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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day ceremonies once again look different this year, but it is still an important moment for all of us to pause and honour those who have sacrificed so much for our country. We honour **Indigenous Veteran's Day** on November 8 by lowering our flag to half-staff and watching an Honour Song in our video announcements. Our **Remembrance Day** ceremony is a video presentation compiled by students that will be watched in classroom during the first block on Thursday, November 11.

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.

PROGRESS REPORTS & INTERVIEWS

Progress Reports will be sent home with all students on Friday, November 12. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be conducted by phone or Google Meet the week of November 15, and teachers will send information regarding this through their normal means of communication. All parents are encouraged to participate in these conversations to help build your understanding of your child is developing as a learner in the school environment.

HOLIDAY SANTA SHOP

We are very excited to share that we are again holding our Holiday Santa Shop. This celebration gives our students an opportunity to purchase gently used or new items for \$1.00 to give as gifts at home, and we use the money generated to support a family through the Inn of the Good Shepherd's Adopt-a-Family Program.

We are seeking donations of gently used or new items for this program. Please feel welcome to send those in with your child to school or drop them off at the office. The shop will be open Monday, November 29 until Friday, December 3 for students so please ensure that donations are sent to school before then.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with our youngest students and to run cash stations. Per LKDSB guidelines, volunteers are required to show proof of full vaccination.

STAFF UPDATES: THANK YOU AND WELCOME

We have some staffing updates to share with our community this month:

- Welcome to Ms Kaisey Martin who is our new Grade 5/6 teacher in Mrs Babbitt's classroom
- Welcome to Mrs Olivia Cowan who is our new 0.5 afternoon prep provider.

We know you will love your time in The Den!

PARENT COUNCIL

We are always looking for parents to join us at our Parent Council meetings. If you have interest in joining our team, please contact the school office for a meeting invitation. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 16 in the evening.**

WINTER ATTIRE

With the ever-changing weather, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately with hats, boots, mittens and warm coats. We have a limited number of donated items at the school to help families in need – please contact the office if we can help.

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.

STUDENT ATHLETICS

We are excited to resume inter-school athletics for our Grade 7 and 8 students! Per LKDSB policy, all students, coaches and officials are required to show proof of vaccination to participate. Elementary schools are closed to spectators at this time. Thank you to Mrs Dark, Mrs Mason, Mrs Wade and Mrs Helps for coaching our boys and girls volleyball teams!

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Your child will be bringing home directions on how to register for School Cash Online, the LKDSB's online purchasing and payment system. It takes less than 5 minutes to register and families can use a bank account or credit card to pay for school-related costs like field trips.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Friday, November 19, 2021

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