



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022



Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! A warm welcome to those students, staff, and community members new to P.E. McGibbon! You have joined a dedicated school community that consistently supports each other and puts students at the centre of everything we do. At P.E. McGibbon, we strive to create a warm and welcoming environment. We focus on trying our best, honesty, and being nice. Three areas in which we can all achieve success.

I want to personally thank all the students, staff, and families on their patience as we navigate the changes in our school. Adding two and a half new teachers and an ECE created lower class sizes which we are grateful for. Thanks to all of you for being flexible and understanding. We would like to welcome Mr. deSchiffert to our grade 6/7 class and Mrs. Derkach to our grade 1 class. We are still in the process of finding a new teacher for Grade 1 and afternoon prep.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND US

Address: 217 Russell Street South, Sarnia, Ontario N7T 3L6

Phone: 519-344-4371

Fax: 519-344-5077

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pemcgibbon/>

School Website: <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/pemcgibbon/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

PARENT COUNCIL

Our first Parent Council meeting of the 2022-2023 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5th, 2022, @ 5:30 p.m. All parents/guardians are welcome. This will be face to face at the school. This is an excellent opportunity to stay current on events at school and share ideas and input. If interested, don't hesitate to contact the office to be added to the email list.

MEET THE P.E. McGIBBON STAFF NIGHT

We would like to welcome all families to join us on Thursday, October 13th at 4:00pm to 5:45pm for an opportunity to meet the amazing staff at P.E. McGibbon. You will have the opportunity to visit classrooms from 4:00 to 5:00. At 4:45pm we will have all staff and families mingle out front in our courtyard and a BBQ. We will have community supports on attendance and a BBQ hosted by our friends from Kiwanis Golden K that will be of no cost to families.

MEET THE P.E. MCGIBBON TEAM

Staff	Assignment	Staff	Assignment
Allison Faas Diana Doornbosch (ECE) Julia Martindale (EA)	FDK	Josh deSchiffert	grade 6/7
Kristy Powell Melissa Ginn (ECE) Tanya Winter (EA)	FDK	Craig Steadman	grade 7/8
Laura Heggie Jan O'Brien (ECE) Julie Kingma (EA)	FDK	Lyndsay Helps	grade 7/8
Danielle Dunn Shaun Benoit (ECE)	FDK	Heather Young Lindsay Seguin (EA) pm	grade 7/8
Kaley Derkach	grade 1	Corey Dixon	grade 7/8
?? Jen Clements (EA)	grade 1	Mike Dark	prep
Tanya King-Neinhuis Shannon Moore (EA)	grade 1/2	Taylor Dark	.5 prep
Angeline Davison Tina Stewart (EA)	grade 2	??	.5 prep
Allison Clift	grade 2	Simon Kennefick	Core French
Norma Cannon-King Lindsay Seguin (EA) am Katie Newman (EA) pm	grade 2/3	Diana Dickson	Core French
Mary Morton	grade 3/4	Anne Stewart	C1
Jillian Rops Jill Hayes (EA)	grade 3/4	Deborah Yates	C2
Kristen Veenendaal	grade 4	Terek Lemay	C2
Shae Colman Shannon Cox (EA)	grade 4/5	Ann Marie Boothe	C3
Heather Moran	grade 5/6	Kate Brown	Secretary to Elementary Principal
Sarah Hayter	grade 5/6	Stacey Stewart	Elementary Clerk
Dave Gardiner	grade 5/6	Angela Wade	Primary/Junior Resource
Kevin Chambers	principal	Sharon Chapman	Intermediate Resource / Prep
		Melissa Holmes	vice principal

BELL SCHEDULE

Start of the School Day	8:50
Learning Block A	8:50-10:50 (120 minutes)
Nutrition Break #1	10:50-11:10
Recess #1	11:10-11:30
Learning Block B	11:30-1:10 (100 minutes)
Nutrition Break #2	1:10-1:30
Recess #2	1:30-1:50
Learning Block C	1:50-3:10 (80 minutes)
Dismissal	3:10

SAFE DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Safe drop-off in the morning (8:35-8:50)

- Double check the information communicated home to confirm which door your child will enter the school.
- This is the SAME door they will exit at the end of the day.

