



East Lambton Elementary School

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November 2022 Newsletter

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

Principal's Message: This is a month when we put focus on remembering and paying respect to the men and women who have and continue to fight to maintain the rights and freedoms that we enjoy as Canadians. Each day, as staff of East Lambton, we coach our students on how to do our part to respect these rights and freedoms by interacting with each other in a respectful and kind manner, resolving conflicts in a peaceful and appropriate way. Respect means you care enough to think about how you impact others.

Building community among staff and students is an important focus for our school and to promote our vision of community, all staff and students have been placed onto Colour Houses and will be participating in a variety of challenges with their school "family". Our goal is to show mutual respect for all members of our colour house, to work together to achieve our goals, to promote wellness amongst our members, and to positively support each other, to work hard, and to have fun.

We will also be celebrating star students every month. These acknowledgements will take on a more organic approach where staff will be recognizing deserving students who showed kindness, perseverance, have helped around the school, showed improvement in academic tasks, growth mindset, social etiquette, etc. We celebrated the September and October Star Students in an assembly on October 27th.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week: November 21-25th has been designated as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to help promote safe schools and a positive learning environment. We will wear PINK on Wednesday, November 23rd. Activities and discussions will happen throughout the week in our classes.

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

The different forms of bullying include:

- Physical – hitting, shoving, stealing, or damaging property
- Verbal – name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist, or homophobic comments
- Social – excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them
- Electronic (commonly known as cyberbullying) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments through cellphones, e-mail, text messaging, and social networking sites.

A great article explaining bullying can be found [here](#).

Donation to ELES: Thank you to all the community members and organizations who have made generous donations to our school over the past few months. The Watford Rotary Club made a donation providing enormous support for literacy in our school. We are very fortunate and grateful to be a part of this generous community!

Staffing Update: We would like to welcome Miss Simpson to the East Lambton School Community. Miss Simpson joins us from Brooke Central School and will be teaching primary gym, art, and music in the afternoon. Thank you to Mr. Van Wolde for filling in while the staffing process took place. We are so lucky to have great educators in our building working with our students!

School Learning Plan: Our Multi-Disciplinary/School Improvement Team met recently to develop our School Improvement Plan for the year. The board requires each school to set a goal for the five areas below. These goals and the identified success criteria for each will be discussed with School Council and will be a continued focus of learning and discussion with staff throughout the year.

Student Achievement Goal (including literacy, numeracy, and graduation): Use assessment feedback to provide targeted instruction that improves student's numeracy and literacy skills

Student Wellbeing Goal (including Feeling of Belonging, Caring & Trusting Adult, and Sense of Welcoming): Based on survey data, we will help students to feel a greater sense of belonging, feel welcomed at school, develop relationships with more than one caring adult, and take pride in sense of self by engaging students and strengthening relationships.

Indigenous Goal (including Truth and Reconciliation Commitments): Continue to develop staff and student understanding of the truth in our Canadian history and develop an appreciation of Indigenous culture.

Inclusive Diversity Goal (including actions to Champion Anti-oppressive Education): Build in discussions that include marginalized voices and recognizes systemic obstacles and/or celebrates differences.

Re-engagement Goal: Work as a team to build relationships with students, families, and our school community.



2021 School Climate Survey Results

The results are in for the 2021 LKDSB School Climate Survey of students in Grades 4-12, staff, and parents/guardians. A total of 9,559 students in Grades 4-12 participated in the online surveys, along with 2,954 parents/guardians and 626 staff. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The LKDSB looks forward to continuing the conversations with students and parents/guardians as we work together to improve students' outcomes. Every Voice Counts.

Review the LKDSB results on our website: www.lkdsb.net/survey

Note: Individual school results are available on the school website. Contact the school for more detailed information.

Important Dates:

Nov. 3 – Pizza Day (rescheduled from November 4)

Nov. 6 – Wreath orders are due

Nov. 9 --Picture Retake Day

Parent Council Meeting in Learning Commons @ 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 10 – Pizza Day

Nov. 11 --Remembrance Day

Progress Reports Sent Home

Nov. 14 – Wear Blue for Diabetes Awareness Day

Nov. 14 – 18 – Scholastic Book Fair in Learning Commons

Nov. 17 -- Parent-Teacher Interviews 3:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 18 -- Parent-Teacher Interviews 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 21 – Wreath Order Pickup 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 23 – Pink Shirt Day for Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Nov. 25 – Favourite Fit Day – wear your favourite outfit

Sub Day

Nov. 30 – Colour House Day – wear your colour to support your Colour house

Upcoming Events:

Treaties Recognition Week:

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) commemorates Treaties Recognition Week between November 7-11, joining school boards across the province in promoting education and awareness about treaty rights and treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Ontario.

The LKDSB recognizes the traditional land of Aamjiwnaang First Nation; Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit (Delaware Nation), Kettle & Stony Point First Nation; and Walpole Island (Bkejwanong) First Nation. The LKDSB appreciates the ongoing support and partnership of the four First Nations to collectively promote education and mutual understanding of Indigenous histories and perspectives.

Schools are working towards greater understanding of treaties, treaty relationships, and the responsibilities we have to raise awareness about Indigenous histories, cultures, contributions, and perspectives. Treaties Recognition Week is one of the many steps in Ontario's journey to healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. As staff and students, we will be building our understanding of treaties during the first week of November by connecting to virtual events and participating in various learning activities.

Did you know...

- Treaties Recognition Week was introduced to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships
- Every Ontarian is a treaty person
- Most of Ontario is covered by 46 treaties and other agreements, such as land purchases by the Crown signed between 1781 and 1930
- First Nations had their own process of Treaty-making that had existed for thousands of years
- Treaties are legal agreements between two or more nations

Remembrance Day: We will be recognizing Remembrance Day with our students by attending the community service at the Cenotaph. Homeroom teachers will be looking for parent volunteers to assist our classes with the walk to and from the Cenotaph. If you are interested, please send a message to your child's teacher. Classes will also participate in additional classroom learning and readings in honour of the courageous men and women that have served and continue to serve our great country. As per usual, students will each be given a poppy on this day. Donations to the Legion poppy fund are greatly appreciated.

PA Day: November 18th is a PA Day. There is no school for students on this day.

Progress Reports and Interviews: Progress Reports will be going home with students on Friday, November 11th. In-person interviews will be scheduled for Thursday November 17th and Friday November 18th. Parents are asked to sign up for a 10-minute interview using our Sign-Up Genius Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080448AAA723A7F49-eles>

The scholastic Book Fair will also be running in the learning commons during parent-teacher interviews.

School Spirit Wear: Our ELES Lions Spirit Wear Store is open!

<https://eastlambtonfall2022.itemorder.com/> Orders are accepted through this online store only, until November 11th.

Wreath Fundraiser: Again, this fall, we have embarked on our popular Wreath fundraiser. Wreath Order Forms are available now on School Cash Online and due November 6th. Payment is also required via School Cash Online. Wreaths will be available for pick up will be on Monday, November 21st from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. If you require assistance with School Cash On-line, please do not hesitate to contact the office for help.

World Diabetes Day: Monday, November 14th is World Diabetes Day. To show our support, staff and students are encouraged to wear blue to support Diabetes Awareness.

Reminders/Information for Parents:

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.

Inclement Weather: schoolbusinfo.com and local radio stations will communicate information regarding bus cancellations. If you have a concern regarding bussing, please do not hesitate to contact Sandy at Lang's @ 519-383-1221. EAST LAMBTON IS IN SCHOOL BUS ZONE 1.