

East Lambton Elementary School

March 2024 Newsletter

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

Message From the Principal:

March is here and the spring feelings are starting! The sunshine is starting, and the birds are chirping, we are ready to welcome a change in weather. In February, we focused on spreading kindness throughout the school and this was demonstrated by students and staff in classrooms, hallways and on the yard. We are so, so proud of our Lions and the amazing people they are becoming! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or want to meet with me, please reach out by calling the school or emailing me at <u>randi.mcdonald@lkdsb.net</u>.

Thank you! Mrs. Randi McDonald

Attendance:

Consistent attendance is vital to the success of our students. We encourage students to arrive each day on time and ready for learning. Many of our classes have soft starts and snack time at the beginning of the day to help ease the transition into school. If your student is going to be absent, please report the absence in the School Messenger system or by leaving a voicemail at the school. As a part of our Safe Arrival practice, we must account for the whereabouts of every student. Safe Arrival automated calls are made when students are absent, but that absence has not been explained in advance to the school.

Skating:

Our classes have had the opportunity to go skating during the month of February and March. We would like to thank all of the volunteers that have joined us on the ice or helping with tying skates. Through the generosity of our school community and community partners, we have many pairs of skates and helmets available to borrow here at the school. This has been a welcome experience for all students, and we have seen students persevere and respond to challenge while on the ice. The growth in skill has been amazing!

Lunches and Snack:

We continue to have pizza lunch every Thursday for those who order. Our next Subway day will be March 18 for those who order. Our next free lunch organized by Mrs. Thorne and the volunteers will be on Friday, March 8, where we will be serving soup. Nutritious snacks continue to be offered in class each day for any student.

Food Drive:

We will be running a food drive from March 18-22. We are looking for donations of the following items: personal hygiene items, breakfast foods, household items, lunch/supper items, snacks. All donations will be dropped off at the Watford Food Bank.

School Council:

Our next School Council meeting will be on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 in the Learning Commons. All are welcome! For any questions related to the School Council, please contact Chair Jacky Saul.

Upcoming Dates:

March 1 - Look Alike Spirit Day, dress as somebody you want to be or dress in pairs or multiples

- March 4 Colour House Day
- March 5 and 6 Presentations from the Dairy Farmers of Ontario
- March 8 Free Lunch Soup
- March 9 17 March Break, school is closed
- March 18 22 Food Drive
- March 18 Subway Day
- March 21 Rock Your Socks for Down Syndrome Day
- March 25 School Council Meeting 6:30pm
- March 26 Wear Purple for Epilepsy Awareness Day
- March 29 Good Friday, no school

