



East Lambton Elementary School

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December Newsletter

School Motto: Work Hard. Be Respectful. That's our Lion Pride.

Principal's Message: Each month we put focus on a different character trait. Students engage in discussion and activities to develop understanding of the monthly character trait. This month's character trait is kindness. We show kindness when we show qualities such as friendliness, generosity, warmth and consideration. At the end of the month, teachers will recognize Star Students within their classroom and celebrate them with the whole school virtually.

As we are operating under COVID restrictions and protocols, many of our traditional Christmas activities (e.g., Christmas dinner, Christmas assembly) will not be able to happen this year. Our Student Council and staff are working hard to be creative and still find alternative ways to make this month special and build the Christmas spirit.

On behalf of The East Lambton Staff, I wish each of our families a wonderful holiday season!

Upcoming Events:

Classroom Christmas Tree Challenge: Each classroom will be part of a Christmas Tree Challenge. During the first week of December, classes will be challenged to create their own Christmas tree from materials of their choosing and submit a picture to Student Council for judging and sharing on our video announcements. There will be a prize for the winning classroom!

Christmas Attire Spirit Day: Student Council has planned a Christmas Attire Spirit Day on December 11th. All students are invited to wear red, green, Christmas sweaters, Santa hats... to show their school spirit.

Food Drive: To support our local food bank, we will be running a food drive from December 7th to 11th. If you have items that you can spare, please consider contributing.

Pajama Day: Students are invited to ring in the Christmas holidays on December 18th by wearing their PJ's to school.

Reminders/Information for Parents:

Smile Cookie Campaign: We have received an amazing donation of \$3983.00 from Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign for our Snack Program. Thank you to all who supported this campaign.

Hand Sanitizer: If students are bringing in their own hand sanitizer to use at school, please check to make sure that it has a minimum of a 60% alcohol content, as required by public health and board protocols.

Wreath Pick Up: A reminder that wreaths that were ordered need to be picked up on December 2nd from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please do not arrive prior to 3:30 p.m. to ensure that all students have been dismissed and have left the school premises. Measures will be put in place for physical distancing to keep everyone safe.

Automated safe arrival calls: Soon, LKDSB will be implementing an automated attendance messaging system for Elementary schools. East Lambton will begin this automated system on December 8th. The system will notify parents/guardians that your child has been marked absent and the school does not know the reason. The system will contact both Priority 1 and Priority 2 parent's /guardian's phone numbers AND emails that you have provided and ask that you call the school to confirm the absence and provide the reason. You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information and by notifying the school office in advance if your child will be late or away. Our answering machine will take your message any time of day or night. If an absence is accounted for in our attendance system, you will not receive a call.

Sub Day: A reminder that December 11th is sub day for those that purchased a sub.

Labelling of Clothing: Each year countless items end up in our Lost and Found - ultimately many of these items are never claimed. Any unclaimed items will be donated to various community agencies in need. Labelling your child's clothing is the BEST way to ensure that "found" items can be returned to the rightful owner.

Free Gr. 7 Vaccinations: Attention all parents/guardians of students in Grade 7/8! You won't always be able to protect your children, but you can make sure their immunizations are up to date. Protect your child from three preventable diseases - hepatitis B, HPV and meningococcal disease. Due to COVID-19, students who normally get their shots at school will need to book an appointment at a community clinic. All grade 7 students and grade 8 students who missed their second dose of hepatitis B and/or HPV last year are eligible to attend these clinics.

Starting November 30th, book an appointment online at <https://getcorigan.ca/> or call 519-383-8331 or toll free 1-800-667-1839.

The first clinics will be held between December 7th and December 18th. Additional clinics will be added in 2021.

Already immunized? Report your child's immunization records:

- directly through eHealth Ontario (<https://lph.icon.ehealthontario.ca/>)
- by email immunization@county-lambton.on.ca
- by phone at 519-383-8331

For more information on the Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal vaccines visit: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/health-info/immunizations-vaccines-for-kids/>.

COVID-19 school and child care screening

Our students have been doing an excellent job abiding by the new procedures and restrictions due to COVID-19. Thank you for your diligence in keeping your children home when needed. We appreciate your support in keeping our school community healthy! Please continue to screen for COVID-19 every day before going to school/childcare.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>