



Dresden Area Central School

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SCHOOL FOCUS MARCH-JUNE: RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Dresden Area Central School is such a wonderful place to learn. We thank our students, parents, community and staff for making it such a great place. THANK YOU!

From the Office

LKDSB Celebrates Education Week May 2-6, 2022

The Ministry of Education has declared the week of May 2-6, 2022, as Education Week across Ontario. The Lambton Kent District School Board's theme for this year's celebration is "Connecting Communities."

Throughout the past two years and with the many transitions and challenges that students, staff and families have endured throughout the pandemic, along with many other social and economic factors which have and continue to impact so many, the LKDSB is intentionally focusing on opportunities for connecting with the communities they serve during Education Week.

During Education Week and throughout the school year, community members are invited to connect with their local school and engage in activities celebrating the supportive learning environments across the LKDSB. LKDSB recognizes the important role that staff, parents/guardians and volunteers play in ensuring all students feel a sense of belonging in schools and fostering student academic success.

The LKDSB is committed to its Strategic Priorities of "Trusting Relationships: Strengthen relationships based on respectful collaboration" and "Inclusive Diversity: Champion anti-oppressive education."

Kiwanis Music Festival Results

At this year's Kiwanis Festival Awards Ceremony, our students won the Rev. George R. Service Memorial Award, the Janet Wake Poetry Award, the Chatham Voice Award, the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Award, the Jack Cooper Memorial Award, and the greatest honour, the Rosina A. Craven Memorial Trophy for Excellence in Choral Speaking! Congratulations to our students and Mrs. Rankin on their hard work and excellence at the festival!

Spring Flower Show

Each year the Dresden Horticultural Society and our school team up for a Flower Show. The goal is for students to learn about flowers and gain an appreciation of their beauty. The Society has specific categories of flowers. Students bring in flowers from their garden, neighbours or family members and are judged based upon the categories. Awards are presented to top winners of each category. Whether students participate or not, each one will receive a plant/flower to take home. It is an exciting show as our school is filled with the fragrances for the day.

Equity & Inclusion

National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls & Two-Spirit People

May 5th is also known as Red Dress Day, and people wear red to create awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two spirit people and as a call for all Canadians to remember and take action.

May 17th is the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia

To ensure every student feels a strong sense of belonging in schools every day, it is important to recognize this date. New Progressive Pride Flags have been sent to schools. This flag is more inclusive than the previous flags, as it includes brown and black as symbols to represent marginalized LGBTQIA+ peoples. The Pride Flag will fly at all LKDSB facilities during the month of June.

May is Jewish Heritage Month and Asian Heritage Month

May 21st is World Day for Cultural Diversity & for Dialogue & Development

From the United Nations (<https://www.un.org/en/observances/cultural-diversity-day>):

The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to advance the four goals of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions adopted on 20 October 2005:

- Support sustainable systems of governance for culture
- Achieve a balanced flow of cultural goods and services and increase mobility of artists and cultural professionals
- Integrate culture in sustainable development frameworks
- Promote human rights and fundamental freedoms

Why does cultural diversity matter?

Three-quarters of the world's major conflicts have a cultural dimension. Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability, and development.

Cultural diversity is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional, moral, and spiritual life. This is captured in the culture conventions, which provide a solid basis for the promotion of cultural diversity. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.

At the same time, acceptance, and recognition of cultural diversity – in particular through innovative use of media and Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) – are conducive to dialogue among civilizations and cultures, respect and mutual understanding.

Kindergarten Registration

It is not too late! If your child will be 4 years old in 2022, Register here www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten

We will be having one more FDK open house on June 8 from 4:00- 7:00pm, for our new to FDK Eagles. For more information contact the office.

School Council

The school council meets at different times throughout the school year. These meetings are open to any parent, guardian, or community member who is interested in attending. Our next school council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30pm in the DACS library.

Up Coming & Important Dates

May 2-6	Education Week
May 6	Jump Rope for Heart Spring Flower Show
May 9-18	Grade 3 EQAO
May 11	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
May 13	Allergy Awareness Day
May 18	Gauss Math Contest
May 19	Gr. 8's to CKSS for Muskoka Woods experience
May 24	Victoria Day (No School)
May 26	Track & Field, Gr. 4-8 @LKCS
May 27	Track & Field Rain Date
May 30- June 9	Grade 6 EQAO