



DRESDEN AREA CENTRAL SCHOOL
News from the Eagles Community
September 2022



Secretary: Mrs. McCabe Acting Principal: Mrs. Falla
<https://www.lkdsb.net/school/dresden> **519-683-4457**

Welcome! Bonjour! Boozhoo!

On behalf of the staff, it is my pleasure to welcome students to the 2022-2023 school year. It is our hope that your child has an engaging academic year, and that they get involved in their academic and extra-curricular activities. As a staff, we are committed to assisting our students achieve their highest potential and we welcome dialogue with our parents/guardians. We continue to promote the safe operation of schools in alignment with current public health directions. Prior to attending school, it is strongly recommend that all students, staff and visitors complete the daily [COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool](#) and its directions must be followed. Following public health guidance, individuals should stay home if they are feeling ill. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Welcome to Returning and New Staff

We welcome back Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. K. McCabe to Dresden Area C.S. Also, a warm Eagles welcome to Ms. Gillanders, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Kaldeway and Ms. Lesy.

Meet the Eagles Staff

Mrs. McCabe	Secretary
Mrs. Hart	Day Custodian
Mr. Leeson	Afternoon Custodian
Mrs. Phillips	Afternoon Custodian
Mrs. Falla	Acting Principal
Mr. Carrothers	Learning Resource Teacher (LRT)
Mrs. Kaldeway Ms. Lesy (LTO)	LRT/Curriculum Partner Grade 1/2
Ms. Filip	FSL/Curriculum Partner Grade 1/2
Mrs. Blair	Curriculum Partner (p.m.)
Mr. Parry	Curriculum Partner
Mrs. Rankin	Curriculum Partner

Mme. Martin	FSL Teacher
Ms. Crosetti	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Schmitchen	Educational Assistant (p.m.)
Mrs. Welch	Educational Assistant
Miss Jackson	Elementary Supervision Support (ESS)
Ms. Jacobs	Grade 7/8
Mrs. Kingsbury	Grade 7/8
Mr. Park	Grade 7/8
Mrs. McCutcheon	Grade 6
Mrs. Holmes	Grade 5/6
Mrs. Law	Grade 5
Mrs. Cameron	Grade 4/5
Mrs. Cowan	Grade 3/4
Mrs. Long	Grade 3/4
Mrs. George-Brosh	Grade 2/3
Mrs. Kemp	Grade 2
Ms. Filip	Grade 1 (a.m.)
Ms. Lesy	Grade 1 (p.m.)
Mrs. McCabe	Grade 1
Ms. Ellis	FDK
Mrs. Goetz	Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Gibson	FDK
Ms. Gillanders	Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Parry	FDK
Mrs. Rowley	Early Childhood Educator

Bell Times

9:00 a.m.	Students arrive and they are supervised on the school yard.
9:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Learning Block 1
11:15 - 11:55 a.m.	Nutrition Break
11:55 - 1:35 p.m.	Learning Block 2
1:35 - 2:15 p.m.	Nutrition Break
2:15 - 3:35 p.m.	Learning Block 3
3:35 p.m.	Dismissal

Facebook Page

Like our Facebook page to receive information and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/DresdenAreaCentral/>

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Government of Canada has formally designated September 30th, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as a federally statutory holiday for employees in the federal government and federally regulated workplaces. This day will be observed to honour First Nations, Inuit and Metis survivors and their families and communities, and ensure the public commemoration of their history and the legacy of residential schools.

The Lambton Kent District School Board will commemorate the impact of residential schools on Friday, September 30, 2022, Orange Shirt Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts and use this day as a catalyst to encourage learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that system has had on First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. This is a meaningful way as school communities to come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because “Every Child Matters”. Respectfully, flags at all LKDSB schools and facilities will be lowered on this day.

This recognition day will be part of the activities and discussions occurring during the Truth and Reconciliation Week September 26th to September 30th which will also include discussions about the truth of Indigenous treaties, languages and culture and First Nation, Metis and Inuit land claims.



Prevalent Medical Conditions



We are a nut aware school. Please do not send any nuts or nut products to school. We want our school environment to be safe and healthy for all our students and staff. Thank you for your understanding. If your child is new to the school or if your child has developed a prevalent medical condition (asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, or anaphylaxis), please notify the office immediately. Plans of Care will be updated in September.

Digital Classroom Platforms

Every classroom has a digital classroom platform either Seesaw or Google Classroom. Please ensure that you, as a parent/guardian, are connected with your child's digital classroom, as these platforms are used as a vehicle for sharing information. Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have questions regarding the digital classroom platform.

Emergency Response Drills

Student safety is a priority within the Lambton Kent District School Board and at Dresden Area C. S. The Board's emergency preparedness plan involves anticipating many types of dangers and discussing with our students various safety procedures to follow in each of these situations. We will be presenting this information to students so that they are aware of safety protocols during an emergency response. As part of our safe schools and safe learning environment, we are mandated to have three fire drills, one tornado drill and one lockdown drill per term. Please continue these safety discussions with your child at home to reinforce the importance of their safety at home, at school and in the community.

WE ARE IN BUS ZONES 5, 6 & 7

Visit the school website to learn more about SchoolCashOnline. We currently do not have any items on School Cash Online. Pizza days to TBA.

<https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Fair Notice Communication Regarding 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. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

As always, student safety is our first priority. This notification is being provided via avenues such as school newsletters, and school and board web sites as fair notice to parents and guardians of the existence of the VTRA Protocol and its application if situations warrant. If you have any questions regarding the Lambton Kent District School Board Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol, please contact your school principal as the first step.

School Council

Our first School Council meeting is Monday, September 26th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Please join us for our first meeting to learn more.

Terry Fox Run

We will be participating in the Terry Fox Run/Walk at the school once again this year on Thursday, September 29th, 2022.



Professional Development Day

There will be a Professional Development day for educators on Friday, September 16th, 2022.