



East Lambton Elementary School

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February 2021 Newsletter

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

Principal's Message: Although 2021 did not start off the way we would have liked, our students are learning great resiliency skills as they navigate a change in learning platform. As a staff, we have been so incredibly impressed with the perseverance and dedication of both students and parents to participate in on-line learning. We are hopeful that we will all be back in the building soon.

This month's character trait is **inclusiveness**. When we are inclusive, we work to build a community where everyone feels included and where differences and diversity are honoured. Throughout the month, students will learn about inclusiveness. At the end of the month, teachers will recognize Star Students for both responsibility and inclusiveness within their classroom and celebrate them with the whole school virtually.

Mental Well-Being Tip of the Month:

Things We Can Learn From a Dog (author unknown)

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them
- Take naps and stretch before rising
- Run, romp and play daily
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm
- Be loyal
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle him or her gently
- Avoid biting when a single growl will do
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience
- Never pretend to be something you're not
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body
- No matter how many times you are scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout; run right back and make friends

Upcoming Events:

Sub Day and Popcorn Fundraiser: Our Sub Day and Popcorn Fundraiser that was booked for January will be rescheduled once we know a date for a return to face to face learning. Thank you for your support of these fundraisers.

School Photos and Grad Photos: A new date will be scheduled for school photos and Graduation Photos once we know a date of return to face to face learning.

Term 1 Reports: Term 1 reports go home with students on February 19th.

Black History Month: February is Black History/African Heritage Month. The LKDSB is committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in our history and society. This year, the focus for Black History/African Heritage Month will be Black Lives Matter. Although teachers will work to include this history and build this understanding on an ongoing basis throughout the year, it will be a particular focus this month. Visit the LKDSB website (www.lkdsb.net) for more information about how LKDSB is recognizing Black History/African Heritage Month in February and throughout the school year.

Reminders/Information for Parents:

Mandatory Masks: With the high number of Covid cases in the province of Ontario, the ministry has now made mask wearing mandatory for all students in Gr. 1-8. Students will also be required to wear masks outside when physical distancing is not possible.

Kindergarten Registration: Kindergarten registration for those students eligible for Junior Kindergarten in September 2021 will take place in all Lambton-Kent District School Board schools on February 4th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and February 5th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your school.

2. Complete the online registration form @ www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten

3. Sign-up for a virtual visit to meet our amazing staff! Go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EABA922A2F85-kindergarten>. You can also find the Sign Up Genius link on our school website.

PD Day: A reminder that February 5 is a Professional Development Day, meaning no school for students.

Family Day: A reminder that February 15th is a holiday. We wish everyone a wonderful Family Day!

Dressing for Winter: Just a reminder that students go outside at least three times each day when in the building, provided the wind chill is above -18C, so please ensure that your son or daughter has appropriate hats, mittens or gloves, coat and snow pants to keep them comfortable for at least 20 minutes at a time in the cold temperatures. If you need help with providing these items, please contact the school and we would be happy to help with getting these items.

Inclement Weather: East Lambton is in ZONE 1. schoolbusinfo.com and local radio stations will communicate information regarding bus cancellations. If you have a concern regarding busing, please do not hesitate to contact Sandy at Lang's @ 519-383-1221.