



Queen Elizabeth II Public School

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Remembrance Day

Queen Elizabeth P.S. staff and students will be holding a Remembrance Day assembly on November 11th at 10:00am. Parents/guardians and family members are always welcome to join us for our assemblies. Poppies will be distributed to every child. Voluntary donations are welcome.

If you have a picture of a family member who is or was a veteran we would like to honour them in our upcoming assembly. Please send any veteran pictures by email to rachel.pickering@lkdsb.net. Please indicate your child's name and relation to the veteran.

Cell Phone Ban

Effective November 4, 2019, there will be a Provincial restriction on the use of personal mobile devices (e.g. cellphones) in classrooms. Using cellphones during instructional time will only be permitted for educational purposes (as directed by the educator), health and medical purposes or to support special education needs.

For Queen Elizabeth II P.S. this means that cell-phones are not to be out during school hours while on school property. We understand this may raise concerns in the area of student safety. Students may still bring personal devices to school as long as they remain off and away. Should there be an emergency that requires the use of cell-phones students may still ask their teacher for permission to use. As always, our office remains a reliable means of communication between students and their families. We believe by limiting the access to social media during school hours we move classroom learning further and reduce opportunities for misuse.

Pepperette Fundraiser

November 4th is the delivery date for the Deli Dude products ordered. Families can pick up the orders in the Learning Commons any time after 2pm-4:30pm.

Stem Night

Engineering Science Quest will be presenting a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math night, on November 20, that helps parents and their children connect to a variety of Science and Technology subjects. We will release more information as it becomes available.

Visitation During School Hours

Parents and other visiting adults are asked to register at the front office when entering the school for the safety and security of all our students. Please refrain from using the side doors to gain access to the school before, during and after school hours. The side door is for student use only to visit the breakfast program in the mornings. At this stage in the year, once students enter the building, we would appreciate them walking themselves down to their classrooms or the breakfast program to reduce the number of adults in the building. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this matter.

Progress Reports

On November 15th Progress Reports will be sent home with your child(ren). This Progress Report will focus on learning skills, progress in language and mathematics, and any area that may be one of difficulty for students. Included in comments will be next steps that communicate to you and your child(ren) what can be done to further their learning. We will also be sending home forms to sign up for Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews. These interviews will be held on the evening of November 21st from 3:30-7:20pm, and the morning of November 22nd from 9:00-10:50am. Please watch for the interview request form to be sent home with the youngest child. One form will be used to request interviews for all children in the family.

Book Fair

Q.E. will be hosting a Book Fair from November 21st to November 26th. Each class will have the opportunity to view the Book Fair. Students are welcome to bring money for the Book Fair to purchase items during breaks. The Book Fair will also be open during our Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Grade 8-9 IPRC Parents' Night

The Lambton Kent District School Board will be offering all parents/guardians of current Grade 8 students who have an IPRC Identification the opportunity to find out more about pathways, programs and courses available at the secondary school level on Thursday, November 14th at the Chatham Regional Education Centre from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Head Lice (Pediculosis)

Fall is one of the seasons where cases of head lice (pediculosis) are most prevalent. Your assistance in early detection is greatly appreciated. Please check your child(ren) for head lice weekly. If you find evidence of head lice, please contact the school. This will allow us to notify other parents/guardians in the classrooms affected so that they may check their child(ren). Children who are suspected of having head lice will be excused from school until appropriate treatment has been administered. By working together, we can control the spread of head lice in our school community.

Lost and Found

We have a lost and found bin near the primary doors. Items that are turned into the office or found in common areas of the school will be placed there. Although we will do our best to assist you in finding your child's lost item, the school will not be responsible for items lost by students. Please remind your child of the importance of not forgetting clothing items on the yard or throughout the school.

Teasing Vs. Bullying

With Bullying awareness week occurring this month, we wanted to take some time to address an issue that often comes up when students are interacting with each other. **What is the difference between teasing and bullying?** Teasing can be playful and fun, yet it can also be hurtful or embarrassing. Bullying, however, is always meant to hurt or harm somebody. While teasing is often done between friends or to be silly or funny, bullying happens as a way to embarrass someone or make them feel bad. When telling the difference between teasing and bullying, notice how the person is speaking. If you tell them to stop, they should stop.

VTRA Fair Notice Communication

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 is likely to include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes 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 still 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 web sites as fair notice to parents and guardians of the existence of the VTRA Protocol and its application if situations warrant. If you have any questions regarding the Lambton Kent District School Board Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol, please contact your school principal as the first step.

Up Coming Dates:

November 3 **Day light** savings Time ends-Turn clocks back 1 hr
November 4 Cell Phone ban begins
November 5 Treaty Week
November 6 Pizza Day
November 11 Remembrance Day Assembly
November 14 Picture Retake Day
November 13 Pizza Day, Grade 8-9 IPRC Parent meeting 7-9pm.
November 15 Progress Reports Go Home
November 18-23 Bullying Awareness Week
November 20 Day 5, Pizza Day, STEM night
November 21 Parent-Teacher Conferences after school, Book Fair Begins
November 22 P.D. Day Parent-Teacher Conferences in AM
November 27 Book Fair closes, Pizza Day