



Queen Elizabeth II P.S. December Newsletter

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Violence Risk Threat 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 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.

Link to Fair Notice Communication Regarding Violent Threat Risk Assessment Protocol:

https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=366&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item

Automated safe arrival calls

Effective **November 25**, Lambton Kent District School Board will be implementing an automated attendance messaging system for Queen Elizabeth II. The system will notify parents/guardians if your child has been marked absent and the school has not been notified of the reason for the absence. To follow-up, we will contact the parent/guardian phone numbers and email addresses that we have on file and ask that you call the school to confirm the absence and provide the reason. You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information and by notifying the school office in advance if your child will be late or absent. Please note: School voicemail messages are checked regularly.

Holiday Activities

With Christmas just around the corner many classrooms will be doing holiday themed activities. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we are unable to share treat items at this time, please do not send in any items, food or otherwise, to share with classmates. We appreciate your understanding during these uncertain times. Unfortunately, we are unable to have Christmas Dinner this year but look forward to next year when we can pick up the tradition once again.

Christmas Break

Christmas Break begins on December 21st this year and ends January 1st with a return to school on January 4th.

Riverview Gaming Center

Funds raised through volunteer opportunities with the Riverview Gaming Center have benefited our students in many ways, including items for the classroom and, in the past, amazing fieldtrips for our students. We feel very fortunate to be partnered with this amazing group of people.



Parking on Birchwood Street

When dropping off your children we ask that you please ensure you are not driving and/or parking on the neighbours grass or in front of their driveways. We have had a few complaints regarding this issue and hope that you will help resolve this situation. Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping relations with our neighbours positive ones.

Screening

Please continue to complete the online screening daily before sending your child/children to school. If they do not pass the screening please keep them home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. Pre-screening is vital to the health and safety of all our staff and students. Please follow this link to access the screening tool -

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

Winter Apparel

Cooler temperatures have arrived, with it comes the need for proper cold weather attire such as gloves, hats, coats and boots when necessary. Please ensure your son/daughter has everything they need as we continue to do as much outdoors as possible, as well as, the occasional opening of windows to circulate fresh air in some classrooms.

Pediculosis

Cooler temperatures also bring with it the need to check for pediculosis as siblings share hats and outdoor attire becomes necessary. Please check your son/daughter's hair periodically to help control any possible spread of pediculosis.

Class



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21 Winter Break Begins	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

