



East Lambton Elementary School

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June 2021 Newsletter

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

Principal's Message: Amazingly, another school year has quickly raced by and we now find ourselves in June. Even though it is the end of the year, we as a staff are already making plans and organizing for next year. With June comes time for change and saying farewell. I wish our Grade 8 graduates well as they move on to the high school setting and the next part of their learning journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to also say goodbye to Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Ellwood-Latif, who will both be retiring at the end of June. Both have been pillars of exemplary teaching for many years at ELES and will be greatly missed by staff, parents, and students.

It is also time for me to say farewell, as I will be moving into the position of System Coordinator of Elementary Student Achievement, commencing July 1st. Kari Aubertin, current principal of Naahii Ridge Public School, will be entering as the new principal. It has been an honor to be the principal of East Lambton. The East Lambton community will forever hold a special place in my heart. I thank you for your continued support and perseverance over the past two years. It has certainly been a very unique two years and not one I could have predicted. Despite the challenges that were thrown upon us, your unwavering understanding and dedication have been greatly appreciated. I have loved getting to know each of your children and wish you each a wonderful and safe summer.

Our character trait this month is **perseverance**. We demonstrate perseverance when we continue to do something despite difficulty or a delay in achieving success. Classes will be learning about perseverance and finding ways to practice this trait throughout the month. Star students of perseverance will be celebrated at the end of the month.

Mental Well-Being Tip of the Month:

Develop Gratitude

Remember to count your blessings. Being grateful can lead to an increased sense of wellbeing. As part of the dinner conversation or as part of bedtime conversation, try having each family member share one positive thing from the day.

Adapted from: <https://www.mindhealthconnect.org.au/tips-for-good-mental-health>

Upcoming Events:

Weekly Schoolwide Challenges: We have been running weekly "Screen Free Like Me" challenges. Students are encouraged to send their teacher a picture or video of themselves completing the challenge at the end of each week for their chance to win a weekly draw of a Tim Horton's gift card and a chance to win the grand prize of a Provincial Park Season Pass.

Week of May 31st: Craft-tastic (Make a craft or do something crafty)

Week of June 7th : Mindful Moment (Show us an activity that makes you feel positive and happy)

Week of June 14th: Scavenger Hunt (Complete the scavenger hunt provided)

Week of June 21st: Lion Pride (Show your school spirit by doing something that shows kindness towards others)

Sarnia Produce Food Bags: Our first week of FREE Produce Bags was a great success. Thank you to everyone who was able to pick up bags for themselves and neighbours and friends. This helps the delivery process be more timely.

Once again, produce bags will be available for pick up at the school June 4 and June 18 from 11:30 – 1:00.

Anyone who is unable to pick up will have their bags delivered later in the afternoon.

Funding for this program is provided by our ELES Breakfast and Snack program and all of our funding partners through the Ontario Student Nutrition Program. Recently we received another donation from Noelle's Gift!

We are more than happy to be providing all of our families with fresh produce!

Reminders/Information for Parents:

LKDSB celebrates Pride Month: The month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month in Canada.

Lambton Kent District School Board joins school boards throughout the province in supporting the LGBTQ+ community with the display of the Pride Flag on flagpoles at all school and Board locations throughout the month of June. The display of the Pride Flag will be in accordance with the appropriate display of the Pride Flag with the National Flag of Canada, as outlined on the LKDSB's Display of Flags Regulation. The LKDSB is committed to supporting student achievement, well-being, and the Strategic Priority of Inclusive Diversity: Champion anti-oppressive education. The LKDSB's Strategic Priority, "Inclusive Diversity: Champion anti-oppressive education," *Safe Schools Act* and the protected grounds under the Ontario *Human Rights Code* further reinforce the importance of recognizing and affirming the rights of LGBTQ+ communities, particularly the human rights of everyone to be treated equally and with dignity and respect. In further support of this commitment, on May 17, 2021, LKDSB recognized the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB) to celebrate sexual and gender diversities and draw attention to the discrimination and violence experienced by LGBTQ+ people.

PA Day: A reminder that Friday, June 4th is a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for students on this day.

Yearbooks: Orders are due June 11 through SchoolCashOnline. Don't miss out!

Graduation: A reminder to our Gr. 8 parents and families that Gr. 8 Graduation will be held virtually on Thursday, June 24th @ 5:30 p.m. Additional details will be communicated via Mrs. McCallum.

Report Cards: Term 2 report cards will be sent home on Friday, June 25th. If we are still in remote learning, report cards will be mailed out on this day.

Last Day of School: The last day of school for students is Monday, June 28th.