



Riverview Central Public School

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Message from the Principal

Hello All,

My name is Jenn Schatz and I am the incoming Principal for Riverview Central. I am beyond excited to be joining such a strong team of students, families and educators.

Over the summer I have had the opportunity to connect with some families, along with the Riverview staff. While I am still learning about the students and community, one thing that is clear is that this is an incredibly welcoming community that is deeply invested in supporting students. I look forward to getting to know you all during my time at Riverview, and supporting your children in achieving success.

We are so happy to welcome back all of our returning Raiders and would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students! September is always an exciting time of the year as we reconnect with old friends and make new connections. Currently, we have a FDK class, SK/1, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6 and a 7/8 homeroom. Class assignments are always conditional on enrollment and changes can occur up until the beginning of October.

We welcome ECE Mrs. Brown to the FDK team and Mr. Vandeborn to the Grade 7/8 homeroom. Mrs. Jackson has extended her leave and will be off for the 2023/2024 school year. Mrs. Stewart has moved from Grade 7/8 to SK/1.

We are planning an Open House at the school on Thursday September 21 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. We welcome you to stop by and meet your child(ren)'s teacher and support staff; we will be holding interviews at a future date. We will also have the Scholastic Book Fair on site should you wish to purchase any new books.

As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward together supporting students.

Mrs. Schatz

Upcoming Dates

September 15

PA Day - No school for students

September 19

Verification and media release forms returned

September 21

Open House BBQ
4:00-6:00 pm

September 22

Terry Fox Run

October 2

Recognizing Orange Shirt Day

October 3

School Picture Day

October 6

PA Day – No school for students

October 9

Thanksgiving Holiday



School Start-up Information

2023-2024 School Calendar Dates

Sept 5: All SK-Gr 8 students at school

Sept 6: ½ JK students at school

Sept 7: Other ½ JK students at school

Sept 8: All students in attendance

Sept 15: PA Day

Oct 6: PA Day

Oct 9: Thanksgiving

Nov 17: PA Day

Dec 25-Jan 5: Winter holidays

Feb 2: PA Day

Feb 19: Family Day

Mar 11-15: March Break

March 29: Good Friday

March 31: Easter Monday

April 26: PA Day

May 20: Victoria Day

June 7: PA Day

June 27: Final day of school

June 28: PA Day

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2023-2024

Legend: 1st Week, 2nd Week, 3rd Week, 4th Week, 5th Week

Month	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
September	5, 6, 7, 8, 9	12, 13, 14, 15, 16	19, 20, 21, 22, 23	26, 27, 28, 29, 30	
October		3, 4, 5, 6, 7	10, 11, 12, 13, 14	17, 18, 19, 20, 21	24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29
November	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30				
December					27, 28, 29, 30, 31
January	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31				
February					27, 28, 29
March					27, 28, 29, 30, 31
April					27, 28, 29, 30
May					27, 28, 29, 30, 31
June					27, 28, 29, 30

Professional Activity Days
 Friday, September 15, 2023
 Friday, October 6, 2023
 Friday, November 17, 2023
 Friday, February 2, 2024
 Friday, April 26, 2024
 Friday, June 7, 2024
 Friday, June 28, 2024

First Day of Classes
 Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Education Walk
 May 4, 2024

Take Our Kids to Work Day
 November 1, 2023

Lambton Kent District School Board
 Student Achievement Community Success
 Senior Education Centre
 200 Wellington Street
 Sarnia, ON N7Y1L2
 Phone: 519-334-1500
 Chatham Regional Office
 118 Wellington Ave. E.
 Chatham, ON N7B 5L7
 Phone: 519-364-2778

Important Announcements

- A BIG thank you to our volunteers that ensured our new trees were watered and cared for over the summer; Taya Stirling, Anne Hazzard, Greer Macdonnell, Melissa Stallaert, Mackenzie Brown, Barb Cook, Karry Groen, Linda Nethery and Nicole Hooper along with anyone else that may have stepped in to assist. We appreciate your support!
- Newsletters, forms, and communication to parents/guardians will primarily occur via email. We strongly recommend that you agree to accept email from the school when completing the **Student Verification Forms** sent home in the first week of school.
- Please see the attached memo from the Board office regarding Violent Risk Assessment Protocols that could take place should specific actions warrant this procedure.
- Please remember to sign up for **School Cash Online** as Riverview will handle all transaction through this method of payment. Information is available on our Riverview and LKDSB website.

