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Holiday Feast

We thoroughly enjoyed our holiday feast again this year. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Hamulecki for the \$1000 donation towards the holiday meal from Burns Restaurant, school councils' contribution, our Healthy Snack program for the donation of fruit and vegetable trays to round out the meal, and cookies freshly baked by Tara Sanderson.

Staffing Changes

Ms. Hannah Clark will be joining us in the JK/SK class as the ECE in January. She will be covering Mrs. Doom's leave until May.

Jingle and Mingle Event

We had an amazing time at the Jingle and Mingle event, so many excited and smiling faces. We also raised \$1081.05 for our playground pursuit. A special thank you to all the staff and students who helped organize and decorate for the event, school council volunteers for running and helping to organize the cookie exchange and all the parents and community members that donated cookies to make the exchange so successful. Thank you to families for the food donations, they will benefit community members that utilize the Pantry in Florence.

Playground Pursuit

A special thank you to Brittany Ford for her donation of \$88.15 from Hot Chocolate Sales during the Dresden Holiday Parade and Tarin Thompson for her donation of \$25 through school cash online. Our spaghetti dinner was a great success, raising \$1628.87. Thanks to all staff for their help before and after the event for doing so many things. Thanks also to Melissa Young, Kathy Moulton, Brandi Elliott and Monica Sanderson for their help cooking before and during the

event, Mrs. Elliott for baking delicious cupcakes, Mrs. Rickman and Mrs. Doom for organizing and running the evening, and the community for their support. Donations including the beef (Mr. and Mrs. Hamulecki), sauce (Congra Brands), spaghetti (Brandi Elliott), and cupcakes (staff and Mrs. Elliott) made this venture possible.

Snack Program

We are fortunate to have support from our parents and community partners to continue to provide snacks for our students daily. A special thank you to the Veenema family for the donation of snack bags.

Kindergarten Registration

On Thursday, February 1 from 4:00-7:00 and February 2 from 9:00-3:00 Kindergarten Registration will take place at Dawn Euphemia School. Registration is an event for parents and children who will be starting Kindergarten in September 2024. It gives families and students an opportunity to visit the school and tour the classroom with the principal. If you know anyone in our area with a child that will be 4 by December 31, 2024, please tell them to contact the school about registration! Please fill out the registration forms online before attending in person at www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten.

Food Days

Pizza will begin again on January 18th.

School Playground

Please be advised that our playground equipment will be closed 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 from 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, as described under Item (1), 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. All scarves should be kept inside of the child's coat. Please remind your child not to use the playground equipment during non-school hours for these safety reasons.

School Absences and Safe Arrival

Our Safe School Policy requests that if a student is going to be absent, please notify the school at (519) 355-3148. We have an answering machine to record this information before or after school hours. It is essential for safety reasons that we are aware if your child is not at school. The Safe Arrival app can also be used to report absences. If we have not heard from you, a telephone call must be made to confirm the absence. Students arriving late must report to the office upon arrival.

Inclement Weather

We are fast approaching the time of year when winter weather may be hazardous when travelling on the roads. The school is in Zone 6; however, the buses pick up in Zones 4,5 and 6. If you are unsure what Zone you are in, please call the school for assistance. Buses that have been cancelled in the morning, due to inclement weather, will not return students in the afternoon. If parents drive students to school in the morning, they are responsible for picking their children up by afternoon dismissal at 3:10. In the event of dangerous fog conditions, morning buses will be cancelled immediately. However, when morning buses are cancelled due to fog, students will be bussed home after school. The decision whether to cancel the morning buses will be made by the bus operators. Parents should listen to their local radio station, or check the transportation website at: www.schoolbusinfo.com.

Cold Weather Apparel

Please ensure students are dressing appropriately for the weather. Layers of clothing are great if they need to adjust to the weather. Hats, mitts/gloves and boots are essential this time of year to ensure students are sufficiently dressed for winter. Please be aware that the threshold for students being kept indoors is generally -18 degrees Celsius (including wind chill). Students will be required to go outside in temperatures above -18 so appropriate clothing is essential.

January Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8 Return to School	9	10	11 Saidat	12
15	16	17 School Council Meeting-6pm	18 Pizza Day	19
22	23	24	25 Pizza Day	26
29	30 Pita Day	31	1 Pizza Day	