

# Sir John Moore C.S.

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## CoVid 19 DAILY SCREENING

Thank you for your diligence in doing the daily school screener. It is very important to ensure that this screener is completed each day and that students who receive the “do not go to school” follow the instructions within the screen, which may include keeping sibling’s home. We understand that this is not ideal for many families, but we sincerely appreciate your support in keeping our schools safe and our classrooms open.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

## TREATY WEEK

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) commemorates Treaties Recognition Week from November 1-5, joining school boards across the province in promoting education and awareness about treaty rights and treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Ontario.

This year, the LKDSB Indigenous Education Team is continuing to focus on increasing awareness and understanding of treaties. During Treaties Recognition Week, students and staff will engage in curriculum activities related to honouring the original promises of the land - a shared responsibility for all. Students and staff will reflect on how individual decisions and behaviours impact the land we live on and how to make better use of natural resources.

## ROCK YOUR MOCS

On November 15<sup>th</sup> students are invited to wear moccasins to school to celebrate Rock Your Mocs Day 2021. Rock your mocs day is a positive opportunity to be united and celebrate individuality by wearing moccasins. It honours our ancestors and indigenous peoples worldwide and commemorates National Native American Heritage Month.

## MOVEMBER

Mr. Black and his classrooms are once again running a Movember fundraiser and here is their message to you.

Movember fundraisers are a global community of fired up Mo Bros and Mo Sisters – aka rock stars making a difference in mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer. Your donation could help save a father, a brother, a son, a friend, a partner, a man’s life. This year we are hoping for a \$2 donation (although we have multiple increments to choose from) through school cash online for each student at SJM. Proceeds will go to Bluewater Health.

Thank you for your support!!

## HOME/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Progress reports (Grade 1-8) and initial observations (FDK) will go home on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will take place throughout the week of November 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> virtually and by phone. Classrooms will be reaching out to schedule a time and preferred method with you next week. If you would like for resource, a curriculum partner or anyone else in attendance please be sure to request this when booking your time.

## STAFFING CHANGES

I believe we are all settled with staff in place for the school year. Please welcome Mrs. Fraser to our 3/4 classroom, Mlle Hope to the 4/5 & 5/6 FI classroom, Mr. Bourke as resource/guidance/prep and Mrs. K. Smith (not principal Smith) as our 1.0 resource teacher. These new staff members are welcome additions to our school team and have already been working hard in classrooms and supporting students.

## MILK

The Milk Program will begin on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Information was sent home this week. School Cash On-line is the only form of payment accepted at this time. Instructions for registering for School Cash on-line have been included in the take home paperwork today. If you need help registering for school cash online, please contact the office.

## STUDENT PICK UP

When possible, please make afterschool arrangements with your child/children and send a note or message to your child’s teacher indicating if there are any changes to the normal routine (i.e. appointments, walking vs pick up, no bus, no after school program, etc.) The office is being inundated with calls every day from parents making alternate plans for students.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next school council meeting is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. If you would like the link to join, please contact Carrielyn.Smith@lkdsb.net

## FDK YARD



Thank you, Miigwech, Merci to Shell, Erin Hogan and Erin Gower for the grant and long hours to apply for the grant to do upgrades to our FDK yard. Our FDK students have been enjoying the big log bench, play stumps, artificial grass, and bike path. We are looking forward to a few more additions that have not yet arrived as well. We are always grateful to the community for its support!

## IPAD CHARGERS

We are missing several iPad chargers that were lent out with iPads last school year. If you have a school charger, could you kindly return it to school with your child. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to look around the house for these missing chargers as they are a costly replacement for the school.

## LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is piling up. If you are missing items from home please ask your child to check the lost and found for them. We will also be posting a recording of the lost and found table on Facebook so watch for that and let us know if you recognize anything.

## VANDALISM & BREAK & ENTER

We have had a couple of instances of vandalism to our school. The fob entry was destroyed by the intermediate doors and the doorknob to the portable was destroyed twice and the portable broken into. If you have seen or heard anything about these acts of vandalism, please reach out to the school to let us know. We want to ensure that we are keeping our school property safe and secure. In the meantime, I have also put in a request for outside cameras to be installed so that we can catch the perpetrators in action.

## LKDSB STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

**Student Achievement & Wellbeing:** Advance high standards for innovative and responsive learning

**Inclusive Diversity:** Champion anti-oppressive education

**Trusting Relationships:** Strengthen relationships based on respectful collaboration

**Sustainable Stewardship:** Optimize human, financial and physical resources



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES  
2020/21 - 2025/26

VISION  
Our Students -  
Shaping Our World

MISSION  
Fostering Success for  
Every Student Every Day

 Lambton Kent  
District School Board  
Where Achievement is a Community Success