

# Zone Township Central School

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**October Update 2023**

## **School Fundraiser – Fresh from the Farm**

This fall, our Parent Council is holding a school-wide fundraiser to help offset the cost of field trips.

Beginning September 29th and ending October 10th, students will be selling Fresh From the Farm 14lb Vegetable Bundles and 8lb Apple Bundles. Order forms will be coming home today. Thank you for your support in this endeavour.

## **Hallowe'en Treats Sent to School (and all treats throughout the year)**

Treats sent to school to celebrate special occasions (e.g., birthdays, Hallowe'en, Christmas, Easter) are only permitted to be shared if they are prepared in a government inspected kitchen (i.e., restaurant) or are store-bought prepackaged items with ingredients listed (no nuts or peanuts). Although we do not encourage food items to be sent to school to be shared, if you want to send them in, please speak to the teacher or the principal beforehand to ensure your items are permitted and meet guidelines.

## **Parking Lot - Dropping Off & Picking Up Students**

Please use **extreme caution** when dropping off and picking up your children. Our parking lot is filled with vehicles, including buses, coming and going throughout the day. Arrival and dismissal times are the most congested times and also the most dangerous times for our students as they are walking through the parking lot to their ride or on their walk home.

When dropping off and picking up, please **do not park on our sidewalks or on our grass**. This ensures that students have a safe place to walk.

Students are reminded regularly about safety in parking lots. Please also discuss this with your children. Safety of all students is our number one concern. Thank you for your help in keeping all students safe.

## **Dogs on School Property**

For the safety of all students, **dogs are not permitted** on school property during school hours, in the morning during drop-off, and after school during pick-up. We appreciate you respecting this rule.

## **Automated Safe Arrival Calls**

Zone School's automated attendance messaging system notifies parents/guardians when your child has been marked absent and the school has not been notified of the reason for the absence. To follow-up, we will contact the parent/guardian phone numbers and email addresses that we have on file and ask that you call the school to confirm the absence and provide the reason. You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information and by notifying the school office in advance if your child will be late or absent.

**Please note: To avoid calls and emails regarding attendance, kindly contact the school in advance to let us know your child will be absent. School voicemail messages are checked regularly.**

## Parents and Visitors

In keeping with LKDSB's Safe Schools Policy, only staff and students are permitted in the school building and in the fenced primary yard and junior/intermediate school yard during regular school hours. Parents and guardians who drop off young children are asked to do so at the gate. All parents, guardians, and visitors to the school and/or school yard must check in at the office to obtain a visitor's pass during regular school hours of 9:00 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

## 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](http://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.

## Prevalent Medical Conditions

Does your child have a medical condition of anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy/seizure disorder, or diabetes? If so, then your child has a prevalent medical condition that the school must be made aware of and LKDSB requires a plan to be made. All families who indicated that their child has one or more of these conditions have been contacted in person, by phone, or by email. Forms have been sent home with students. If your child has a prevalent medical condition, and you haven't received or returned the form, please contact the school immediately so that a plan is put in place to keep your child safe. If we do not hear back from you, we will assume that your child no longer has the condition, and their name will be removed from our prevalent medical condition list. Your cooperation in helping us keep up to date with the most relevant medical information for your child is important for their safety.

## Parent Council/School Advisory Council

Zone's Parent Council met for the first time this year on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Co-chairs for the 2023-2024 school year are Colette Walters and Debra Cross. Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year is Mandy Curran.

Our next meeting will be held virtually on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Please email [Colleen.Anderson@lkdsb.net](mailto:Colleen.Anderson@lkdsb.net), contact the school, or let one of our council members know you are interested in attending. An email invitation link will be sent to you for the upcoming meeting.

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.