



News from the Nest

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We acknowledge that the land on which our school sits and on which we gather each day is a part of the traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware Nations.

These Indigenous Nations, known as the Anishinaabeg and Lunaapeew, agreed through their ancestral languages to the mutual sharing of the land, with obligations and responsibilities to the environment.

October/November 2023

From Mrs. Byatt-Millington

Hello Falcon Families!

We have nicely settled into our routines, and everyone is working hard in their learning. We have many exciting activities happening at the school – clubs, teams, intramurals, and leadership opportunities are all up and running. We've added some new opportunities for students into the mix as well, especially eSports for our older students and some leadership activities for our Junior students. There are many things on the horizon as well – reinforce with your child(ren) to pay close attention to the announcements each morning to learn about these opportunities.

Black and Orange Day

On October 31st, we will celebrate the Hallowe'en holiday by having students dress in black and/or orange clothing, if they wish. We are opting not to dress in costumes in order to preserve the learning environment for the day.

We ask that families not send in treats to share to keep our students safe, as we have many food allergies and medical concerns within the school that center on food.

Teachers are planning a wide variety of activities for students to engage in to celebrate the holiday.



Progress Reports

The Elementary Progress Reports for students in Grades 1-6 will go home on Friday, November 10th. The Kindergarten Initial Observations for our Full Day Kindergarten students will also go home on this day.

The Progress Report and Initial Observations shows a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the curriculum expectations in all subjects.

Home/School Conferences will occur on November 16th from 4:00— 7:30 pm and on November 17th from 9:00 – 12:00. Families will receive an invitation to select a day and time that is convenient for them through the email on file at the school. The sign up will also be posted on our social media sites. During the Conference, families will be invited to learn more about their child's progress at school.

Conferences are only 10 minutes in length so if you feel that further discussion about your child's progress is necessary, please contact your child's teacher and arrange a mutually agreeable time for a more in-depth conversation.

Wreath Sales



We are currently selling wreaths from Sloan's Nursery in Bothwell, just in time to enhance your winter decorations!

The wreaths come in 3 sizes and will be delivered to the school for pick up. They are made from a mix of fresh greenery and smell and look beautiful. You can decorate them up or leave them as is.

Orders are due to the office by Friday, November 3 (either paper copies or through School Cash Online) and wreaths can be picked up at the school on November 28 (in the Small Gym). Money raised will be used in the Student Trust Fund, which is used to subsidize field trips, purchase equipment for student use and provide opportunities for our students.

Hot Lunches

Our offerings of hot lunches are well underway. The first pizza day of the year was held last week, and everything went perfectly. Moving forward through the year, the plan is to offer the following:

- Pizza – orders sent out for 2-3 months at a time – next order form comes home mid-November.
- Harvest Fresh – also sent out 2 months at a time – next order form comes home mid-November.
- Subway – each month we'll offer an opportunity to purchase sandwiches from Subway.

Money raised through hot lunch sales goes into the Student Trust Fund, which is used to subsidize field trips and purchase equipment for student use.

Sports Update

Our LKESSA sports teams are up and running!

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Dyck have been working with our runners on the Cross-Country team, getting ready for this week's Conference Meet in Blenheim. Successful students will move on to the District Meet in Sarnia.

Mrs. Krzemien, Mr. Cobb, and Mrs. Burk were our Soccer Coaches this year, seeing a return to fall soccer. Thanks to TDHS for hosting the Conference tournament where all our players saw great action on the field.

Both the Girls and Boys teams did their best on a very hot day, showing great team spirit and coachability. Senior Volleyball tryouts have begun – stay tuned for team selection and game play to begin.

NUT Aware

Please note that we have students in our school who have anaphylactic allergies to peanuts, ground nuts and tree nuts. As these students are in various grades within the school, the following applies to all our classrooms and students. To keep these students safe while at school, we ask for your cooperation in the following:

- Do not send in food that contains peanuts, ground nuts or tree nuts or their oils – this includes (but is not limited to) peanut butter, other nut butters, WOW butter and Nutella. Ensure that any pre-packaged snacks that may contain nuts (cookies, granola bars, candy bars) are labelled as Nut Safe or School Safe.
- Encourage your child to wash their hands before and after eating or use hand sanitizer.
- Do not send in baked goods for class treats or parties – all food entering the school needs to be commercially made and packaged and labelled Nut Safe or School Safe and come from a certified Nut Free facility (ie. Maple City Bakery)
- Encourage your child to never trade or share food at school.



If you have any questions or concerns about our policies on anaphylaxis, please contact your child's teacher or the main office.

Student Absences

Due to Safe School policies, Mrs. Blair, our school secretary, is required to call the home of any student who is absent without notification. However, she is not required to make this call if we know in advance why the student is absent. Therefore, it is very important that you contact the school if your child is going to be away. By doing this, it would reduce the amount of phone calls that the office must make in the morning and it

ensures that all of our students are safely where they are supposed to be. Please make use of the School Messenger App to report absences or call the school and leave a message. Also, if you know of upcoming absences, (i.e.. due to trips, appointments, etc.), please let Mrs. Blair know and she can mark it in her attendance book.

School Cash Online

With the LKDSB utilizing an online payment system in all its schools – School Cash Online – there is almost never a reason to send money into the school. The only exceptions currently are chocolate milk and popcorn purchases at lunch.

School Cash Online does not store any data, meaning that your banking or credit card information is never stored on the website, providing increased safety for you. It does mean that you will have to enter your payment information each time you use the service.

If you have not already signed up, visit our website, and sign up today.

School Council

The next School Council meeting of the year will be on Monday, November 20th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. All interested parents/guardians are invited to attend. The School Council acts as an advisory group for the Principal – they advise the school with community input and in turn, take information from the school to the community at large.

If anyone is interested in attending virtually, please contact the office and a Google Meet code.

Bus Information

We are in Zone 7.

During the fall, we might experience some heavy fog in which there could be the potential for bus cancellations. When buses are cancelled due to fog, they will not run in the morning, but they will run in the afternoon to bring students home.

To check for any bus cancellations throughout the school year, download the School Bus Information (SBI) app, available on iOS/Android, listen to CKSY radio (95.1 FM) or visit <https://schoolbusinfo.busstatus.ca/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 23 – Grade 7 Immunizations

October 24 – District Cross Country Meet – Sarnia

October 31 – Black/Orange Day

November 3 – Picture Retakes

November 3 – Wreath Order due to Office

November 10 – Progress Reports/Initial Communication Sent Home

November 10 – Remembrance Day Service – 10:30

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 16 – Home/School Conferences

November 17 – PA Day

November 17 – Home/School Conferences cont.

November 20 – School Council – 6:30

November 28 – Wreath Orders available for pickup

