



March 2021 Newsletter

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

Principal's Message: It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of March! The excitement of the approaching Spring is upon us. Our character trait this month is honesty/integrity. Integrity is about doing the right thing even when no one is looking. It is about having a strong moral compass and doing what you said you would do. Students will be learning about this character trait in the month of March. At the end of the month, teachers will recognize Star Students within their classroom and celebrate them with the whole school virtually.

Mental Well-Being Tip of the Month:

Resiliency: "A combination of skills and positive attributes that people gain from their life experiences and relationships. These attributes help them solve problems, cope with challenges, and bounce back from disappointments. We can help our young people to develop attributes or "assets" that enable them to be resilient and will help them throughout their lives."

Ways to Promote Resilience at Home

- Encourage your child to talk about what is bothering them. Take car rides to talk
- Avoid asking them, 'What's wrong?' Instead ask, 'How are things?'
- Spend one-on-one time with your child and find hobbies you can do together
- Encourage healthy eating
- Establish regular bedtime routines and times
- Have a clear morning routine (use simple picture as reminders for your child)
- Give back rubs and hugs
- Show them that mistakes are ok
- Be clear about rules and consequences
- Role play and talk through difficult situations
- Be a positive role model (learn how to manage your stress, take care of yourself)
- Get professional help if necessary
- Explore ways to teach simple relaxation skills

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Upcoming Events:

School Council Meeting: Our next School Council Meeting will take place virtually @ 6:30 p.m. on March 29th. If you would like to attend, please contact the office and we will be sure that you get the zoom invite.

Grad Pictures: Graduation photos will take place for our Grade 8 and SK students on March 15th. Retakes and Absentee will also be taken on this day.

Reminders/Information for Parents:

Covid-19 School Screening Update: A reminder that the Ontario School Screening has been enhanced to keep students and staff safe. Anyone who has at least ONE Covid-19 symptom must stay home and follow directions from the screening. EVERYONE in your household should stay home if ANYONE has symptoms or is waiting for a test result. Stay home until the person with symptoms gets a negative Covid-19 test result, is cleared by Lambton Public Health or is diagnosed with another illness. Remember to complete the screening each morning as symptoms and protocols are continuously updated. The link is at the top of the ELES and LKDSB websites <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Notification Deadline: The deadline for making a switch from Face to Face learning to Virtual or vice versa for quadmester 4 is March 22nd. Please either call and leave a message at the office or send an email to Carla.Wilson@lkdsb.net

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

Safe Arrival Reporting Using SchoolMessenger: At the Lambton Kent District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring students have arrived safely at school every day. You may have received notification about your child's absence from our SchoolMessenger automated attendance messaging system.

Effective March 1, 2021 all LKDSB Elementary schools are using SchoolMessenger Parent/Guardian Reporting Tool for you to notify the school about your child's absence, late arrival, early departure or "leave and return".

Please sign up now using the e-mail that matches the school's records so you are ready to use School Messenger to report your child's absence. When you create a School Messenger account, you will be able to see general broadcasts and emergency broadcasts sent to you. *Attendance* is an enhancement in your School Messenger account that will be available once your child's school activates this feature (March 1). If you were using the App prior to your child's school activating *Attendance*, please log out and log back in or refresh your settings.

Parents/Guardians are now asked to please use SchoolMessenger in one of the following three ways to report your child's absence, late arrival, early departure or "leave and return".

Option 1: Set up an online SchoolMessenger account and login to schedule and report absences. To create your account or login in [click here](#)

Option 2: Download the free SchoolMessenger app (blue) to your smart phone or tablet to schedule and report absences.

Click here to [Download the app for Apple devices.](#)

Click here to [Download the app for Android devices.](#)

Option 3: Call the LKDSB toll-free Attendance Reporting number 1 (844) 487-3695 and follow the prompts to report your child's absence. **For your security it is recommended that you set a PIN.**