Safe pick-up at the end of the day (3:10)

- Students will exit the same door they entered in the morning.

Late Arrivals

- All late arrivals are asked to enter through the school's main doors and report directly to the office.

ALLERGIES

Many children and staff members have severe allergies to peanuts, peanut butter, and other nuts. We ask for your help as a caring and responsible school community member. Please do not send your child with any nuts or peanut butter. We want our school environment to be safe and healthy for all our students. Thank you for your understanding.

PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please notify the office immediately if your child has a prevalent medical condition (i.e., Asthma, Epilepsy, Anaphylactic to nuts or bees, Diabetes).

CONSENT FOR AUTHORIZATION OF MEDICATION

If a student must take medication at school, Board policy requires us to have a Medical Physician complete a consent form. Please request the blank form from our school secretary. Students should place any medication in the teacher's hands as soon as they arrive at school.

APPENDIX B: Permission for the use of Student Personal Information

Throughout the school year, we may photograph, audiotape, or videotape students involved in activities and recognize their achievements in school/classroom newsletters, our school website, school Facebook, etc. In addition, the newspaper or local media may be present to cover certain events. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, signed permission is required to photograph or film student participation in these activities.

If you give permission, please complete Appendix B – Notification and Permission for the Use of Student Personal Information and return it to the school as soon as possible.

FAIR NOTICE COMMUNICATION REGARDING VIOLENT THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future.

In more extreme cases, however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone.

The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents, including but not limited to possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting.

The initial response team will likely include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team consists of representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations.

Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol. If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may proceed. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

As always, student safety is our first priority. This notification is being provided via avenues such as school newsletters and school and board websites as fair notice to parents and guardians of the existence of the VTRA Protocol and its application if situations warrant. If you have questions regarding the Lambton Kent District School Board Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol, please contact your school principal as the first step.

BUS INFORMATION/MySBI - BUS STATUS APP

Getting information about school bus cancellations and delays is easy! CLASS has a mobile app that will give subscribers real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by ten minutes.

The notifications will come in the form of alerts, including service cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. For additional information about the mobile app, please visit:

<https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/>

For bussing and weather information, P.E. McGibbon is in Bus Zone #2. If you choose to drive your child/children to school when the buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, you will need to pick them up at the end of the school day at 3:10 p.m.

SCHOOL MESSENGER ATTENDANCE REPORTING

At the Lambton Kent District School Board, one of our most significant priorities is ensuring students arrive safely at school every day. You may have received a 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 log in to a website.
- Option 3: Download and set up the School Messenger app (Apple or Android) on a smartphone or tablet.

VISITORS PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Before attending school, it is highly recommended that all visitors complete and follow the directions of the daily COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool. Communication between parents/guardians and school staff will continue through phone calls or email. Pre-arranged appointments can be made for in-person meetings.

PICTURE DAY

Picture day for our students and staff has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Picture Retake Day is Nov. 2nd

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Friday, September 16, 2022

Friday, October 7, 2022

Friday, November 18, 2022

Friday, February 3, 2023

Friday, June 9, 2023

Friday, June 30, 2023

HOLIDAYS

Monday, October 10, 2022 THANKSGIVING

Monday, December 26, 2022 WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK BEGINS

Monday, January 9, 2023 RETURN TO SCHOOL

Monday, February 20, 2023 FAMILY DAY

March 13-17, 2023 MARCH BREAK

Friday, April 7, 2023 GOOD FRIDAY

Monday, April 10, 2023 EASTER MONDAY

Monday, May 22, 2023 VICTORIA DAY

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS and P.E. McGibbon WEBSITE

This will be the only paper copy of the newsletters sent home. All future newsletters will be posted on our website.

Continue to check our P.E. McGibbon website/facebook page for up-to-date information and reminders.