



# Sir John Moore Community School

BUS ZONE

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Principal: Carrielyn Smith Vice Principal: Erin Gower Secretary: Nancy Harrison



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## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2021-2022

ENGLISH		FRENCH IMMERSION	
FDK	Lahey/Hooper	FDK	O'Brien
1/2	Blankenship	FDK	TBD/Capes(LTO)
2	McFadden	1	Curts
2/3	West	1/2	McLaughlin
3/4	Daye (LTO)	2/3	Cooke
4/5	Jeansonne	3	TBD/TBD
4/5	Richardson	3/4	Dargatz/ Toms (LTO)
5/6	Sazonov	5	Toms(LTO)/Dargatz
6	Pash (LTO)	6/7	Brydges/Black
7/8	Leitch	7/8	Black/Brydges
7/8	Core		

FSL/Prep	Mlle Zuniga
FSL/Prep	Mme Saunders
Ojibwe/Prep	Mrs. McGee
0.5 English Prep	Ms. Raes
0.5 FI Prep	TBD
Prep/Resource/Guidance	Mrs. Middleton (LTO)
Resource	Mrs. Pharazyn
EA	Mrs. Primeau
Secretary	Mrs. Harrison
Reception	Mrs. Doran
Custodian	TBD

## OUTGOING AND INCOMING STAFF

We are still amidst staffing and there still will be updates to the school organization so please be aware that this is where the school is at for this moment in time. We have a few LTOs that will be coming in this year. These will be staffed at the very end of the school year and we are not likely to know the teacher until September.

We are also saying goodbye this year to Mme Davis who is heading to Hillcrest school for September. We will be welcoming in Mme O'Brien who taught at Hillcrest this year but has taught at McNaughton School for several years previously. We wish Mme Davis the very best at her new school and SJM welcomes Mme O'Brien to our SJM family.

We are also saying goodbye this year to Mr. Fernandes and Mlle. Stewart. We wish them the very best in their teaching careers and hope that our paths cross again very soon.

Lastly, it is bittersweet that we CONGRATULATE Mrs. Gower as she is being promoted to the principal at Confederation Central School in September. Mrs. Gower has been an amazing addition to the SJM team and she will be greatly missed next year. Her calm and nurturing demeanor, her behaviour support knowledge, her compassion and care for students and her willingness to do anything and everything to support the school was seen and felt throughout the school, and classrooms. We know that Mrs. Gower is going to be an AMAZING PRINCIPAL and Confederation Central is lucky to be getting her.

We are welcoming with open arms, the wonderful Mrs. Parkinson to our team as Vice Principal. Mrs. Parkinson has been a math coach with the LKDSB and assigned to SJM for the past 2 years. She is

passionate about students and learning and our school community is extremely fortunate to have her join our team. I am looking forward to working and learning alongside Mrs. Parkinson next year.

### **CLASS PLACEMENTS**

We endeavor to consider all aspects of classroom assignments, ensuring a balance of student needs, personalities, friendships, gender identities, academic strengths, educator strengths, teacher repetition, and social dynamics. We kindly ask that you trust us to place your child appropriately. If there is a serious/complex factor that you feel we should be aware of when compiling class lists you can notify the office but please be aware that complex or significant concerns will be accommodated on a case by case basis.

### **FAMILY OJIBWE NIGHTS**

LKDSB will be hosting 'Family Ojibwe Language Nights'. Please watch our FB page, and classroom communication for how to sign up for these sessions. These sessions were well received in May and will be offered every Thursday in June from 6:00—6:45 pm.

<https://tinyurl.com/FamilyOjibwe>

### **TECH and STUDENT BELONGINGS**

There will be more information to come in the coming weeks with respect to tech drop off and belonging pick up. Thank you for your continued patience.

### **ATTENDANCE**

We have been seeing a decline in attendance over the past few weeks. As a school we do have to be accountable to the ministry for attendance numbers. When a student is absent for 16 consecutive days this is the threshold for removing from the school register and the school needs to submit a referral to retain the student on the register. Part of our role is to try and actively engage with families. While we recognize that many families are tired and done with remote learning, we kindly request that you log in once a week to a google meet, or send in pictures of activities that your children are completing at home.

This will help to continue the home and school connection and to allow us to stay connected to support attendance. If you have any questions about attendance please contact the school office.

### **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS**

Remote learning has taken a toll on individuals in different ways. If you or someone in your family is struggling please reach out for supports to your family doctor, EAP, St. Clair Child and Youth, Family Counseling Center. Engaging in mindfulness activities daily can support wellbeing, like 4 square breathing, going for walks, yoga, etc. If school is impacting yours or your child's wellbeing, please contact us and we will discuss options to support your family.



### **LKDSB Celebrates National Indigenous History Month**

June is National Indigenous History Month, a time for all Canadians to reflect upon and learn the history, sacrifices, cultures, contributions, and strength of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people.

LKDSB will be recognizing June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day. June 21, 2021 is the national 25th anniversary of celebrating the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.

On this day and throughout the year, we honour the history, heritage, and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. LKDSB is committed to working with and alongside local Indigenous communities to promote learning and understanding of Indigenous rights, histories, knowledge, culture, and perspectives. Staff, students, and families are encouraged to learn more about the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

The LKDSB continues to work in partnership with Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Bkejwanong (Walpole Island) First Nation, Eelūnaapèewii Lahkèewiit (Delaware Nation) and Kettle and Stony Point First Nation to support student success and well-being. Learn more about Indigenous Education at the LKDSB.

### LKDSB celebrates Pride Month

The month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month in Canada. Lambton Kent District School Board joins school boards throughout the province in supporting the LGBTQ+ community with the display of the Pride Flag on flagpoles at all school and Board locations throughout the month of June.

The display of the Pride Flag will be in accordance with the appropriate display of the Pride Flag with the National Flag of Canada, as outlined on the LKDSB's *Display of Flags Regulation*.

The LKDSB is committed to supporting student achievement, well-being, and the Strategic Priority of Inclusive Diversity: Champion anti-oppressive education. The LKDSB's Strategic Priority, "Inclusive Diversity: Champion anti-oppressive education," *Safe Schools Act* and the protected grounds under the Ontario *Human Rights Code* further reinforce the importance of recognizing and affirming the rights of LGBTQ+ communities, particularly the human rights of everyone to be treated equally and with dignity and respect. In further support of this commitment, on May 17, 2021, LKDSB recognized the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOTB) to celebrate sexual and gender diversities and draw attention to the discrimination and violence experienced by LGBTQ+ people.

Throughout the school year, we encourage school communities to champion anti-oppressive education, and promote safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning and work environments for all students, staff, and visitors, including the LGBTQ+ community.



### REPORTS CARDS AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school is MONDAY, JUNE 28th but report cards will go home on Friday June 25th.