



## January 2023 Newsletter

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

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We hope that you found your holidays full of fun and family, but also a time to rest and rejuvenate.

December was very busy, with many activities. We would like to thank everyone who participated and supported our many events.

Our staff and students were treated to a wonderful Holiday dinner at the newly constructed East Lambton Community Centre next door. We are very appreciative to Tyna Wilcocks, Parent Council, our parent/guardian volunteers, and all the donations from families in our school community for making this such a memorable school event. All your contributions helped to make East Lambton Elementary an engaging and wonderful place to be.

### Upcoming Events:

January 9: First Day of Classes

January 13: Pizza Day (Rescheduled from Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, no new sales)

January 20: School Spirit Day -- Wear Lion wear or school colours

January 23: SK and Grade 8 Grad pictures

February 2: Kindergarten Registration 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 3: PA Day (no classes for students)

February 3: Kindergarten Registration 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

February 8: School Council Meeting: Our first School Council Meeting of 2023 will take place on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

### Kindergarten Registration

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](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten) in advance.

3. Come and meet our caring staff on February 2: Kindergarten Registration 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 3: Kindergarten Registration 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

## Grade 8 Fundraising:

The grade 8 class will be embarking on their newest fundraiser and will be selling pepperettes from Carmichael Meats. If you would like to purchase pepperettes, they can be purchased on School Cash Online. An email outlining how to purchase will be sent out to families.

## 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. 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 [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://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.***