



## January 2022 Newsletter

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

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

### Remote Learning

- Schools will be closed to students during remote learning periods
- Remote learning takes place from Wednesday January 5 until Friday January 14<sup>th</sup>
- Please keep the lines of communication open with your child's classroom teacher
- Families are asked to choose between Option 1 "Learning On-Demand & Live Teacher Support" and Option 2 "Learning on Demand". Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have not already done so to inform them of your choice.
- If you wish to borrow a device from the school, please contact the classroom teacher

### School Council

School Council Meeting: Our first School Council Meeting of 2022 will take place on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend this virtual meeting, please reach out to the school office for the Zoom meeting code.

### Monthly Character Traits

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 Organization and Responsibility. At the end of the month, teachers will recognize Star Students within their classroom and celebrate them with the whole school virtually.

### Upcoming Events:

January 6: School Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

January 28: SK and Grade 8 Grad pictures

January 31: PA Day (no classes for students)

January 31: Kindergarten Registration

## Kindergarten Registration

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

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form @ <https://www.lkdsb.net/Elementary/Registration> in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Monday, January 31st, 2022, from 9:00am – 7:00pm.

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

## Reminders/Information for Parents:

**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.

## **Playground Equipment:**

*Please be advised that our playground equipment will be closed until the Spring.*

The Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange advises the closure of school playgrounds due to the following reasons:

Freezing temperatures - At temperatures below 0 deg. C, very few types of protective ground surfacing remain resilient enough to offer any degree of protection to a falling child - regardless of depth. If the ground cover is frozen, the play equipment is NOT safe for use.

Snow build-up - Snow can cause two problems on a play structure - first, it can make play surfaces very slippery; secondly, it can create suffocation hazards if the openings at the end of tube slides or similar structures become closed in by drifting snow.

Ice or freezing rain - As noted above, ice or freezing rain can make play surfaces, hand grips and stairways very slippery, increasing the risk of slip and fall injuries.

Clothing - Winter clothing is much different from normal clothing. Synthetic materials, such as nylon, reduce sliding resistance, particularly on plastic slide beds. This can increase the travel speed on this equipment to a dangerous level, and if combined with frozen ground cover, as described under Item (1), can increase the chance of injury. Winter clothing is also very bulky and is more likely to have drawstrings or hooks and clips which can become entangled in components of the equipment. All scarves should be kept inside of the child's coat.

Please remind your child to not use the playground equipment during non-school hours for these safety reasons.

**Inclement Weather:** East Lambton School is in Zone 1. Please listen to local radio stations, visit <https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation>, or download the My SBI Mobile App to receive updates on bus delays or cancellations due to inclement weather or other. Buses 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. Buses 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.***

### COVID-19 School and Child Care screening

The Ministry of Education has directed all elementary and secondary students to confirm they have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening for at least the first two weeks of the school year. This was scheduled to begin on January 3<sup>rd</sup> but will not take place with the pivot to online learning. We should expect this to happen when we return to in-person learning.

The Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening is available here:

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

There are two different procedures:

1) Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten - Grade 3 students will confirm the completion of the COVID-19 screener in one of the following ways:

- responding to a school messenger email for each of their K-3 students,
- classroom staff being alerted via verbal confirmation, paper confirmation (Appendix 1), or the classroom communication platform,
- confirming with the school office staff.


Following the morning attendance, school office staff will contact parents/guardians of students who are present and have NOT confirmed completion of the screening.

## 2) Grade 4 to Grade 12 Students

During morning attendance from at least Monday, January 3 to Friday, January 14, 2022, the teacher will confirm with the student that they have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening that day. If a student has not completed the screener, they are to complete the screener.

Regular safety protocols will remain in place for students who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms once at school.


Here is an example of what you will receive through School Messenger (K- Grade 3 only):



**Confirm COVID-19 Screening K-3 in SchoolMessenger Forms**

**Email and Form Received by Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

Below are examples of the email and form received by parents



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Phone: [519-383-7004](tel:519-383-7004)

**Important information from Confederation Central School**

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**Students Name Confirm COVID-19 Screening**

Please click the link below to complete the confirmation for **Students Name**

[Confirmation of Student COVID-19 Screening](#)

All students are required to complete the Ontario COVID-19 School screening each day prior to, or upon arrival at, school. Parent/Guardian confirmation of the completion of the screener is required for Kindergarten to Grade 3 students.

**Confirmation of Student COVID-19 Screening**

Please complete this form for <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

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

By completing and submitting this form, you are confirming that the result for <<First Name>> <<Last Name>> is "Go to School".

I Confirm

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