

January 2024

Happy New Year and Welcome Back to School! I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely and safe holiday season. It is great to be refreshed and ready to finish off the first term of our school year.

We are looking forward to our continued work in Numeracy and Literacy, Self-Regulation, and goal setting. We will continue to honour our award recipients during our Roadrunner award assemblies.

We would like to welcome Ms. Ashleah Genovy to our SK/Grade 1 English classroom. She will be replacing Mrs. Miller (who has moved to a different position in the school board) until June. Welcome Ms. Genovy!

We look forward to continued opportunities to welcome families and our school community into the school for special events and school happenings.

Yours in Education,

T. Pereira
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL The School Council will not have a meeting in January. The February meeting will be held on **February 21, 2024, 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 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 changing our assembly format and having two assemblies. Please see the school calendar for when your child's class will have their assembly.

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.

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 2024 will begin soon. There are two additional dates available for families to get their children registered for Kindergarten.

- Thursday February 1, 2024, from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.
- Friday February 2, 2024, from 9:00am – 3:00 pm.
- Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024, from 9:00am – 3:00pm.
- Wednesday, May 29th, 2024, 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 Thursday, February 1st from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, or Friday February 2nd from 9:00 am-3:00 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>

January Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8 Back to School!	9	10	11	12 School Spirit Wear Day
15	16	17 Popcorn Day	18	19
22	23 Pizza Day	24 Popcorn Day	25	26 School Spirit Wear Day
29	30 Roadrunner Assembly Gr 4-8 @12:15pm	31 Roadrunner Assembly JK-3/4 @12:15pm Popcorn Day		

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