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#### June 2022 Newsletter

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

**Principal's Message:** It is hard to believe that we are in the home stretch of what has been a very busy 2021-2022 school year. We as a staff, are already making plans and organizing for next year. The month of June often brings about a time of change and saying farewell. I wish our Grade 8 graduates well as they move on to high school and the next part of their learning journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to also say goodbye to Mrs. Dumais, who will be retiring at the end of June. We are grateful for the role that Mrs. Dumais has played in our school community and for the memories we have created with her. Thank you for everything you have done, Mrs. Dumais, and for allowing us to be a part of your journey. You will be greatly missed by staff, parents, students, and volunteers!

East Lambton now has a Twitter page. Please follow us @LambtonEast

### **Upcoming Events:**

June 2 – District Track & Field @ Watford Community Track

June 3 - Grade 6 and 7 field trip

June 10 – PA Day

June 16 - Grade 8 Field Trip

June 17 – Grades FDK – Grade 5 Field Trips

June 21 - Spring Concert

June 23 - Grade 8 Graduation

June 27 - Year-End Assembly @ 9:30 am

June 28 – Last Day of School

June 29 – PA Day

### **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 (LKDSB) 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.

This year, we will be displaying the Progress Pride Flag, an inclusive design by Daniel Quasar, which includes chevron shaped black and brown stripes to represent racialized LGBTQ+ communities, those currently living with AIDS and those who have been lost to the disease. The light blue, pink and white reflects the Transgender Pride Flag in the design.

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, 2022, 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.

Throughout the school year, we encourage school communities to champion anti-oppressive education, and promote safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning and work environments for all students, staff, and visitors, including the LGBTQ+ community.

**National Indigenous History Month:** June is National Indigenous History Month, a time for all Canadians to reflect upon and learn the history, sacrifices, cultures, contributions and strength of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.

LKDSB will be recognizing June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day. On this day and throughout the year, we honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. LKDSB is committed to working with and alongside local Indigenous communities to promote learning and understanding of Indigenous rights, histories, knowledge, culture and perspectives. Staff, students and families are encouraged to learn more about the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

LKDSB continues to work in partnership with Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Eelūnaapèewii Lahkèewiit (Delaware Nation), Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and Walpole Island (Bkejwanong) First Nation to support student success and well-being. <u>Learn more about Indigenous Education at LKDSB.</u>

**Kindergarten Open-house:** New JK and SK students/families are invited to join us from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. Come meet our Kindergarten staff and enjoy some outdoor activities.

**Kindergarten Registration**: If you know of any families that may have missed our Kindergarten registration, please have them contact the school.

 $\underline{https://www.lkdsb.net/Elementary/Registration/Pages/default.aspx\#/=$ 

**PA Day:** A reminder that Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for students on this day.

Yearbooks: Orders can be placed through SchoolCashOnline. Don't miss out!

**Graduation:** A reminder to our Gr. 8 parents and families that Gr. 8 Graduation will be held in our gymnasium on Thursday, June 23rd @ 7:00 p.m. Additional details will be communicated via Miss Cowell.

**Report Cards:** Term 2 report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Last Day of School:** The last day of school for students Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**New School Phone Number:** East Lambton Elementary will be using a new phone number in the fall. LKDSB is switching phone providers and was unable to keep our current phone number. The new number is **519-346-2755**. Please update your contacts! The current phone number will be active until October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Class Organization for 2022-2023: At this time of year a significant amount of time and energy goes into creating class lists for the next school year. Several important factors to maximize each student's success will be"

<u>Balance:</u> Each class needs to be balanced in terms of strengths and needs. No classes are "streamed" with only strong or weak students in any of the grades. Research has demonstrated that heterogeneous grouping, where students from a range of levels work together, provide the best learning opportunities for all involved.

<u>Learning and Teaching Styles:</u> Children learn in a variety of ways compatible with the way they make sense of the work. Teachers teach students using a multitude of teaching approaches and classroom management styles. It is our belief that a variety of teachers in beneficial to students as they proceed through their elementary years.

<u>Peer relationships and Group Dynamics:</u> While feeling included in peer relationships is important, sometimes being with friends is not a productive experience that enhances learning. Who gets along with whom? Who should be separated? What kinds of individuals could best come together as a group and develop? Who needs a situation to extend themselves and grow in social relationships? We attempt to answer these questions as we construct each classroom.

<u>Straight vs Combined Grades:</u> As usual, combined, or split grades will be the norm of the East Lambton organization from next year. Sometimes parents feel that straight grades are better than split grades. However, all classes are in effect "blended" because our students have a variety of strengths and needs and learn at a variety of instructional levels.

