

East Lambton Elementary School

December Newsletter

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

Principal's Message:

It is hard to believe that our Winter Break is right around the corner, and we will soon be ringing in a New Year. With the end of the year upon us, I would like to share that it is time for me to say goodbye to the ELES school community. In January, I will be moving into the role of Principal at Zone Township Central School in Bothwell and Mrs. Randi McDonald will be joining the East Lambton staff as Principal. Please join me in sharing a warm East Lambton welcome to Mrs. McDonald.

I am very grateful for the role the entire ELES community has played in my educational journey and it has been my pleasure getting to know so many of the families at East Lambton Elementary School. I would like to thank you for your continued support over the past two and a half years. Thank you for the wonderful relationships and memories, I have enjoyed learning with and from you and will truly cherish my time at East Lambton.

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

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 6 Popcorn Day
- Dec. 7 Pizza Day
- Dec. 8 Free Soup Day and Lion Pride School Colours Day
- Dec. 12 Sub Day
- Dec. 13 Forest Family of Schools meeting at Grand Bend @ 5 pm Popcorn Day
- Dec. 14 Pizza Day and Colour House Activity. Wear your colour house colours!
- Dec. 18 NLSS band visits @ 9:30 am
- Dec. 20 Winter Concert @ 9:30 am, parents/guardians welcome to attend Popcorn Day
- Dec. 21 Carol Sing

Pizza Day

Dec. 22 – School Wide Movie in gym

Holiday Attire Spirit Days:

Our spirit committee has planned Holiday Attire Spirit Days from December $18^{th} - 22^{nd}$

- December 18 Holiday Hair Don't Care! Wear a hat or a holiday accessory.
- December 19 Mad for Plaid
- December 20 Holiday Glow Up. Wear holiday wear.
- December 21 Sweater Weather. Wear a cozy sweater or holiday sweater.
- December 22 Merry, Merry, Morning PJ Day.

Reminders/Information for Parents:

Appreciations and Thanks: We are very grateful for a generous donation from the Watford Optimist Club. This donation has been earmarked for the purchasing of hockey helmets for use during skating events at the East Lambton Community Centre and to also offset costs associated with the Grade 8 Muskoka Woods trip.

We are also filled with gratitude and are very appreciative of the generous donation from Kinna Masonry. This donation will help to offset the fundraising efforts of the grade 8 class so all students can attend Muskoka Woods in April.

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of our community to be able to gather and hold a Holiday dinner in the beautiful East Lambton Community Centre. East Lambton School is tremendously grateful to benefit from so much community support and is a wonderful place to work and grow. Please join me in thanking all the families, businesses, and our amazing Parent Council group and all the volunteers that were able to donate food items and worked to prepare this lovely holiday meal. It is definitely a team effort, and we are blessed beyond measure!

Thank you to our Parent Council group, Mayor Todd Case, Warwick Township, our wonderful Bus Drivers, and Crossing Guards, the

Watford Fire Department, Watford Optimist Club, Watford Rotary Club, and the Watford Legion. Thank you for your continued commitment to our school throughout different events and sponsorships. You are the definition of community, and we are truly blessed to have you as part of our school family.

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

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.

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 8, 2024.