

# Colonel Cameron News

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**Principal's Message:** Best wishes for 2024 to all of our students, parents, guardians, and community. Hopefully you had a great winter break and enjoyed time with family and friends. Our staff is excited to start 2024 on a positive note.

**Staff Update:** We would like to welcome Mrs. McEvoy to Kindergarten. She will be replacing Mrs. McGee as the Early Childhood Educator in Mrs. Miller's room. Best of luck to Mrs. McGee as she enters her retirement.

**School Advisory Council:** More information will be coming in the new year with regards to the future activities being organized by School Council. **Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at the school from 4-6 PM. All are welcome.**

### Dates To Remember:

Jan. 8	School Resumes
Jan 12	Pizza Hut Lunch
Jan. 19	Colour House Activity Day
Jan. 26	Foodland Lunch
Feb. 1	KinderStart Registration 4 pm- 7pm
Feb. 2	P.A. Day
Feb. 2	KinderStart Registration 9 am – 3 pm
Feb. 16	Term 1 Reports (Grades 1-8) and Communication of Learning (FDK) Sent Home
Feb. 19	Family Day
Mar. 11-15	March Break

**Playground Equipment:** **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 very 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

## Kindergarten Registration Now Open for Future LKDSB Students:

Making the transition into Kindergarten is an important milestone in the lives of young children, as well as their parents and guardians. Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) has put a focus on ensuring that the transition is warm, welcoming and as easy as possible.

Parents and guardians with children born in 2019 or 2020, looking to have their child start Kindergarten in September 2024 can register in three, easy steps:

1. Visit [www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten)
2. Find your school.
3. Fill out the online registration form



Our Kindergarten Registration days are:

**Thursday, February 1st from 4:00PM-7:00PM**

**Friday, February 2nd from 9:00AM-3:00PM**

Remember to Bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g. utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child

We look forward to meeting new Cougar families and students! Please let family and friends who have Kindergarten age students know about the registration.

## Inclement Weather:

Colonel Cameron is in Zone 3. 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 dropping off and picking up students at the end of the day.

At Colonel Cameron Public School, we look forward to working with each child and family to ensure an excellent education for ***Every Student, Every Day.***