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Welcome Back

We are so glad to have your children back in our school. There are a few things that are still in effect regarding Covid protocols we need to follow. Thanks to everyone for being so cooperative around student entry at 9am and masks for our students. It would be a great idea to send along an extra mask in the event the mask is lost or needs to be changed partway through the day. Everyone has risen to the challenge, and we appreciate it.

Bus Loading and Student Dismissal

Many attempts have been made to reduce cohort sizes and intermingling of cohorts both before, during and after school. Procedures have been created to ensure student safety, but also to promote a healthy, engaging environment for all students. Our bus-loading zone on the west side of the property at the end of the day has been a positive change that started last year and continues today. We believe that it is running smoothly at this point. Thanks for your patience, and desire to safely enter and exit the parking lot, ensuring everyone's safety.

Upcoming Events

October 8

PA DAY

October 11

Thanksgiving Holiday

October 22

Fall Picture Day

Hand Hygiene

As a school, we continue to stress the importance of hand hygiene, physical distancing and masking, where appropriate. Please continue to share this message with your child/children as we navigate these unusual times.

Screening

Please continue to complete the online screening daily before sending your child/children to school. If they do not pass the screening, please follow the recommendations as provided by the screening tool. Please follow this link to access the screening tool - <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

2021 School Climate Survey



Every voice counts.

We want students and parents/guardians to share your thoughts about our school climate and whether you consider our school to be a safe and welcoming environment.

The Lambton Kent District School Board is conducting a School Climate Survey October 12-29, 2021 to gather input from students in Grades 4-12, parents/guardians and staff to inform program planning and support safe, welcoming and inclusive school environments.

All students in Grades 4-12 will be invited to participate in the online survey during school hours. **Any parent/guardian who does not wish for their child to participate should contact the school principal prior to October 7, 2021.**

Parents/guardians: You are also invited to share your thoughts on the Parent/Guardian School Climate Survey from October 4-22, 2021. The link will be distributed to parents/guardians with an email on file. The link will also be posted on our school website.

Surveys will be anonymous and individualized results will be kept confidential; however, aggregated school and Board responses will be shared publicly (except in cases where individuals may be identified). It is expected the survey results will be publicly available in Fall 2021.

More information about the School Climate Survey is available here: www.lkdsb.net/survey

Daily Screening

Students and Staff who are attending school must complete the COVID-19 School Screening Process, available at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

This is an important step in trying to ensure that everyone is healthy and eligible to attend school and reduce the likelihood that if one contracts COVID-19, that others are not exposed. Thanks for faithfully completing the online screening process each day.

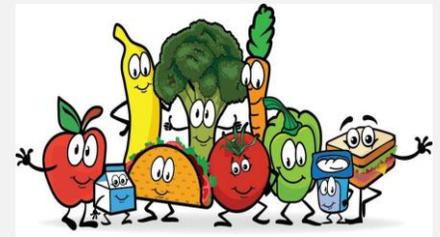
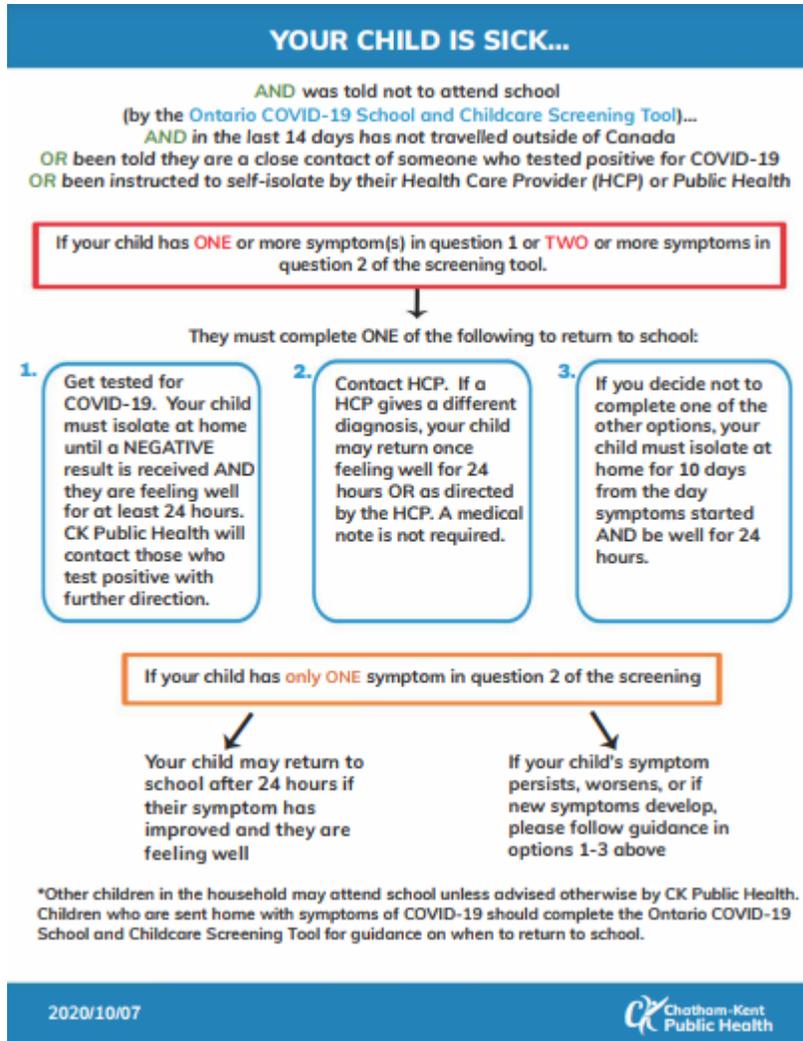
HOW DO I HAVE MY CHILD TESTED FOR COVID-19?

Tests can be booked by calling 519.436.2556
or online at www.assessmentbooking.ca



If you would like more information, please visit our website at
<https://ckphu.com/covid-19>
or call us at 519.355.1071 extension 1900

If your child is sick, what should you do?



Nutrition Program

Here at Victor Lauriston Public School, we are so grateful for the community support that we receive to keep a healthy, vibrant nutrition program up and running. Our Breakfast Program looks a little different again this year, but so far it has ensured that students receive what they need to remain nourished at school. Food arrives at the classrooms prior to students arriving in the morning and is available to anyone who needs access to it. Throughout the day, students also have access to other food items that are available when needed. These items are stored in the classroom again this year, reducing traffic and the comingling of cohorts.

Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol

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.

Link to Fair Notice Communication Regarding Violent Threat Risk Assessment

Protocol: https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=460&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item#/=

Orange Shirt Day

On September 30th, Victor Lauriston Public School, along with schools across the country commemorated Orange Shirt Day. The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind on Canada's indigenous peoples. This is a discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. It is a day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters and in turn, every adult matters. We were so grateful to see so many members of our school community wearing orange on September 30th.