With the involvement of classroom teachers, resource teacher, and administration, careful consideration of each child's placement will occur as we keep the best interests of all 240 students at the centre of the conversation.

**Construction Update:** Our school will be receiving many building updates throughout the summer: new exterior doors, new windows, new hallway and classroom ceilings, HVAC upgrades including air conditioning, and new lockers are a few of the upgrades we will see when we return in September. It is likely that there will be many different construction trades on site with a variety of machinery so please try to avoid the school yard during the construction phase.

Playground Equipment: All playground equipment has been inspected but unfortunately deficiencies were found. As we await repairs on the equipment, they will remain closed. If your

children are visiting the school property during the evenings, on weekends or during holidays, kindly remind them to stay off the equipment until we receive notification that it is safe to use.

**Summer Engagement Camps:** This summer, the LKDSB will be offering summer engagement camps throughout the months of July and August on school playgrounds across the board. Camps will be run by post-secondary student leaders as well as a social worker at every site. Students will be engaged in various recreational play- based activities. If you are interested in having your child (ren) participate in one of the local summer engagement camps, please scan the QR code below to register. Camps are run Mondays to Thursdays from 9:00am – 11:00am and 12:30pm – 2:30pm, beginning Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Parents are also encouraged to stay to participate in family discussions for the duration of the activities.



# LAMBTON COUNTY JULY 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
4 AM - Bridgeview PS + Aberarder CS PM - Cathcard PS + Great Lakes SS	5 AM -Cathcart PS + North Lambton SS PM- Bridgeview PS + Kinnwood CS	6 <b>AM</b> - Hanna Memorial PS + Brigden PS <b>PM</b> - King George Sarnia + Confederation PS	7 AM - King George Sarnia PM - Hanna Memorial PS Full Day - Grand Bend PS
11 AM -London Road PS + Hillcrest PS PM- High Park PS + Lambton Centennial	12 AM - Lansdowne PS + Plympton Wyoming PS PM - Queen Elizabeth II Sarnia + Bosanquet CS	13 AM -Queen Elizabeth II Sarnia + LCCVI PM - Lansdowne PS + Hillcrest PS	14 AM -Riverview PS + Lambton Centennial PM- Sir John Moore + LCCVI
18 AM - Bridgeview PS + Aberarder CS PM - Cathcard PS + Great Lakes SS	19 AM -Cathcart PS + North Lambton SS PM- Bridgeview PS + Kinnwood CS	20 AM - Hanna Memorial PS + Brigden PS PM- King George Sarnia + Confederation PS	21 AM -King George Sarnia PM- Hanna Memorial PS Full Day - Grand Bend PS
25 AM -London Road PS + Hillcrest PS PM - High Park PS + Lambton Centennial	26 AM - Lansdowne PS + Plympton Wyoming PS PM - Queen Elizabeth II Sarnia + Bosanquet CS	27 AM - Queen Elizabeth II Sarnia + LCCVI PM - Lansdowne PS + Hillcrest PS	28 AM -Riverview PS + Lambton Centennial PM- Sir John Moore + LCCVI

# LAMBTON COUNTY AUGUST 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 CIVIC HOLIDAY	2 AM -Cathcart PS + North Lambton SS PM- Bridgeview PS + Kinnwood CS	3 AM - Hanna Memorial PS + Brigden PS PM- King George Sarnia + Confederation PS	4 AM - King George Sarnia PM - Hanna Memorial PS Full Day - Grand Bend PS
8 AM -London Road PS + Hillcrest PS PM- High Park PS + Lambton Centennial	9 AM -Lansdowne PS + Plympton Wyoming PS PM - Queen Elizabeth II Sarnia + Bosanquet CS	10 AM -Queen Elizabeth II Sarnia + LCCVI PM - Lansdowne PS + Hillcrest PS	11 AM -Riverview PS + Lambton Centennial PM- Sir John Moore + LCCVI
15 AM - Bridgeview PS + Aberarder CS PM- Cathcard PS + Great Lakes SS	16 AM -Cathcart PS + North Lambton SS PM- Bridgeview PS + Kinnwood CS	17 AM - Hanna Memorial PS + Brigden PS PM- King George Sarnia + Confederation PS	18 AM -King George Sarnia PM- Hanna Memorial PS Full Day - Grand Bend PS
22 AM - London Road PS + Hillcrest PS PM - High Park PS + Lambton Centennial	23 AM - Lansdowne PS + Plympton Wyoming PS PM - Queen Elizabeth II Sarnia + Bosanquet CS	24 AM -Queen Elizabeth II Sarnia + LCCVI PM- Lansdowne PS + Hillcrest PS	25 AM -Riverview PS + Lambton Centennial PM- Sir John Moore + LCCVI

**Student Transportation:** 

