



# December 2021 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 Collaboration and Cooperation. We are working together to achieve the same results by helping each other out to achieve a common goal. 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:

**Holiday Bingo Challenge:** Each classroom will be participating in a Holiday Bingo Challenge. Beginning the first week of December, classes will be challenged to complete a line to earn a special prize from the office. Each square has a fun holiday activity for the class to do together.

**Candy Cane Grams:** Student Council is selling Candy Cane Grams from December 1st – 10th. Candy Grams are \$0.25 and can be purchased through School Cash Online. All Candy Cane Grams will be handed out to students on Friday December 17th. If you are not signed up for School Cash Online, please reach out to the office for assistance signing up.

**Holiday Attire Spirit Days:** Student Council has planned Holiday Attire Spirit Days for the last week of school:

December 13 – Baby It's Cold Outside – wearing a warm and cozy hat, sweater

December 14 – Deck the Halls –wear a holiday shirt, sweater, hat, socks, and/or accessories

December 15 – There's No Place Like Home – wear your favourite flannel, plaid, or striped shirt

December 16 – Candy Cane Lane – wear red, white, and green

December 17 – Silent Night – wear your comfy pyjamas

**Food Drive:** To support our local food bank, we will be running a food drive from December 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have items that you can spare, please consider contributing. A friendly classroom challenge will be involved with themed items for each day of the week. Stay tuned!

## Reminders/Information for Parents:

**Smile Cookie Campaign:** We have received an amazing donation of \$4800.00 from Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign for our Snack Program. Thank you to all who supported this campaign. That's a lot of cookies!!

**Donations:** We are very appreciative to the Watford Rotary Club for their very generous donation to support literacy materials and to support student learning.

**Wreath Fundraiser:** Thank you to everyone for supporting ELES Parent Council's wreath fundraiser. We appreciate you supporting our school's outdoor initiatives.

**Sub Day:** December 17<sup>th</sup> is sub day. Orders are available on School Cash Online.

**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.

**Cell Phones and Electronic Devices:** All electronic devices, such as cell phones, media players, digital game devices, computers and cameras are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school without the permission of school personnel and only for educational purposes. If a student carries a cell phone he/she is responsible for the cell phone at all times. At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property.

## 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/>

**Wishing all our East Lambton families a safe, enjoyable and relaxing Winter Break! Our first day back to school in the New Year is Monday, January 3, 2022.**