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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We cannot wait to welcome your little ones. If you know of anyone who has an age-appropriate child for Junior or Senior Kindergarten next fall (will be 4 years old in 2022), please encourage them to register at their earliest convenience. Register here www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten

We will be hosting 2 spring FDK open houses on **April 20 & June 8** for our new FDK Colts to come for a visit.

From the desks of Coach Hills, Coulter & Rankin

This spring, MAPS has been able to form a Boys Basketball team to compete in the South Kent Family of Schools league. We had more than a dozen students attend tryouts, and after much deliberation, we selected a talented group of boys to represent our school. Practices are ongoing and our skills are continuing to sharpen with each passing day. Currently, we have 3 dates for games: March 31, April 11, and April 13. Players have each been given a school jersey and a schedule with dates and locations (either Ridgetown or Harwich-Raleigh). The games start at 4 p.m. We look forward to demonstrating our skills and sportsmanship, representing MAPS with pride and dignity.



Boys Basketball Team 2022: Nash, Max, Sully, Evan, Nolan, Landon, Brenton, Roy, Cohen and Travis.
Missing from photo: Coaches R. Rankin, N. Coulter & J. Hills

Media and Events

April Spirit Days

Monday, April 4	Friday, April 22
<p>Autism Awareness</p> <p>Wear Blue</p> 	<p>Earth Day</p> <p>Wear Green</p> <p>School/Community Clean Up</p> 

Every Monday is MAPS Spirit Wear Day: Wear Green and Black and show your school spirit.

Merlin Colt 2022 SPIRIT WEAR

NOW LIVE <https://merlincolts2022.itemorder.com/>

The store will close APRIL 10, 2022 AT 11:59PM. Orders will be delivered to the school the week of May 8.

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There are a variety of T-shirts, long sleeves and sweatshirts ranging in prices as low as \$13 to start!



MAPS Parent Council

Chair- Mrs. Laura Walker

Vice Chair- Mrs. Margie Authier

Secretary/Treasurer- Mrs. Melissa Walker

Teaching Staff Member- Miss G. Bombardier



Fundraising- Indigo fundraiser is open now and will stay open until mid-April. Use this hyperlink:
[Shop and earn cash back - Merlin Area Public School | Indigo FUNdraising \(flipgive.com\)](#)

Please help us raise funds to offset costs for our student body for items such as field trips or purchase additional tools and activities. If you buy a gift card using this link, the school earns %15. If you spend it before the deadline using this link, the school will make an additional 3%! Be sure to purchase your spring goodies before it's too late!

Coming soon! In the first week of MAY the Parent Council will be hosting a wellness evening at the school. Stay tuned for details to be released soon. We hope to see you there.

Our next parent council meeting will be at the school on April 5, 2022, at 6pm.

Count Me In – Extended

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) is extending the deadline to complete the *Count Me In LKDSB Student Demographic Data Census* to April 8, 2022.

The *Count Me In LKDSB Student Census* is voluntary and confidential and will allow us to collect information to better understand our students and school communities in support of equity, inclusion, student achievement and well-being. [Click here](#) to watch a video about the initiative.

The census questionnaires for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 have been sent to parents/guardians to complete with or on behalf of their child. Elementary parents and guardians have received a message to the email address you have on file with a link to the census. Please check your inbox or junk mailbox if you have not received the census link.

If you have questions, you are encouraged to review the *Count Me In LKDSB Student Census* [website](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information.

Playground Safety

Please ensure that your child(ren) has the appropriate outerwear for being outdoors. The weather can be very windy and cold, and it is better to send extra layers or an extra pair of clothing for those muddy days.

Our playground equipment is out of bounds until a proper safety check occurs in late April.

Cell Phones at School

We recognize that electronic devices are an important part of our everyday world and are increasingly being used in teaching and learning. However, we want to be sure that any devices at school are being used as an appropriate instructional tool. Their use does not interfere with our students' learning environment or the privacy of others. If your child needs to bring their cellphone to school, please remind them they must have the teacher's permission to use it during school hours and that the school is not responsible if it is damaged or missing. Videos and photos are not to be taken in private locations, for example, washrooms.

If you need to reach your child, please call the office. If your child needs to contact you, the student may use a school phone with permission to reach you. We appreciate your cooperation.

Absence Reporting

If your child is going to be absent from school, please continue to use School Messenger or call the school.

School Messenger Account

Open an internet browser and search for go.schoolmessenger.ca or download the Blue School Messenger App.

When you leave a message, please include your child's first and last name and the reason for their absence. Our answering machine is available 24 hours a day for reporting absences.

Bus Information- Zone 7

When there are bus cancellations due to fog, busses will not run in the morning but will run in the afternoon. MAPS is in ZONE 7. To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please turn into the local radio stations or check the following website: www.schoolbusinfo.com

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Holidays

Friday, April 15, 2022 GOOD FRIDAY
Monday, April 18, 2022 EASTER MONDAY
Monday, May 23, 2022 VICTORIA DAY

PA Days

Friday, June 10 & Tuesday, June 29

NED Assembly March 24

