



# East Lambton Elementary School

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## October 2022 Newsletter

**Principal's Message:** As the second month gets underway, staff and students are settling in nicely with routines and learning. Thank you to everyone for your understanding and patience during our recent class organization. It is not an easy process, but everyone handled the changes very well and showed a great deal of resiliency.

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### Safe Arrival:

Our school day begins with an entrance bell at 9:05 a.m. Students are supervised on the schoolyard from 8:50 a.m. until the entry bell rings. Students are not permitted on the school yard before 8:50 a.m. as their safety on the yard cannot be monitored without a staff member present.

**Staffing Update:** We are always grateful to the staff that work so closely with our students and community and would like to wish Mrs. Derkach all the best as she moves into a new role on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at P.E. McGibbon Public School in Sarnia. Congratulations Mrs. Derkach! The news is bittersweet as we will miss having her at ELES but are happy for her as this is a new full-time placement. In the meantime, we will be welcoming Mr. VanWolde to our school next week. Mr. VanWolde will be teaching primary/junior prep in the afternoons while we wait for the staffing process to be completed. Welcome, Mr. VanWolde!

**Generous Donations:** Tim Hortons in Watford again chose our Snack Program as the recipient of their Smile Cookie Campaign. THANK YOU to our school community for buying Smile Cookies. We are always appreciative of the extra support to help fund our daily snack program and eagerly await a final total.

THANK YOU to the Staples for Education in Partnership with Kiwanis (Petrolia and Area) for their recent donation of school supplies to our school. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community!

The annual Terry Fox Run is a fall tradition for our school community and your support for this event is very much appreciated. Together, we raised \$482.15 for the Terry Fox Foundation. THANK YOU for your continued support of this worthwhile cause!

## **Upcoming Dates:**

October 4 – Optimist Cross Country Meet in Petrolia

October 5 – Picture Day

October 7 – PA Day (no classes for students)

October 10 – Thanksgiving Day (no classes for students)

October 14 – IEP's to go home

October 14 – Conference Cross Country Meet at Lambton Centre

October 17 – Conference Cross Country Meet, Lambton Centre, Rain date

The school calendar of events can be accessed through our website. Please visit our website often, as updates will be added to the site on a regular basis. A copy of the newsletter will also be posted on the website. To access the website, please visit

<https://www.lkdsb.net/school/eastlambton/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

## **Reminders/Information for Parents:**

### **Become a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee:**

Community organizations/associations are invited to apply to serve on the Special Education Advisory Committee. Interested applicants must submit a nomination form and letter by 4 p.m. on Nov. 18, 2022. Learn more:

[https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=546&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement\\_Item#/=](https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=546&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/=)

**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. 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.

### **COVID Screening:**

Prior to attending school, all students, staff and visitors are asked to continue to complete and follow the directions of the daily COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

All students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should follow the directions of the COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool. Staff members will continue to follow COVID-19 health and safety protocols so that appropriate action can be taken if students develop symptoms during the day. Students who arrive at school with symptoms or develop symptoms during the day will be sent home.

**Food & Allergies:** Please be aware that we are a “Nut Free” school and as a result, we ask that parents not send foods containing nuts (including peanuts and tree nuts), to school to protect the safety of all members of our school community. This includes any peanut substitution products, as once the product leaves your home, it is impossible to tell the difference. We recognize that this is an inconvenience for some families but thank you in advance for respecting the health needs of others. For great suggestions on nut free lunches, visit [www.eatrightontario.ca](http://www.eatrightontario.ca).

We also have many students with dietary restrictions therefore we are asking that parents/guardians **not send in food items for classroom celebrations**. We understand that food is a great way to celebrate events like birthdays, holidays, etc. but we want to be mindful of the many students that can not participate in the sharing of these food options. Thank you for your understanding.

**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.***

**Medication:** Medication, both prescription & non-prescription, should not be administered to students by school staff. Specific criteria must be met for staff to administer prescription medication when it cannot be administered from home. An “**Authorization for the Administration of Oral Medication**” form (available from the office), must be completed by the parent/guardian and physician, then forwarded to the Principal for each school year. This includes the administration of occasional use medications as well. Should your child have a medical need (such as a severe allergy) that requires special emergency attention please inform the school and an “**Individual Medical Emergency Plan**” will be put in place. The forms for this purpose are available in the office.

**School Cash Online:** Please remember to sign up for school cash online; info available on our East Lambton website and the LKDSB website. Pay school fees online as a convenient option. <https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

## Student Accident Insurance – Voluntary Participation:

*The Lambton Kent District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities - - this includes extracurricular sports. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by provincial health care or their employer's health care plan. Please check with your provider regarding coverage.*

*The Board encourages all parents/guardians to review this or other available Student Accident Insurance plans, especially those with a child(ren) participating in medium to high-impact physical activities (both during school and outside of school hours).*

*The insuremykids® student accident insurance program offers three plans with a variety of benefits and affordable rates. Their most affordable plan is available for as little as \$17 per year. All plans provide 24/7 coverage. For more information or to purchase insurance, please visit [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) or call 1-800-463-5437.*

The 2022/2023 Student Accident Insurance Program is available for purchase now and is in effect for 365 days. No matter when the student accident policy is purchased the coverage is available for 365 days, one year from the date of purchase. This allows families to purchase whenever they prefer.

**Water Bottles:** Students are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day and bring it home to be washed at the end of each day.