

June 2023

June is here, the sun is shining and there is lots going on at the school. Please see the calendar for all field trips and special events.

Special appreciation this month to our wonderful staff who are running Track and Field and who coached soccer. Without the dedication of our staff these events would not be possible. Thank you to the Grade 3 and 6 teachers for their dedication to our EQAO testing.

We have lots of field trips coming up, sports and some fun events! Please remember that as the weather continues to fluctuate, ensure your children are properly dressed for school!

Information regarding September 2023 and the school organization will be shared at the end of the month.

Yours in Education,

T. Pereira
Principal

LKDSB Celebrates Pride Month

The month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month in Canada. Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) joins school boards throughout the province in supporting the LGBTQ+ community with the display of the Pride Flag on flagpoles at all school and Board locations throughout the month of June.

The LKDSB is committed to supporting student achievement, well-being, and the Strategic Priority of [Inclusive Diversity: Champion anti-oppressive education](#). The LKDSB's Strategic Priority, "Inclusive Diversity: Champion anti-oppressive education," [Safe Schools Act](#) and the protected grounds under the Ontario [Human Rights Code](#) further reinforce the importance of recognizing and affirming the rights of LGBTQ+ communities, particularly the human rights of everyone to be treated equally and with dignity and respect.

Throughout the school year, we encourage school communities to champion anti-oppressive education, and promote safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning and work environments for all students, staff, and visitors, including the LGBTQ+ community.

SCHOOL COUNCIL The School Council will be running this school year. The June meeting will be held on **Wednesday June 14, 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 for May, and one whole school assembly for June. Please see the school calendar for when your child's class will have their assemblies.

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.

WARM WEATHER With the onset of summer-like weather, it is important that students come to school prepared for outdoor activities. In addition to light, comfortable warm-weather clothing appropriate for school, including hats to shade the ears, face, and neck, it is also important that students bring a water bottle and that they wear sunscreen.

The application of sunscreen is a life skill that children need to learn at an early age. Burns from over-exposure to sun are dangerous. Even on days that may appear overcast, UV rays, which are damaging to our skin, can be harmful.

It is important that, as parents/guardians, you teach your child(ren) how to apply sunscreen. Long-lasting formulas are best. If you help them apply a long-lasting sun block before they come to school, it would only be necessary for a reapplication towards mid-afternoon. Although it is not possible for staff to apply sunscreen to an entire class, we can help remind students to make sure they are covered, assist where needed, and re-enforce a sun safety message.

It should be as common for students to bring their sunscreen to school as it is for them to bring a water bottle. If we make it a habit to protect ourselves from dangerous exposure to sun, we will guard against possible serious illness in later life.

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)

June Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 EQAO GRADE 6	2 EQAO GRADE 6 Freezie Day Popcorn Day
5 Track & Field LCCVI	6 Gr. 5/6 FI, 6/7 FI, Gr. 6/7, 7 FI Western Day Grade 2/3 Super Ninja	7 Pizza Day Roadrunner Assembly JK-Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ 12:15 pm	8 Roadrunner Assembly Gr. 4-8 12:15 pm	9 PA Day
12	13 Gr. $\frac{3}{4}$ & 4/5 FI Super Ninja	14 Gr. 4/5 & 5/6 Western Day	15 JK-Gr. 3 Track & Field	16 Popcorn Day School Dance
19 FDK Splashpad & Point Edward	20	21 Gr. 2/3 Point Edward & Hatchery Gr. $\frac{3}{4}$ Riding Club Gr. 7/8 & 8 Point Edward	22	23 Popcorn Day Gr 8's vs Staff and Parents 2-pitch game 11:45 pm
26	27 Grade 8 Graduation 5:30 pm Gr. 1 & $\frac{1}{2}$ FI Kustermans	28 SK Graduation 1:45 pm	29 Roadrunner Assembly FDK-Gr. 8 12:15pm	30 PA 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)