

Dear Parents/Guardians,

February 1st, 2024

PD Day – Friday, February 2

Red and Pink Day– Tuesday, February 14th

Valentine’s Day and Valentine “grams”

Students can bring in Valentine’s and or treats to share with class. Please ensure that anything sent in is prepackaged and marked Peanut/Nut free. Anything homemade will be sent back home. More information will be sent from individual classrooms if teachers wish.

Mme Courtis’ grade 5/6 class will be selling Valentine’s for students to send to other students in the school to raise money to purchase their class pet – and axolot. They will be 50 cents each and will be sold on the following days: **FDK-Grade 2** – will be able to purchase on Monday; **Grade 3s and 4s** - Wednesday, February 7th; **Grade 5s and 6s** – Thursday, February 8th; and **Grade 7s and 8s** – Friday, February 9th.

Grade 8 Grad and Year End Fundraiser

Grade 8 are selling Little Caesar’s Pizza Kits again this year. Orders can be placed online between February 1st and February 20th with delivery on March 6 between 3 & 6PM. Attached to this email is a flyer with more information.

Ordering in easy: Go to PizzaKit.ca

Click on *Products*, then *Shop*

Select *Ship My Order to the Group*

Enter the **Fundraiser ID#437459**, set up your account, and place your order!

KinderSTART/Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be 4 years old before December 31, 2024, who you are planning to have start school in September, please complete the registration forms through this link: [Kindergarten Registration](#)
Our first kinderSTART visit will be Thursday, February 1st from 4-7PM and Friday, February 2nd from 9AM-3PM. Come in to complete the registration meet the principal and see the classrooms.

Please try to complete the registration online prior to visiting as it speeds up the process.

Parents/Guardians must provide valid proof of address such as a utility bill or bill of sale and citizenship (i.e., birth certificate or passport).

School Screener

Please know that if your child is unwell, the school screener is still the tool we defer to when looking at whether a student should attend or not. Please note, that students should stay home for 24 hours or until symptoms start improving and that in the case of nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, the student must stay home for 48 hours.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>



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Zone 2

School Council

Being involved in your children's school is a great way to stay connected. This year our meetings are held in the learning commons. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20th @ 6:30 PM. There will be a babysitter available to help with little ones.

February is Black History Month

Black History is annually celebrated during the month of February, but the role of African Canadians in our history and society is embedded in Lambton Kent District School Board curriculum throughout the year. Students are working with staff to create activities and presentations that will be provided to classrooms throughout the month.

In addition, the Lambton Kent District School Board will be broadcasting a virtual event to schools on February 28. They have invited local Black historic sites to join as they have been instrumental in guiding the board's Black History Month initiative this year. Thanks go out to the Josiah Henson Museum of African-Canadian History, the Buxton National Historic Site & Museum, and the Black Mecca Museum for their involvement. We are looking forward to hearing from the local Black history and perspectives that will be woven into this celebration.

Spirit Wear – On-Demand Store

Team Outfitters has opened the possibility to order school spirit wear at any time of the year! Please use the link below to access the online store: [Online Store](#)

School Messenger and Attendance Reporting

Instructions for downloading the School Messenger app and navigating the website can be found here: [School Messenger](#). Please, use this to report any absences. There is an automatic call-out that we are unable to suspend that goes out about 9:30.

If your child(ren) is going to be absent for 5+ days (i.e. a family vacation), please contact the office to receive a form that is required to be kept on file for auditing purposes.

Inclement Weather and the Bus App

Bus cancellations due to fog: If buses are cancelled due to fog, they will bring students home at the end of the day.

Bus Cancellations due to snow: Buses will not run at all on these days. Schools remain open.

In the rare event of a school closure, an email will be sent soon as the decision is made. Please check the school Facebook page as well.

MySBI4 is an app you can download that can send you notifications of any cancellations or delays. This version must be downloaded and is different than the MySBI app that the board has been using the last couple of years (if you currently have the MySBI app, it has become obsolete and should be deleted).



Do You Have a Concern?

Share Your Concerns

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing the best quality learning opportunities for all students. From time to time there may be a misunderstanding, a lack of communication, or a serious situation that needs to be addressed. When this happens everyone must work together to resolve the issue. If a parent/guardian has a concern about a school matter, the following steps should be followed to resolve the issue.

Concerns at School



Concerns with the Board of Trustees

Concerns about a Trustee:
Speak with the Chair of the Board

Concerns about the Chair of the Board:
Speak with the Director of Education

Not sure who to contact? Call 519-336-1500 or email info@lkdsb.net.
Learn more at www.lkdsb.net

If an individual has followed the steps outlined above and still does not feel the matter has been resolved at the local level, the individual may contact the office of the Ontario Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.on.ca.

