

Zone Township Central School

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December Update 2022

Zone School is Giving Back to our Community

Once again, Zone staff and students are requested to help those in need during this holiday season. If you are able, please send in items that we can donate to the Bothwell Hamper Program. Collection of items will begin immediately and will end on December 12.

Requested items include:

- Non-perishable food items
- Toiletries
- Socks
- Hats, mittens, scarves (children and adult sizes)
- Hand-made Christmas cards
- Money donations of \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00 will also be accepted through School Cash On-line

School Playground

Please be advised that our playground equipment is now closed and will not re-open 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 than 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 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. Please remind your child to not use the school equipment outside of school hours during the winter months.

Pediculosis Check

Sometimes students arrive at school infected with pediculosis. Spring and fall are the seasons when head lice are most prevalent in school children. Your assistance in early detection is greatly appreciated. Please check your child for head lice weekly. Infestation by head lice is an unpleasant nuisance, but not a health problem. Head lice do not carry or spread disease. If we detect head lice on your child, you may be notified and asked to come to the school to pick up your child. We then ask that you use the necessary treatment on his/her hair. Hopefully by working together we can control the spread of head lice.

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Bus Zone 6 - Inclement Weather

The Lambton Kent District School Board has administrative procedures in place to assist parents and guardians on 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 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 make arrangements for picking up students at the end of the day.

Parent Council/School Advisory Council

Our next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 15th at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. Please email Colleen.Anderson@lkdsb.net if you would like an invitation to join the virtual meeting.

Holiday Break

The last day before the Holiday Break is Friday, December 23rd and classes will resume on Monday, January 9th, 2023. On behalf of the entire Zone Township Central School staff, we wish our students and their families a wonderful and healthy holiday. Continue to stay safe and see you in 2023!

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