

## East Lambton Elementary School

# February 2024 Newsletter

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

#### **Message From The Principal:**

I would like to thank the entire community for the warm welcome I have received since joining the Lion Den in January. Getting to know the students, staff and families has been fantastic and I'm already so proud of our East Lambton Lions! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or want to meet with me, please reach out by calling the school or emailing me at <u>randi.mcdonald@lkdsb.net</u>.

Thank you! Mrs. Randi McDonald

#### Kindergarten Registration:

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

1. Find your school.

- 2. Complete the online registration form @ <u>https://www.lkdsb.net/Elementary/Registration</u> in advance.
- 3. Come and meet our caring staff on February 1st from 4:00 pm 7:00 pm and February 2nd from 9:00 am 3:00 pm

Remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child

#### Black History 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.

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.

The Lambton Kent District School Board will be hosting a virtual presentation for all LKDSB schools on February 28th as a celebration of Black History in our schools and local area. These presentations are tailored to our different age groups in our schools.

#### Lunches and Snack:

We continue to have pizza lunch every Thursday for those who order. Our next Subway day will be February 20 for those who order. Our next free lunch organized by Mrs. Thorne and the volunteers will be on Tuesday, February 13, where we will be serving pancakes. Nutritious snacks continued to be offered in class each day for any student.

#### **School Council:**

Our next School Council meeting will be on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 in the Learning Commons. All are welcome! For any questions related to the School Council, please contact Chair Jacky Saul.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

- February 1 and 2 Kindergarten Registration
- February 2 PD Day, no school for students
- February 14 Red, White and Pink Spirit Day
- February 15 PJ Day for Childhood Cancer Awareness, spirit day
- February 19 Family Day, enjoy the holiday!
- February 20 Grade 8 Family Meeting, 6pm, Learning Commons
- February 28 Black History Celebration Virtual Presentation
- March 1 Look Alike Spirit Day, dress as somebody you want to be or dress in pairs or multiples
- March 4 Colour House Day
- March 9 17 March Break, school is closed

