



East Lambton Elementary School

East Lambton is Bus Zone 1
Principal: Kari Aubertin
Secretary: Suzanne Thorne
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Principal's Message: Welcome Back! I hope you all had a restful summer and are looking forward to a new year at East Lambton Elementary School. Our staff have been busy over the summer preparing for the new school year and we hope you are excited as they are to get reacquainted with old friends and to meet new ones. September always brings with it a sense of newness and the opportunity to start fresh. I hope you all enjoy this wonderful time of year.

A big thanks to our custodial staff, Mr. Rob, and Mr. Tanner, who worked diligently this summer to get our school looking top notch. Thank you to Mrs. Thorne for all her hard work in the office for a smooth start to the year as well.

I am excited to begin a new school year that promises to be one of tremendous growth and terrific learning for all. Together, we thank you for your continued patience as we navigate the new routines that accompany the LKDSB re-opening plans. We strive to continuously improve the educational opportunities available to all students. At East Lambton, we look forward to creating safe conditions to inspire and support learning at every level.

We warmly welcome our new families and staff members to East Lambton!

East Lambton Staff 2021-2022

Mrs. Kari Aubertin	Principal
Mrs. Suzanne Thorne	Secretary
Miss Krystie Whitlaw	FDK
Ms. Jenna Coultres	ECE
Miss Lyndsey Sitlington	SK/1
Mrs. Ann Marie Rops	Gr. 1/2
Mrs. Kaley Derkach	Gr. 2/3
Miss Katie Ferguson	Gr. 3/4
Mrs. Carol Dumais	Gr. 4/5
Mr. Aaron Edlington	Gr. 5/6
Mr. Brandon Owen	Gr. 6/7
Mr. Derek McMahon	Gr. 7/8
Mme Melissa VanEngelen	Core French/Prep
Ms. Alysia Wyville	Prep/Learning Commons
Mrs. Beth Thompson	Resource/Guidance
Ms. Missy Tait	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Riley Hill	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Christina Young	Educational Assistant
Mr. Rob Hoskin and Mr. Tanner Moyer	Custodial Staff

Bell Times

Classes Begin	9:05 a.m.
First Nutrition and Activity Break	11:05-11:45 a.m.
Second Nutrition and Activity Break	1:25-2:05 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

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#/=>

Upcoming Events:

School Council Meeting: Our first School Council Meeting of the year will take place on Monday, September 27th @ 6:30 p.m. More information will be shared as to whether the meeting will be held in person or virtually on Zoom.

Orange Shirt Day: On September 30th, staff and students across the Lambton-Kent District School Board will be encouraged to wear an orange shirt. Orange Shirt Day is held to educate people and promote awareness about the Indian residential school system and the impact this system had and continues to have on Indigenous communities in Canada. On this day, classes will participate in learning activities that will continue to build an understanding of residential schools and our Indigenous communities.

Reminders/Information for Parents:

Parents/Visitors to the School: During COVID restrictions, parents and visitors to the school are asked to continue to pre-arranged appointments/visits to the school. It is very important to us that open lines of communication continue. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the office through SeeSaw, Google Classroom, telephone or email.

COVID Screening:

Prior to attending school, all students, staff and visitors must 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. Students should follow the directions of the daily COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool. Public Health authorities will advise on individual return to school conditions and timelines for students.

Masks: All students in Grades 1-12 are required to wear a mask at school and on buses. Cloth and non-medical masks are permitted for students. Students in Kindergarten are strongly encouraged, but not required to wear a mask. Families are advised to provide extra masks for students, if possible.

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.

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.

Class Organization: As with previous years, the Ministry of Education has implemented caps for primary classes. As a result, we must adhere to these class caps. There is still a possibility that there could be another re-organization and some classes might be subject to change depending upon any late registrations or additional moves out of our school area.

Inclement Weather: East Lambton School is in Zone 1. Please listen to local radio stations, visit 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.***

Labelling Student Items: A best practice is to label all student items so that it is easy to identify whom the item belongs to. Your assistance with this task is greatly appreciated.

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.

