



As we move into March, we look forward to the first day of Spring and feel the hope of more moderate temperatures outside.

We celebrated Black History Month in various ways such as on our announcements, displaying student work, organizing classroom activities, and hosting a board-wide Black History event called Black Histories, Black Futures. Our efforts to celebrate diversity and promote equality do not stop with the end of February. We believe that every life is important and deserves to be valued equally.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Meet our FDK staff on Wednesday, April 3rd. Details to come. We look forward to meeting you!

If your child is four or five years old by December 31, 2024, registration is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Register online.

Sign up for an LKDSB Parent/Guardian account in our secure Aspen Student Information System and follow the steps to register a Kindergarten student.

To complete your registration, remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g. utility or tax bill,
- lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Emergency contact information
- Your child!



## SPRING WEATHER

School bus delays/cancellations are posted on the board website. You can find them at: <https://schoolbusinfo.busstatus.ca/> Spring is in the air. Students are encouraged to dress in layers. Please send a sweater and an extra pair of socks for your child so they can be most comfortable. Please label all extra clothing items.



## #UKNIGHTED

**COLOUR HOUSE:** Our school's color house groups came together in February to make Valentine's Day cards. Every student received a Valentine's Day card on the special day. The Color House program is designed to foster relationships, connections, and community between the staff and students. Students are encouraged to wear their color house T-shirt or any Queen Elizabeth clothing on event days and every Friday. Together, we are #UKNIGHTED!

**SCIENCE:** Our school hosted an in-school Science program that engaged the entire student body. The primary students learned about water pollution, while the junior students explored local species at risk and the factors leading to species decline. The intermediate classes were introduced to the environmental issues caused by phosphorus loading in Lake Erie and brainstormed solutions to the excess phosphorus problem. We extend our gratitude to St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and the sponsors who made this learning opportunity possible for our students.

**VALENTINE'S DAY:** Our Builders Club collaborated with our Parent Council and sold Valentine's Candy Grams and organized a Valentine's Day dance at school. The event turned out to be a massive success, and the students had a great time! The funds raised through this event will be used to support the mini-forest in the south yard.

**PALS PROGRAM:** We have recently launched the Playground Activity Leaders in Schools (PALS) program, which is being led by Mrs. Fraser. The program aims to train grade 5 and 6 student leaders to facilitate games and activities for our primary students during recess. This initiative will help our student leaders develop their leadership and communication skills and it will foster a sense of belonging, reduce bullying, increase physical activity, and encourage collaborative play and friendships among all students. We are excited about this new initiative.



## LOOKING AHEAD

Many exciting events and opportunities:

- Dental screening
- Great Big Crunch
- Junior Basketball



## TERRIFIC KIDS ASSEMBLY

Terrific stands for: Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable. The recipients of our February Responsibility Awards were Wyatt, Tyler, Hiba and Lily. Students have been learning about Initiative. Our INITIATIVE recognition assembly will be on tuesday, march 5 at 10:00 am in the gym.

Throughout the month of March, we will discuss and learn about being **FRIENDLY**. Friendly describes people who are kind, caring, and make you feel comfortable. You might be new to a school or town, but the people are so friendly that you'll soon feel right at home. The noun friend is at the root of the adjective friendly. When you're friendly, you treat everyone like a friend — with warmth and respect. Let's be friendly!



## MAKING TIME FOR MATH

Encourage your child to give explanations. When your child is trying to solve a problem, ask what he or she is thinking. If your child seems puzzled, ask him or her to tell you what doesn't make sense. (Talking about their ideas and how they reach solutions helps children learn to reason mathematically.)

Suggest that your child act out a problem to solve it. Have your child show how he or she reached a conclusion by drawing pictures and moving objects as well as by using words. Treat errors as opportunities to help your child learn something new.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next school council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 26 at 5:15. Contact the school if you require child care to attend. Thanks to everyone for supporting Queen Elizabeth School. All are welcome.

## PD Days/Holidays - no school

March 11-15, 2024 - March Break  
Friday March 29, 2024 - Good Friday  
Monday April 1, 2024 - Easter  
Monday April 8, 2024 - PD Day  
Mon. May 20, 2024 - Victoria Day  
Friday June 7, 2024 - PD Day  
Thurs. June 27, 2024 - Last Day of Class for 2023/2024 year  
Friday June 28, 2024 - PD Day

## SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Friday, March 8 – Anything But a Backpack Day (e.g. Briefcase, suitcase)  
Friday, April 12 – Character Day  
Friday, May 10 – Crazy Hair Day  
Friday, June 14 – Tourist Day



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