

Zone Township Central School

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November Update 2021

Remembrance Day – Poppies for the Legion

This year, our Remembrance Day assembly will be held virtually in classrooms for our staff and students. All students will receive a poppy. **Donations may be sent to school with your child(ren) and will be forwarded to the Bothwell Legion.**

LKDSB is Hiring for Supervision Support at Zone School

Zone School currently has an available paid position for supervision support. The successful candidate must be available to work one or two hours daily, Monday through Friday, for the remainder of this school year. The position mainly involves supervising students during indoor and outdoor nutrition breaks. If this is something you're interested in, please contact the school for further information.

Progress Reports/Communication of Learning

Progress Reports for Grades 1 to 8 students and Kindergarten Communication of Learning Initial Observations for Kindergarten students will be sent home Friday, November 12. Grades 1 to 8 Progress Reports indicate how a child is progressing in the subjects covered to date. There are 3 categories: Progressing With Difficulty, Progressing Well, and Progressing Very Well. Progressing With Difficulty means that a child will require improvement and/or assistance to meet the provincial standard at the end of the term/year. Progressing Well means that there is evidence that a child is meeting or will meet the provincial standard by the end of the term/year. Progressing Very Well means that there is very consistent evidence that a child is meeting or will meet, or is exceeding or will exceed, the provincial standard. In all three categories, teachers use their professional judgment and knowledge of the individual child to make a final determination.

Attendance/Late Letters with Progress Reports

Research indicates that the more days a child is absent from school, the greater the impact is on his or her academic achievement.

Students who have been absent 5 days or more will receive an attendance letter to accompany the Elementary Progress Report Card. LKDSB has administrative procedures in place and can provide support through a referral to the LKDSB Attendance Officer to help families get students here on time and every day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held virtually or through a phone call. Your child(ren)'s teacher will contact you regarding a date and time for the interview.

Zone Township Central School is in **Zone 6**. Listen to the radio for bus delays and cancellations or check <http://www.schoolbusinfo.com> for regular updates. 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.

Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future.

In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone.

The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to: possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting.

The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations. Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol.

If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed.

Link to Fair Notice Communication Regarding Violent Threat Risk Assessment

Protocol: https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=366&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item

Parent Council/School Advisory Council

Our next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 24th 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.

School Emergency Procedures

Throughout the school year, we practise emergency drills. Each fall and spring, we hold 3 fire drills and a lockdown, hold and secure, shelter in place, and tornado drill. Our alternate emergency location is the Bothwell Arena.

Bus Seating Assignments

Seat Assignments on the school bus

SCHOOL BUS

CLASS would like to remind students they **MUST** sit in their assigned seat.

Let's help **STOP THE SPREAD!**

If you are unsure what your assigned seat is ask your bus driver or call:
Student Transportation Services
Tel. 1-877-330-4267

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