



## May Newsletter

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

### From the Office

The month of April was filled with so many wonderful learning opportunities. Our students were immersed in Earth Day activities, learning buddies, virtual field trips, and so many other rich learning community building experiences.

After reflecting upon some great online learning, Mrs. Dumais' class has made it their mission to help our school community and have introduced a composting program. All classes will be receiving a compost pail to recycle organic matter and food waste. Compostable waste will be placed in a new composter outside of the school and it is the class's hope to make a difference and to reduce our environmental footprint.

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

### Monthly Character Traits

This month's character trait is Integrity. We demonstrate integrity by doing what is right even when no one is watching. Throughout the month, students will learn about integrity and teachers will recognize Star Students for this character trait by celebrating at the end of May.

### Mental Health Week

During CMHA Mental Health Week (May 2-7) and throughout the year, the Lambton Kent District School Board supports student mental health and well-being.

The theme of this year's Mental Health Week is Empathy. Empathy is the ability to share someone else's feelings or experiences by imagining what it would be like to be in their situation. When times are tough, we need to be there for each other and practice empathy.

In support of the LKDSB's Strategic Priority, "Student Achievement and Well-Being," we remain committed to promoting education and awareness of mental health issues. We support the development of mental health through curriculum, systematic training to staff, collaboration with community partners, and a focus on promoting well-being.

In addition to school mental health supports, students and families may access help through a community mental health organization and Kids Help Phone (available 24/7).

Watch videos featuring LKDSB students sharing mental health and well-being messaging from School Mental Health Ontario.

## **Education Week Message from Director John Howitt**

The Ministry of Education has declared the week of May 2-6, 2022 as Education Week across Ontario. The Lambton Kent District School Board's (LKDSB) theme for this year's celebration is:

### **Connecting Communities**

Throughout the past two years and with the many transitions and challenges that students, staff and families have endured throughout to the pandemic, along with many other social and economic factors which have and continue to impact many of us, we invite our schools to intentionally focus on opportunities for connecting with the communities they serve.

The LKDSB is committed to its Strategic Priorities of "Trusting Relationships: Strengthen relationships based on respectful collaboration" and "Inclusive Diversity: Champion anti-oppressive education." We know that healthy, safe and inclusive communities contribute to safe, healthy and welcoming schools. Through events and activities held during Education Week (May 2-6, 2022), we will be providing opportunities to re-engage with our school communities. We know that supporting a student's success in education and their well-being is a community effort. Together, through connecting with communities, we will build on existing relationships and further create safe, healthy and inclusive schools.

We also encourage you to refamiliarize yourself with information and resources available through the [Parent/Guardian Resources](#), [Indigenous Education](#), [Equity and Inclusive Education](#), [Mental Health and Well-being](#) websites or contact your child's school for additional information.

On behalf of our trustees, administrators, teachers and staff, we invite you to connect with your local school community and engage in activities throughout the school year to learn about the inclusive and supportive learning opportunities which occur in LKDSB's elementary and secondary schools every day.

Sincerely,  
John Howitt

### **Upcoming Events:**

**May 2-6:** Education Week

**May 3:** Take Me Out to Learn Day – all classes will be outside engaging in learning opportunities. Please dress for the weather.

**May 4:** Grades 4-8 Arts Day

**May 6:** Flower Fundraiser Pick Up @ North Doors from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**May 12:** Track & Field (grades 4-8)

**May 13:** Track & Field Rain Date

**May 17:** FDK – Grade 3 Arts Day

**May 20:** Jump Rope for Heart

**May 23:** Victoria Day (no classes)

## **EQAO:**

Between May 4th and June 24th, grade 3 and 6 students will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 & 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario.

It is recommended that each student have a healthy breakfast to begin their day and to avoid these dates when booking appointments for you child (ren).

Grade 3 dates: May 9,11,16,19,25,31, June 1

Grade 6 dates: May 6, 9,10,11,18,19, 24

**Kindergarten Registration:** If you know of any families that may have missed our Kindergarten registration, please have them contact the school. <https://www.lkdsb.net/Elementary/Registration/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

## **Reminders/Information for Parents**

**Yard Supervision:** For the safety of all, students must not arrive before 8:50 a.m. when yard supervision begins.

**Playground Equipment:** The Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange advises the closure of school playgrounds throughout the winter months. All playground equipment remains closed until it has been inspected and the base surfacing below the equipment has been properly prepared from winter settling. 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.

**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.

**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. Buses 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. Buses 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.***