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DECEMBER 2021

December has arrived! We want to thank our Grizzly Den families and community members for making the first portion of the 2021-2022 school year a memorable one! We are very fortunate to live and work in a community where people go the extra mile to support one another. The last school day before the Holiday Break is December 17, 2021, and classes will resume on Monday, January 3, 2022. On behalf of the entire PE McGibbon staff, we wish our students and their families a wonderful and healthy holiday!

CONGRATULATIONS MR. CARSWELL!

On behalf of our community, I'd like to congratulate Mr. Carswell on his promotion to Principal at King George VI Public School in Sarnia, effective January 3, 2022. Mr. Carswell has been an important part of our school as our Vice Principal for the last year and a half. In addition to teaching and supporting students and families, he managed our School Nutrition Program, technology, and led our school's Anti-Racism team. Thank you Mr. Carswell and we wish you all the best as you move to your new school following the holidays.

Our new Vice Principal is Mrs. Melissa Holmes who will be joining us on Monday, January 3rd, 2022. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Holmes to The Den!

RETURNING TO SCHOOL FOLLOWING THE WINTER BREAK

In preparation for the winter break, the LKDSB encourages families to remain vigilant and follow the health and safety protocols in place to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19, including completing and following the directions of the [daily school screening assessment](#) tool upon the return to school.

For those individuals traveling outside of Canada, as per the federal travel guidelines and the directions of the [Ontario COVID-19 school and child care screening](#), unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who travel outside of Canada with a fully vaccinated companion are exempt from federal quarantine; however, ***they are not permitted to attend a school or child care for 14 days following their return.***

Throughout the school year and particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, the LKDSB follows legislated health and safety and public health protocols. We consistently follow the direction of the local and provincial medical officers of health and the Ministry of Education regarding COVID-19 and communicate information as per their direction.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the safe operation of schools. Should you have specific academic or well-being questions about your child, please contact the school. Any health-related questions can be directed to your local Public Health Unit or your health care provider.

COVID SCREENING

Before attending school, all students, staff, and visitors must complete and follow the directions of the daily screening tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. All individuals who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should follow the directions of the COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool.

HOLIDAY SANTA SHOP

Our Holiday Santa Shop is well underway here in The Den! Thank you to everyone who donated new and gently used items for our students to purchase, and to all our cheery volunteers for the time spent helping children shop and wrap presents. The shop will be open Monday, November 29 until Friday, December 3 for students, and all proceeds will be used to sponsor a family Christmas through the Inn of the Good Shepherd.

INN OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD DRIVE

Our Kindergarten classes are leading a food drive to benefit the **Inn of the Good Shepherd** this holiday season. Starting Monday, December 6 and running through Wednesday, December 15 **all students** are invited to bring in donations of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Inn. A good rule of thumb when selecting items to donate is to give the foods your family enjoys the most. The classroom with the highest number of items donated will win a Movie Party for their class! Thank you for helping us support our community during these challenging times.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

We have several fun school spirit days scheduled for the last week of school before the break:

Monday, Dec 13:	Santa Hats	Thursday, Dec 16:	Red & Green or Christmas Sweaters
Tuesday, Dec 14:	Wacky Hair	Friday, Dec, 17:	Pajama Day
Wednesday, Dec 15:	Holiday Socks		

SCHOOL MESSENGER ATTENDANCE REPORTING

At the Lambton Kent District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring students have arrived safely at school every day. You may have received notification about your child's absence from our School Messenger automated attendance messaging system. We have now added a School Messenger Parent/Guardian Reporting Tool for you to notify the school about your child's absence.

Parents/guardians can use School Messenger in one of the following three ways to report your child's absence:

- Option 1: Call a toll-free number and follow the prompts.
- Option 2: Set up a secure online School Messenger account and login to a website.
- Option 3: Download and set up the School Messenger app (Apple or Android) to a smart phone or tablet.

BUS INFORMATION: MySBI APP

The LKDSB offers a free app to parents to help keep you up to date on bus status! The MySBI App provides real-time notifications whenever buses are cancelled or delayed by more than ten minutes. Please visit www.mysbi.ca to download the app.

PE McGibbon is located in **Bus Zone #2**. If buses are cancelled in the morning due to fog, they will run in the afternoon. If they are cancelled due to road or weather conditions, they will not run in the afternoon.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Monday, January 31, 2022

Friday, June 10, 2022

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

HOLIDAYS

Monday, December 20, 2021 Winter Holiday Break Begins

Monday, January 3, 2022 Return to School

Monday, February 21, 2022 Family Day

March 14-18, 2022 March Break

Friday, April 15, 2022 Good Friday

Monday, April 18, 2022 Easter Monday

Monday, May 23, 2022 Victoria Day