

April 2023

April is here, the school year keeps buzzing by! We are hoping Spring will bring some warmer weather and sunny days.

Appreciations need to be given to our wonderful staff who continue to volunteer their time to host clubs in the learning commons during recess. Our students continue to enjoy Art Club, Social Club, Builder's Club, Announcement Team, Multidisciplinary Team, and the Kindness Club. Thank you to Mme Siertsema who organized a wonderful presentation from Caleb Crevier. His wonderful message, basketball skills and unicycle tricks were enjoyed by all. Thank you to the school council for organizing our sundae day! March was filled with lots of fun and engaging learning opportunities.

We will be having a staff change effective in April. Thank you to Mme Siertsema for her time here as our Grade 2/3 FI teacher. We welcome Mme Boyle as our new grade 2/3 FI teacher beginning this month.

Yours in Education,

T. Pereira
Principal

SCREENING Parents/guardians are required to assess their children daily and report whether they are experiencing any signs of illness and are expected to keep them home if they are. Parents/guardians should refer to the Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students Before Attending School to perform daily screening of their children before arriving at school. You can find the screener here: [COVID-19 school screening \(ontario.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/covid-19-school-screening)

SCHOOL COUNCIL The May meeting will be held on **Wednesday May 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the learning commons**. The purpose of the School Council is to support pupil achievement and to employ a variety of strategies to engage parents and the community in strengthening student achievement. We appreciate all ideas and value all voices in the meeting. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend the School Council meetings.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT/COLOUR HOUSES As we continue to work with students on self-regulation and character development, our focus will be on the Zones of Regulation and goal setting. We will continue to celebrate student goal setting and achievement at our monthly Roadrunner Award assembly. We will be having two assemblies, please see the school calendar for when your child's class will have their assembly.

GRADUATION The Grade 8 end of year graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday June 27, 2023, at the school. The ceremony will begin at 5:30 pm. Doors will open for seating at 5:15 pm. We have a large number of graduates this year. Each graduate will be able to include up to 7 guests at the ceremony.

SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY We have a process in place to ensure the safe arrival of all students. Parents must do their best to see that their children are regularly at school and that they arrive on time. Please call the school if your child is absent in the morning or the afternoon (unless a note has already been sent). We also have a 24-hour answering machine so you may call any time, day, or night. Calls home are made for

all unexplained absences. If there is no answer, calls will be made to a parent's/ guardian's workplace or emergency numbers. Please help us by contacting the school before our morning or afternoon bell rings. Notes from home are needed to excuse a child early from class.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE The school dress code has been updated in cooperation with the school council. Dress codes help reflect a positive moral tone in the school and reduce social conflict and peer pressure that may be associated with appearance. Dress codes allow students to wear what they want, within the parameters of what is appropriate for school, while leaving students with a sense of choice and expression. The following dress code applies to all Errol Road staff and students:

- Running shoes are required for gym class and footwear is required within the school
- An opaque top and bottom are required
- All private areas are to be covered
- Undergarments must not be worn as outerwear
- Clothing and/or accessories shall not: promote or symbolize drugs, alcohol, illegal activity, hate or discrimination, profanity, pornography, incite violence or harassment, pose a health and safety risk.

ALLERGIES – NUTS Many children and staff members have severe allergies to peanuts, peanut butter, and other nuts. In some cases, these allergies can be fatal. Please do not send your child with any nuts or peanut butter for either lunches or snacks. We want our school environment to be safe and healthy for all our students.

Save the Date - Full Day Kindergarten Registration for September 2023

Kindergarten Registration for September 2023 is nearing completion. There are two additional dates available for families to get their children registered for Kindergarten.

- Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.
- Wednesday, May 31st, 2022, from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form @ www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, anytime between 4:00-7:00 pm.

Remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child

Bus Transportation Information, Inclement Weather, and the MySBI App

Our school is in Zone 2.

If bus routes are cancelled, the school will remain open unless otherwise indicated.

If buses are cancelled in the morning due to fog, they will run in the afternoon for dismissal. **When buses are cancelled for snow and ice, they do not run in the afternoon and if you drive your child to school in the morning, you are responsible for picking your child(ren) up at dismissal.**

Now it is easier than ever to get up to date information about school bus cancellations and delays. All you need to do is sign up for a mobile app that provides subscribers with real-time notifications

whenever buses are delayed by 10 minutes or more. The notifications will come in the form of an alert and will also include cancellations due to inclement weather conditions. This app allows subscribers to easily select the morning and afternoon buses for which they wish to subscribe. For additional information about this mobile app, please visit: <http://www.mysbi.ca>

April Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Grad Photo Retakes Grade 8 Grad Parent Meeting 3:30	4 School Council 6:30 Learning Commons	5 Flower Fundraiser open cash online	6 Pow Wow trip DaSilva, Rogers, D. D'Andrea, L. D'Andrea, Stewart and Cordingley	7 Good Friday No School
10 Easter Monday No School	11 Pizza Day 1 st lunch	12 FDK Registration 4-7pm	13	14 Popcorn Day
17	18	19	20	21 Popcorn day
24 Grade 8 Muskoka Trip	25 Grade 8 Muskoka Trip	26 Grade 8 Muskoka Trip Flower fundraiser closes cash online	27 Assembly FDK-Grade ¾ 12:15 pm Pizza Day 1 st lunch	28 PD Day No School for Students

The LKDSB School Year Calendar can be accessed at the following link:
[Elementary Calendar - Lambton Kent District School Board \(lkdsb.net\)](http://lkdsb.net)