[School Cash Online Link](#)

[Bus Information Link](#)

The LKDSB school calendar can be accessed here:

[2023-2024 Elementary School Calendar](#)

Important information for parents can also be found on our LKDSB portal here:

[Information for Parents](#)

[2023-2024 Student Handbook](#)



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Orange Shirt Day is September 30th. The Government of Canada has formally designated September 30th, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as a statutory holiday for employees in the federal government and federally regulated workplaces. This day will be observed to honour First Nations, Inuit and Metis survivors and their families and communities, and ensure the public commemoration of their history and the legacy of residential schools.

The Lambton Kent District School Board will commemorate the impact of residential schools on **Friday, September 29th, 2023 – Orange Shirt Day**. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts and use this day as a catalyst to encourage learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that system has had on First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. This is a meaningful way as school communities to come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because "Every Child Matters". Respectfully, flags at all LKDSB schools and facilities will be lowered on this day however, administrators may choose to fly the flag for the entire month.

This recognition day will be part of the activities and discussions occurring during the Truth and Reconciliation Week September 25th to September 29th which will also include discussions about the truth of Indigenous treaties, languages and culture and First Nation, Metis and Inuit land claims.

In honouring and remembering those impacted by residential schools, LKDSB had commissioned a new orange shirt design in 2021. Orange shirts are available for order by interested staff and students from Screenart, a company in Wallaceburg. Screenart has created an online store for LKDSB orders, therefore staff and families will submit payment online directly to Screenart. Please share this link with your families and staff in upcoming newsletters and on your website https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb_ecm/shop/home. The store is open immediately for purchases, and will remain open until Monday, September 11th. All shirts which are ordered will be delivered to the schools via the board courier by September 28th.

Ontario Student Nutrition Program

OSNP provides funding to provide healthy snacks for all elementary students. Classrooms are provided with a snack bowl daily; examples of snacks include yogurt, cheese, fresh fruit and vegetables. All students are able to enjoy a snack, should they wish to have one. Additional food is available should a lunch need to be supplemented. Thank you to Ms. Lannan for her support running the program.

Inclement Weather

Riverview is located in Zone 5. In the event of inclement weather transportation may be canceled for the morning only, or for both before and after school. Please download the CLASS app or tune into the local radio station for updates in the morning.



If transportation is canceled schools will remain open, unless a decision is made to close schools.



Forms

There will be numerous forms which you will receive home this week. Completing these forms accurately and returning them promptly (**DUE back on Tuesday, September 19th**) to the school is essential to the well-being of your child. You will receive the **Student Verification (Information) Forms** where addresses, phone numbers and contact information can be changed and updated. **Having current phone numbers is essential if there happens to be a medical emergency and the school needs to contact parents and when regularly communicating important information to parents.** Should your phone number change at some point later in the school year, please call the school to update this information.

Media Release forms will be sent home with each child. These forms are a method to have your student's photo published in the local newspaper or on the school website. Should you wish to have your child's photo remain out of the media, this information would be indicated on the Media Release form.

Medication and Medical Needs

Medication, both prescription & non-prescription, should not be administered to students by school staff. Specific criteria must be met for staff to administer prescription medication when it cannot be administered from home. An “**Authorization for the Administration of Oral Medication**” form (available from the office), must be completed by the parent/guardian and physician, then forwarded to the Principal for each school year. This includes the administration of occasional use medications as well.

Should your child have a medical need (such as anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma, or epilepsy) that requires special attention please inform the school and a “**Plan of Care**” will be put in place. The forms for this purpose are available in the office.

Staff Updates

Our Riverview School family welcomes Early Childhood Education Mrs. Brown who will be teaching FDk with Mrs. Hooper this year! We also welcome Mr. Vandeborn who will be teaching the Grade 7/8 class this year. Mrs. Stewart has moved to the SK/1 classroom. Mrs. Jackson will be on leave this year.