Milk: At this time, milk will not be sold during the school day.

Snack Program: Our snack program will continue to operate. A breakfast/snack bowl will be delivered to classrooms each morning at the start of the day. Snacks will be “grab and go” items, such as whole pieces of fruit, granola bars and cheese sticks, so that little handling and preparation of food is required. Limited items will be available within classrooms during the second break for those students who require them. It may be necessary this year to send students to school with a couple more food items each day, as limited items will be available during the second break.

Recess: Elementary students will have the opportunity to enjoy recess. At this time, Medical Officers of Health have advised that outdoor activity has reduced risk and that playground equipment may be used. Classes will be assigned specific areas of the playground/schoolyard at recess. Students will practice hand hygiene before and after the break. Students may remove their masks while participating in outdoor recess activities.

Student Registration Verification Form: Please take a moment to look over the Student Registration Verification Forms being sent home. Please make any necessary changes on the form and have your child *return it back to his/her teacher* **by Monday, September 13th, 2021 with or without corrections.** It is requested that you sign the form to show that you have looked at it. The office will update your child's information in the student database accordingly. Please note that it is your responsibility to contact us throughout the school year when any changes occur with regards to any pertinent information regarding your child's status: address, phone numbers, contacts, etc. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Anti-Spam Legislation Form and Consent for Imaging or Audio Recording of Students: A media consent form is coming home with this newsletter. The media consent form gives permission for your child's picture to appear in **routine** school, board and outside media (e.g., the local paper) forums.

Safe Arrival Policy: We have a process in place to ensure the safe arrival of all students. Please call the school if your child is absent in the morning or the afternoon (unless a note has already been sent). Ms. Thorne is available after 8:30 a.m. to take your calls. We also have a 24 hour answering machine so you may call any time, day or night. If students are arriving late or need to be picked up, Mrs. Thorne will meet or walk students to the door and a visual wave will be communicated with parents.

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>

School Messenger: At the Lambton Kent District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring students have arrived safely at school and are participating in classes every day. You may have received notification about your child's absence from our SchoolMessenger automated attendance messaging system. **We kindly ask you to now use SchoolMessenger as the main way to report your child's absence to the school.**

If you are not already utilizing this tool, please sign up now using your e-mail or your phone number that matches the school's records and use SchoolMessenger in one of the following three ways to report your child's absence:

Option 1: Set up an online SchoolMessenger account and login to schedule and report absences or late arrival. [To create your account or login in click here.](#)

Option 2: Download the free SchoolMessenger app (blue) to your smart phone or tablet to schedule and report absences or late arrival.

- Click here to [Download the app for Apple devices.](#)
- Click here to [Download the app for Android devices.](#)

Option 3: Call the LKDSB toll-free Attendance Reporting number [1 \(844\) 487-3695](tel:18444873695) and follow the prompts to report your child's absence. For your security it is recommended that you set a PIN.

When you create a School Messenger account, you will be able to see General and Emergency Broadcasts that have been shared with you by your school or the LKDSB. *Attendance* is a menu feature that gives you access to enter, edit or delete a SchoolMessenger absence notification for your child(ren).

Click the links below to view the Reference Guides for information on signing up, setting preferences, reporting an absence and setting a PIN.

- [School Messenger Quick Reference Guide & Sign Up Instructions](#)
- [School Messenger Parent Guardian Guide for Mobile App](#)

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. Water fountains are closed this year but our water bottle filling stations remain open.

Student Accident Insurance:

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, including extracurricular sports.



If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by their Government Health Insurance Plan or their employer's health care plan. 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 or call 1-800-463-5437.

The 2021/2022 Student Accident Insurance Program is available for purchase beginning August 1, 2021 and expires September 30, 2022 no matter when it is purchased. For example: if someone purchases a new plan on October 2, 2021, it still expires September 30, 2022.

Important Note: Purchases made prior to August 1st are for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year and are not prorated. Any purchases made prior to August 1st, the policy will expire on September 30, 2021. Therefore, if purchasing a plan for the 2021/2022 school year, please do so, on August 1st or later.