



## March 2023 Newsletter

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

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of March and Spring is just around the corner!

We continue to work hard at ELES to be good community citizens and leaders. Our Colour House Challenges have acted as a great way to build relationships between students and staff, and we are grateful for the time Mrs. Rops and Miss Whitlaw have spent planning engaging activities for us to participate in. Building a strong sense of community continues to be a part of our School Learning Goals for 2022-2023.

### Upcoming Events:

**Popcorn Days:** March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are popcorn days. Please pre-order using School Cash Online.

**Pizza Days:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> are pizza days. Orders can be placed through School Cash Online. The pizza day cancelled on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> will be re-scheduled for Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**March Break:** March Break is from March 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope that everyone enjoys a fun and restful time with friends and family.

**Spring Photos:** Spring Photos will take place on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Graduating students (grade 8 and SK) that were unable to have their picture taken in January will be permitted to have pictures taken on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Sub Day:** Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> is a sub day. Sub days are available through School CashOnline only. If you haven't signed up for School CashOnline, please reach out to the office for assistance.

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

**Dental Screenings:** Lambton Public Health will be onsite on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> for dental screens of students in JK, SK, grades 2 and 7.

**Daylight Savings:** Just a reminder to "spring" your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Individual Education Plans (IEPs):** Our Learning Resource Teacher, Mr. Jubenville, has worked closely with classroom teachers and students to update IEPs for Term 2 for students who require accommodations and/or modifications to their regular classroom program. IEPs will be sent home on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> and parents are asked to take some time to review your child's program as described in the IEP and sign and return the last page of the document. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's IEP, please do not hesitate to contact the school for help as our resource teacher, classroom teachers, and school administration will be happy to assist.

## Lambton Public Health:

# REPORT VACCINATIONS

Required if your child attends school or licensed daycare.

### Report or view records:



GetTheVaccine.ca

Or scan the QR Code with your smartphone to access online.



### If you need assistance, contact us:



immunization@county-lambton.on.ca



519-383-8331 ext. 3589

### Required Immunizations in Ontario:

- diphtheria
- tetanus
- polio
- measles
- mumps
- rubella
- meningococcal
- whooping cough (pertussis)
- chickenpox (varicella)



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Public Health

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[ontario.ca/vaccines](http://ontario.ca/vaccines)

## Reminders/Information for Parents

**Dressing for Winter:** Just a reminder that students go outside at least three times each day when in the building, provided the wind chill is above -18C, so please ensure that your son or daughter has appropriate hats, mittens or gloves, coat, and snow pants to keep them comfortable for at least 20 minutes at a time in the cold temperatures. If you need help with providing these items, please contact the school and we would be happy to help with getting these items.

**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.

**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.***

**Playground Equipment:** 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.