 2024

Important Dates:

Our Student Council has planned some fun Spirit Days for the week leading up to the March break. Participation is voluntary.

March 4 – School colours/Crusader gear

March 5 – Plaid/Western Wear

March 6 – Mismatched Day

March 7 – Green & Gold Day (St. Patrick's Day)

March 8 – PJ Day

Immunization Update:

To attend school in Ontario, the *Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990 (ISPA)*, requires students to be vaccinated against the following diseases or obtain a valid exemption: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Pertussis, Meningococcal disease, Polio, and Varicella.

Please note that if your child is behind in their immunizations, Chatham-Kent Public Health mailed out notices the week of January 3, 2024. A Suspension Order was mailed out the week of January 30th, 2024, with a suspension date of Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Be reminded, that once a child receives their immunizations that it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to report it to Public Health.

Parents/guardians can report their child's immunizations by:

- Phone: (519) 352-7270 ext. 2403
- Online: www.ckpublichealth.com/immunizations
- Fax: (519) 436-3214
- In Person: Public Health – 435 Grand Ave. W., 2nd Floor, Chatham, ON, N7M 5L8.

Milk and Popcorn Sales

Thank you for your milk and popcorn orders. All revenue generated benefits our students. This year, all profits will be used to offset the cost of year-end field trips.

Indoor versus Outdoor Recess

Although we understand the importance and benefits of outdoor recess for fresh air, social time, exercise, etc., there are instances where weather conditions result in the need to keep students indoors. Throughout the winter months, extreme weather and temperatures are monitored to determine the safety of allowing students outside for recess. Likewise, in the fall and spring, wet weather is monitored. Mist and light rain → outdoor recess. Steady and heavy rain → indoor recess. Students should dress appropriately for the weather conditions and predictions each day.

March Break

March Break is March 11-15. We hope everyone has a fantastic, well-deserved week off!

Individual Education Plans (IEPs): Our Learning Resource Teacher, Mrs. Clark, has worked closely with classroom teachers and students to update IEPs for Term 2 for students who require accommodations and/or modifications to their regular classroom program. IEPs will be sent home on Friday March 22nd and parents are asked to take some time to review your child's program as described in the IEP and sign and return the last page of the document. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's IEP, please do not hesitate to contact the school for help as our resource teacher, classroom teachers, and school administration will be happy to assist.

FDK Registration and Open House

Our next kindergarten registration and open house will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd from 4:00-7:00 p.m. If you still need to register your child, please complete the online registration, and stop in during the evening of April 3rd. If you're unable to register online, we will have paper forms in the school office that you may use to register your child. If you have already registered, please join us at the open house on April 3rd to meet our kindergarten team, tour the classroom, and participate in an activity. Feel free to bring a friend! If you're unable to attend on April 3rd, there will be one final evening on Wednesday, May 29th, where we will be hosting a final registration and open house. Please plan to join us on that date as well!

Parent Council/School Advisory Council

Our next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 10th at 4:00 p.m. This will be our final official meeting of the year. Please email Kari.Aubertin@lkdsb.net if you would like an invitation to the meeting.

Safe Arrival

Our school day begins with an entrance bell at 9:15 a.m. Students are supervised on the schoolyard from 9:00 a.m. until the entry bell rings. **Students are not permitted on the school yard before 9:00 a.m.** as their safety on the yard cannot be monitored without a staff member present.

Spring Fundraiser

As teachers begin preparations and planning for year-end field trips, our school and Parent Council would like to assist in bringing down the cost for each student. Therefore, we are planning a Flower Planter Fundraiser to be held from April 9th to April 22nd. More details will be shared in April.

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, snow build up, ice or freezing rain, and winter Clothing. Please remind your child not to use the playground equipment during non-school hours for these safety reasons.

Even though we are experiencing some above average temperatures, all playground equipment must be inspected in the Spring prior to usage. We patiently wait every Spring for communication stating that it is safe to use and free from safety hazards.

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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. If a student carries a cell phone, he/she is responsible for storing the device in their locker. 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.

Bus Zone 6 - Inclement Weather

The Lambton Kent District School Board has administrative procedures in place to assist parents and guardians in the mornings when dangerous weather conditions exist. Parents should listen to their local radio station or check the transportation website at www.schoolbusinfo.com or download the MySBI Bus Status app by CLASS. If buses are cancelled in the morning due to fog, they **will** run in the afternoon. If buses are cancelled in the morning due to snow and icy road conditions, they **will not** run in the afternoon and parents and guardians must plan for picking up students at the end of the day.

Mathematics at Home

Using a deck of playing cards, play "war" to practice numeracy facts. Split the cards between the two players. Turn over the top two cards – you can either add, subtract (keeping positive answers), or multiply the two cards to see who wins. The winner takes all 4 cards, and you play again just like the traditional card game of war. Whoever has the most cards at the end wins! It's a great game to play to strengthen numeracy facts and does not take a lot of time to set up.



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Community partners throughout Chatham Kent have joined together to host a 2SLGBTQIA+ youth conference during the March Break. This conference is open to both Lambton and Chatham Kent individuals interested in attending.

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