



## Dawn-Euphemia School

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# Happy New Year!

We are so excited for the adventures of a new school year here at Dawn Euphemia! We have so many great activities and explorations ahead of this year. Dawn Euphemia is a school community full of caring and supportive students, staff and parents and we would like to send a special welcome to the new students and their families who have joined our school community.

Communication is essential to ensuring your child has a successful school year. Please do not hesitate to contact a teacher with a question or concern as we aim to meet the needs of all our students every day. We use a variety of different communication tools from planners to digital portfolios, if none of these are in your comfort zone phone calls are always welcome and teachers will arrange a suitable time with you.

**\*ALLERGY ALERT\*** We have students attending Dawn Euphemia who have severe and anaphylactic allergies to a variety of nuts. Nuts, products made from nuts such as spreads (Nutella, Almond Butter, Peanut Butter) or items containing nuts must not be sent to school. We appreciate your support in creating a safe environment. Please be aware of cross contamination risks and ensure that students who may have had nut products prior to coming to school have effectively washed and cleaned hands etc. to avoid putting their peers at risk.

## Balanced Day

Our school day begins promptly at 8:50 am. Students proceed from the bus to class at the 8:45 bell.

School times:

8:50	First 120 minutes
10:50	First Nutrition Break
11:10	Outside Recess
11:30	Second 100 minutes
1:10	Second Nutrition Break
1:30	Outside Recess
1:50	80 minutes
3:10	Dismissal

## 2019-20 Staff

FDK	L. Rickman T. VanMiddelkoop T. Gillanders-Kells	Grade 4	T. VanMiddelkoop B. Cobb	Grade 7/8	B. Clark J. Jaques B. Cobb
Grade 1/2	A. Faber	Grade 5/6	J. Zimmer	French	J. Jaques
Grade 2/3	L. O'Phee-Caron	Resource	L. Rickman	Secretary	E. Carther
Education Assistants	C. Elliott N. Walker	Principal	L. Rizzetto	Custodians	N. McAuslan A. Gray

## Help Us Keep Our Students Safe!

In conjunction with the Safe Schools Act, the Ministry of Education requires that all parents and visitors report to the office as they enter the school. We ask that, if possible, parents and students organize their days so that disruptions at the school are kept to a minimum. However, if it is necessary for you to pick up your children during the school day, you are required to check into the office. We will be happy to contact your child's classroom for you and have your child meet you at the office.

## Freedom of Information Requirements

During the school year, your child(ren) will be involved in a variety of school related activities consistent with the purpose of educating students in accordance with the *Education Act*.

Examples may include but are not limited to:

- School Yearbook
- School Plays
- Field Days/Athletic Functions
- Science Fairs
- Annual Report of the Director
- School/Board Curriculum Presentations or Teaching Aids
- School and Class Photographs
- Public Speaking Contests
- Education Week events
- School/Board memorabilia.

In addition, public media organizations, upon notification, may be present to cover these events by photographing, audiotaping or videotaping students involved in the above-mentioned routine in-school activities.

***If you wish your child to be excluded from photographing, audiotaping, or videotaping as a part of activities such as outlined above, please be sure to indicate this on Appendix B - Notification and Permission for use of Student Personal Information which accompanies the Registration Verification form.***

These procedures are designed to ensure the privacy of students in the school and for students within the jurisdiction of the Lambton Kent District School Board, and in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

## Student Registration Verification

All students have received student registration verification forms. These have been printed on coloured paper and should be with your child on the first day of school. It is important that you read the registration forms over, make changes (if needed), and return them to the school by Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Appendix B must also be returned with the Verification form. This is very important as it indicates the guidelines around use of images in media.

## School Absences and Safe Arrival Policy

To ensure the safety of our students, we ask that you let the school know when your child will be absent from the school. These are some of the options for relaying this information to the school:

- Call the school and leave a message (before 8:45 a.m. if possible) **Phone 519-692-4035**
- Send a note to the teacher when the absence is known in advance
- E-mail the school secretary, Mrs. Carther at [elly.carther@lkdsb.net](mailto:elly.carther@lkdsb.net)

## Medications

Specific criteria must be met in order for staff to administer prescriptive medication when it cannot be administered from home. An **“Authorization for the Administration of Medication”** form (available from the office), must be completed by the parent/guardian and physician and then forwarded to the principal for each school year and whenever the physician directs a modification of the prescribed medication. Should your child have a particular medical need (such as a severe allergy) that requires special emergency attention, please inform the school and a **“Plan of Care”** will be developed. The forms for this purpose will be provided by the office for completion.

