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November 2021

Mr. Chris Lambkin, Principal
Mrs. Megan Barnes, Secretary

Progress Reports & Parent/Teacher Interviews

Progress Reports are scheduled to go home Friday, November 12th, 2021. Parent/Teacher interviews for students in Grades 1-8 and FDK Progress Conferences are taking place Thursday, November 18th, & Friday, November 19th; via a scheduled Google Meet or with a scheduled phone call. We encourage all families to schedule an interview.

School Council Meeting

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6th at 6:30pm, All parents and/or guardians are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to stay up to date on events at Brigden and to share ideas and input.

This meeting will take place virtually on Google Meet. You will need a Google account and will have to download the Google "Meet" app onto a device. We will email you a link to the meeting beforehand. Hope to see you there. **We are looking for new members**, please contact Mr. Lambkin at Christopher.Lambkin@lkdsb.net if you are interested.

Covid-19 Screening

Parents/guardians please continue with the daily Covid-19 screening for assessing your child(ren) and reporting whether they are experiencing any signs of illness. Please refer to the Ontario screening tool <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/schoolscreening/> The screening tool will advise you whether you should send your child(ren) to school or not and will also advise you of next steps. **All students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should seek appropriate medical attention as required.**

Treaty Recognition Week

The Lambton Kent District School Board commemorates Treaties Recognition Week from November 1st to the 5th. LKDSB students and staff will learn more about treaties between Canada and Indigenous Peoples.

Drop-off & Pick Up

Parents/guardians are asked to please pick up your child(ren) at his/her designated spot outside, or at the main entrance doors. *At this time, **parents/guardians can not come into the school without a scheduled appointment. Parents/guardians may enter the school if there is an emergency.*** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Driveway

It is important to follow the directions in the parking lot for entering and exiting for your safety and the safety of all. *Please, **do not pass buses that are loading and unloading students.***

Visitors to the School

All visitors must have a scheduled appointment. Visitors must have passed the Covid-19 assessment before entering the school; *Once in the school, visitors must sign-in, sanitize, and have their mask on. Once in the school visitors are still required to social distance.*

Weather and Buses

In the instance of inclement weather (fog at this stage of the year), buses may be cancelled for safety reasons. We kindly ask that on those mornings where you may be uncertain to listen to local radio or check www.schoolbusinfo.com for inclement weather. Brigden P.S is in Bus Zones 3, 4, and 5. If your child will not be riding the bus, please send a note or make a phone call for that day prior to dismissal time. If a note/phone call is/are not received the child will be sent home on the bus.

Should there be a cancellation due to fog; buses will return students home in the afternoon, unlike bus cancellation due to snow where the buses will not run all day. On these days, schools will remain open. Tune into local radio stations who will share bus cancellations and potential school closures.

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=460&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/=

School Website, & Facebook Page (Click on the Links below)

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Covid-19 Parent/Guardian Resources (Click on the Link below)

[Covid-19 Information for parents/guardians](#)

Dates to Remember

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| November 1 – 5 | Treaties Recognition week |
| November 11 | Remembrance Day |
| November 12 | Progress Reports go home |
| November 18 & 19 | Parent/Teacher Interviews – Via Google Meet or Phone |
| November 19 | P.A Day – No Classes |
| November 21 – 27 | Anti-Bullying and Prevention Week |