



February 2022 Newsletter

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

Monthly Character Traits

This month's character traits are Inclusivity and Empathy. When we are inclusive, we work to build a community where everyone feels included and where differences and diversity are honoured. Empathy is the ability to be aware of the feelings of others and imagine what it might be like to be in their position.

Throughout the month, students will learn about inclusiveness and empathy and teachers will recognize Star Students for both character traits within their classroom and celebrate them with the whole school virtually.

Black History/African Heritage Month

Black History is annually celebrated during the month of February, but the role of African Canadians in our history and society is embedded in Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) curriculum throughout the year.

In recognition of Black History/African Heritage Month in February, 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 **"Celebrating Black History Here."**

As there are significant Black historical sites located within the LKDSB's geographic area, we encourage students, staff, and families to learn more about our local history and its connection to the Underground Railroad and other historical events, and the ongoing contributions of local Black communities to the development and prosperity of Ontario and Canada.

In addition to activities promoted during the month of February, LKDSB students, families and staff members are invited to explore the rich history in the surrounding area and learn more about how African Canadian history can be incorporated into the curriculum. The LKDSB is committed to supporting [Ontario's Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#). Visit the [Government of Canada Black History Month website](#) for additional information and resources.

Upcoming Events:

Popcorn Fridays: February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11 (available on SchoolCashOnline only)

Subway Days: February 11, 25, March 11, 25 (available on SchoolCashOnline only)

February 18: Term one report cards go home

February 21: A reminder that Monday February 21st is Family Day (no classes). We wish everyone a wonderful Family Day.

March Break: March 14 – 18

Kindergarten Registration

Thank you to the families that came and toured the kindergarten classrooms on Monday January 31, 2022. It was a pleasure to meet so many enthusiastic little ones and to begin planning for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you know someone in the community that has not had a chance to register, please encourage them to call the school office or to visit the LKDSB website to register online.

Registering your child for kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3. www.lkdsb.net

1. Find your school.

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

Reminders/Information for Parents

Daily School Screening: We know your mornings are already very busy. We truly appreciate your efforts in the added task of completing the school screener each day and communicating with the us that it's been done. Please continue to do so until further notice. Thank you!!

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

Sub Day and Popcorn Fundraiser: Thank you for your support of these fundraisers!

Spring Photos: Spring Photos will take place on March 7th. Graduating students that were unable to have their picture taken in January will be permitted to have pictures taken on March 7th.

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.

End of Day Dismissal Routines: Thank you for always keeping the classroom teacher informed of changes to end of day dismissals. Please also be sure to keep the office informed of these changes as sometimes homeroom teachers are away, and messages do not get communicated to the office.

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.

Inclement Weather: East Lambton School is in Zone 1. Please listen to local radio stations, visit www.schoolbusinfo.com, or download the My SBI Mobile App to receive updates on bus delays or cancellations due to inclement weather or other. Busses in the morning that have been cancelled in the morning due to inclement weather **will not** return students to school in the afternoon. If parents drive students to school in the morning, they are responsible to pick their children up and take them home in the afternoon. Busses that have been cancelled in the morning due to fog **will** operate in the afternoon and to return students to their homes. ***Please remember to call the school if your child will be absent due to bus cancellations.***