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<https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Riverview is “Nut and Other Allergy Aware”



Please be aware that we are a “Nut Aware” school and as a result, we ask that parents not send foods containing nuts (including peanuts and tree nuts), to school to protect the safety of all members of our school community. This includes any peanut substitution products, as once the product leaves your home, it is impossible to tell the difference. For great suggestions on nut free lunches, visit www.eatrightontario.ca.

Our Staff Team:

Principal	Mrs. Schatz
Secretary	Mrs. Faubert
JK/SK	Mrs. Hooper
ECE	Mrs. Brown
SK/Grade 1	Mrs. Stewart
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Pedersen
Grade 3/4	Mrs. Pree-Bertrand
Grade 5/6	Mr. Hogan
Grade 7/8	Mr. Vandeborn
French/Prep	Mlle. Glover
Resource/Prep	Mr. Dolbear
Education Assistant	Ms. Lannan
Custodian	Mrs. Wise

School Hours

7:50-8:05	Student arrival at school
8:05	School Start Bell
8:05-10:05	Classes
10:05-10:25	First Recess Break
10:25-10:45	First Nutrition Break
10:45-12:25	Classes
12:25-12:45	Second Recess Break
12:45-1:05	Second Nutrition Break
1:05-2:25	Classes
2:25	Dismissal

Safe Arrival and Dismissal

School Arrival: Students are expected to arrive at school **no earlier than 7:50 am**, as their safety on the yard cannot be monitored without a staff member present. Classes will begin at 8:05 am.

School Attendance: Any student who arrives after 8:05 am will be considered late and must get a late slip from the office. Please enter through the front doors. **We encourage you to be present and on time each day as it is important to a successful school year!**

Early Pick Up: Should there be a need to arrange an earlier pick up time, please call the school office and ask that the message be given to the teacher and your child through the office. To avoid this, we ask that parents please call the school before 2:10 pm to make alternate pick-up arrangements.

Attendance Reporting

In the event that your child is absent from school, we would appreciate you entering this information in the School Messenger app or by calling the school. If this information is not received by the school, a Safe Schools call will be made to determine the reason for the absence and that the parent is aware of the student's absence. If there is no call and the office cannot reach a parent concerning the reason for an absence, the child's absence is recorded as truant, that is, an absence with no permission.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

All electronic devices, such as cell phones, digital game devices, computers are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school without the permission of school personnel and may only be used for educational purposes under the guidance and supervision of staff. At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property.

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School Council

The Riverview School Council is made up of parents, staff representatives, community members and the Principal. Input from the various council members shapes school policies and priorities. **Our first meeting will be scheduled soon and communicated to the school community.** If you are interested in participating, please call or email Jenn Schatz.

Electronic Newsletter

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper and copying, we are asking that parents please access the monthly newsletter and calendar through the Riverview Public School website or via our Facebook page (Riverview Public School). The newsletter will also be emailed out to the primary and secondary emails provided by parents/guardians. There will be no paper copies sent home this school year.

Student Accident Insurance - voluntary participation

The Lambton Kent District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extracurricular sports. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by their Government Health Insurance Plan or their employer's health care plan. The Board encourages all parents/guardians to review this or other available Student Accident Insurance plans, especially those with a child(ren) participating in medium to high-impact physical activities (both during school and outside of school hours). The [insuremykids@](http://www.insuremykids.com) student accident insurance program offers three plans with a variety of benefits and affordable rates. Their most affordable plan is available for as little as \$17 per year. All plans provide 24/7 coverage. For more information or to purchase insurance, please visit www.insuremykids.com or call 1- 800-463-5437.

Parent/Guardian and Community Volunteers

We tremendously value community and parent volunteers at the school and greatly appreciate the help to allow our students to participate in activities that require additional support and supervision. All volunteers will require a Vulnerable Sector Check. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, we'd ask that you complete this process and notify the school as early as possible.

School Photos

School photos will take place on Tuesday October 3rd. A reminder will be shared prior to picture.



Fair Notice Communication Regarding Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

To Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers of students in the Lambton Kent District School Board:

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.