



P. E. McGibbon Public School

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WELCOME

We hope you have had a wonderful summer! We wish to extend a special welcome to the families of our new students. We look forward to working with you and know that you will enjoy being a part of the P. E. McGibbon Public School community. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We want to ensure that your transition to your new school is a smooth one.

As we put the finishing touches on returning to school, our priority is the health, safety, and well-being of students and staff. Our goal is to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 as much as possible. The LKDSB continues to follow the guidance provided by the Ministry of Education and provincial and local Medical Officers of Health. Please visit the LKDSB website at www.lkdsb.net for the Reopening Our Schools Plan.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. The McGibbon staff are committed to ensuring that all students are safe and have the best educational experience possible.

COVID-19 SCREENING

Prior to 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/>. 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.

For the first two weeks of the school year, **Parents and Guardians of students in Gr JK to 3** must verify that they have completed the screening. Please click "CONFIRM" in the email sent each morning by the Board, or let your child's teacher know via SeeSaw.

STUDENT REGISTRATION FORMS

If you are new to the Den for this year, the office will be in touch with you to set up a convenient time for you to come in and sign the remaining paperwork to complete your child(ren) registration. You will be contacted the week of Sept 13th to set up your time.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORMS

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Student Information Verification Form. Please confirm all the information that appears on the form and make any necessary changes. Please return it to your child's teacher by September 30th.

PICTURE DAY

Picture day for our students and staff has been scheduled for Wednesday Sept 22, 2021. We will provide further details as they become available.

ALLERGIES

Many children and staff members have severe allergies to peanuts, peanut butter, and other nuts. We are asking for your help as a member of our caring and responsible school community. 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.

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Twitter: @PEMcGibbon

Facebook: @pemcgibbon

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

BALANCED DAY 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

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.

USE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

Throughout the school year, we may photograph, audiotape, or videotape students involved in activities and recognize their achievements in school/classroom newsletters or 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 for the photographing or filming of 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 to the school as soon as possible.

BUS INFORMATION/MySBI - BUS STATUS APP

Getting information about school bus cancellations and delays is easy! CLASS has a mobile app that will provide subscribers with real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by ten minutes or greater. 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: www.mysbi.ca.

For bussing and weather information, our school is in 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 3:30 p.m.

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.

VISITORS, PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Before attending school, all visitors must complete and follow the directions of the daily COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool. Visitors must also wear a medical mask while on school premises and complete the sign-in log available in the front foyer. Communication between parents/guardians and teaching staff or administration will continue to be conducted through phone calls or email. *Pre-arranged appointments are required for all meetings with staff.*

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

What is School Cash Online? School Cash Online is a web-based solution that gives parents the ability to pay for student items online (i.e. field trips, spirit wear, hot lunch orders). Parents can make payments using eCheck (direct withdrawal from a bank account) or "MyWallet" (virtually add funds and reload like a gift card), as well as print or view their receipts and their current account history in real-time. For additional user security, banking information is not saved in School Cash Online and must be re-entered for every transaction. We kindly ask our school families to register online as soon as possible. Should you require any assistance, feel free to contact our office.

LEAVING SCHOOL PROPERTY DURING LUNCH

Students in Grade 6 to 8 may only leave school property during lunch if they go home for lunch or leave in the care of an approved adult.

EARLY DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

Please contact the office or send a note to your child(ren)'s teacher if you will require an early dismissal. All early pickups are done at the main entrance to the school (Door #1). Ring the buzzer in the entrance and please wait outside until your child is brought to you.

PARENT COUNCIL

We have an active and engaged parent council and would love for you to join us! Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in learning more about our school and participating in decisions that help shape the future of PE McGibbon is welcome to attend.

SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Our student Code of Conduct can be found on the PE McGibbon school website and clicking on "Newsletters." A PDF version is available there for you to download and read. The Code for this year will be posted shortly and reviewed with our students.

DIGITAL CLASSROOMS: SEESAW AND GOOGLE CLASSROOM

All classrooms at PE McGibbon have a digital classroom set up for parents and students. This helps us in the event that students cannot attend school for extended periods of time. Teachers will be sending home instructions on how to connect to their digital classroom and we ask that every family get connected as soon as possible.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Wednesday, September 1, 2021
Thursday, September 2, 2021
Friday, October 8, 2021
Friday, November 19, 2021
Monday, January 31, 2022
Friday, June 10, 2022
Wednesday, June 29, 2022

HOLIDAYS

Monday, October 11, 2021 THANKSGIVING
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

P. E. McGibbon Public School: Home of the Grizzlies!
We are looking forward to a safe, fun and exciting year for all.

Staff List 2021-2022

Kindergarten

FDK A: Mrs. Faas and Mrs. Doornbosch
FDK B: Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Benoit, and Mrs. Winter
FDK C: Mrs. Heggie, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs.
Brereton
SK/1: Ms. Fraser and Mrs. Martindale

Primary

Grade 1/2 A: Mrs. Gooding and Ms. Clements
Grade 1/2 B: Mrs. King-Neinhuis
Grade 1/2 C: Mrs. Davison and Mrs. Burgess
Grade 2: Ms. Schieman
Grade 2/3: Mrs. Cannon-King and Mrs. Cox
Grade 3: Miss Clift and Mrs. Smith
Grade 3/4 A: Ms. Jones and Ms. Fleischer
Grade 3/4 B: Mrs. Veenendaal and Ms. Fleischer

Office and Custodian

Mrs. Brown, Secretary
Mrs. S. Stewart, Receptionist
Mrs. A. Stewart, Custodian

Junior

Grade 4/5: Miss Mason
Grade 5/6 A: Miss Moran and Mrs. Hayes
Grade 5/6 B: Mr. Van Bunderen and Mrs. Hayes
Grade 5/6 C: Mrs. Babbitt

Intermediate

Grade 6/7: Ms. Dark
Grade 7/8 A: Mr. Dixon
Grade 7/8 B: Mr. Steadman
Grade 7/8 C: Mrs. Helps
Grade 7/8 D: Mrs. Young and Mrs. Drury

Resource

Ms. Wade and Ms. Chapman

Curriculum Partners

Mr. Kennefick
Mrs. Dickson
Miss Churchill
Mrs. Carruthers