## School Planners

Each student in the school will receive a planner on the first day of school. Within the planner, you can find Dawn-Euphemia’s policies and procedures including code of behaviour. We ask that you review these policies with your child early in the school year. The planner pages will also be available on the school website. Your child’s teacher may or may not use this planner as part of their communication practice. If they are using other tools please feel free to use the planner at home for your own organization and reference. The cost of this planner has been covered by school funds.

## Transportation – Fog Delays

### Zone 6

**We are in Zone 6 for busing. Schools are not mentioned individually on the radio announcements. Updates are always available on the website: [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com)**

Please remember to listen to the local radio station in the morning for bus delays due to fog. You may also access this information through the website mentioned above. If the buses do not run in the morning because of fog, they will run at the end of the day.

## School Bus Safety

To further enhance school bus safety training across the Province, the Ontario Ministry of Education launched an initiative through the Ontario Collaborative Marketplace (OECM) to create standardized school bus safety videos. The high-quality videos were developed by Intertrain, a well-established expert in this field, and they are now available in both English and French at no charge to anyone wishing to view them.

There are three videos available:

- First Time Rider (JK/SK)
- Primary Students (JK-Grade 3)
- Junior Students (Grade 4 -8)

The videos are available at <http://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/school-bus-safety/>

Bus safety training sessions also occur at the school with all students.

## School Advisory Council

We would like to thank those parents who were part of our school council last year. The date for the first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year is Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all returning members and any parent interested in becoming a new member to join us at our first meeting.

- School Council is mandated by the Ministry of Education
- Is composed of elected parents, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, an appointed community representative & the principal
- Promotes a positive learning environment for our school by encouraging academic achievement and social propriety and enhancing relations among students, parents, staff and the community.

We welcome parents to serve on the School Council yearly.

- Each parent running for office (such as the position of Chair) must be nominated in writing (this is the formal process – please contact the office). \* Please note - you do NOT need to be nominated to join the council
- To be eligible, you must have a child registered at this school

**PLEASE NOTE:** All nominations should be submitted to the Principal before September 13th. At the first meeting the election for School Council will take place. Meetings commence at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons. We look forward to seeing you!

## Picture Days

Staff and student pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> for all students in Grades JK-8 and Retakes will be on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Dawn Euphemia School Family Open House

Save the Date: Thursday, September 19th

You're invited to come and visit during the Dawn Euphemia School Family open house Thursday, September 19th from 5-7 pm. \*More information about this evening will be sent home soon.

## Holidays

Monday, Oct. 14: Thanksgiving  
Monday, Dec. 23—Friday, Jan. 3: Winter Break  
Monday, Feb. 17: Family Day  
Monday, March 16 - Fri, March 20: March Break  
Friday, April 10: Good Friday  
Monday, April 13: Easter Monday  
Monday, May 18: Victoria Day

## P.D. Days

Friday, September 27, 2019  
Friday, October 25, 2019  
Friday, November 22, 2019  
Friday, January 31, 2020  
Friday, April 24, 2020  
Friday, June 5, 2020  
Friday, June 26, 2020

## LKDSB Volunteer Policy

The LKDSB revised the volunteer policy in June of 2016. This means some significant changes regarding volunteers and volunteer drivers are now in effect.

The following volunteers require a Vulnerable Sector Criminal background Check (CBC) every five years:

- a) Parent/guardians and community volunteers who assist in the school on a daily or weekly basis
- b) Elementary parents/guardian and community volunteers on overnight excursions of any kind
- c) Parent/guardians and community volunteers accompanying secondary students on overnight excursions with exceptions only to be approved by the principal.
- d) Non-parent, non-guardian volunteers not known to the school community
- e) ALL volunteer drivers of all students
- f) Others, as deemed necessary by the principal.

A copy of the document must be given to and screened by the principal.

## Where to Next?

We have so many amazing adventures at Dawn Euphemia. We've aligned our love of adventuring with the LKDSB theme for programming and will be exploring and celebrating where to next in various ways in our learning, play and adventures. Thank you to the School Council for helping to sponsor a t-shirt for every student!