June 2023 Newsletter

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Dear Families

We cannot believe that we are coming up on the last month of the school year! The staff at Victor Lauriston wanted to take some time to thank our incredible families for all their support, dedication, and teamwork that help make this school the amazing place that it is. We have been able to host some awesome events for our students this school year, and that would not have been possible without our committed staff, selfless volunteers, and the willingness of families to help pitch in.

Our administrators would also like to take a moment to thank our educational team for the care, commitment, and hard work that they have put into the 2022-23 school year. The devoted, one-of-a-kind staff that we have within our building has helped make Victor Lauriston a safe, equitable, and inclusive community for all children. Thank you for all you do for our students and families!

The staff at Victor Lauriston wish our students and their families a safe and relaxing summer vacation filled with lots of fun activities! Our teachers, educational assistants, early childhood educators, and administrative staff will all be here in September, rested and prepared to help your child(ren) continue their educational journey.

We want to remind families that the first instructional day for the 2023-2024 school year will be Tuesday, September 5^{th} , 2023.



Upcoming Events

May 31

KinderSTARt from

June 7

Area Track and Field

June 9

P.A. Day

June 22

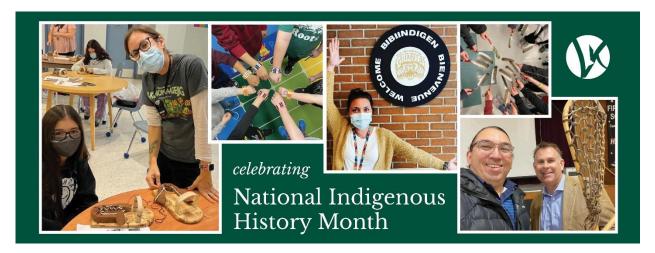
Grade 8 Graduation

June 29

Report Cards Go Home

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 strengths of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people. Staff and students at Victor Lauriston are always striving to recognizes the accomplishments of Indigenous communities and individuals throughout Canada. This month, we will focus on honoring various literary texts, cultural celebrations, and important teachings from such communities throughout all grade levels.



Field Trips

June is a time to celebrate the closing of another school year and enjoy fun, educational experiences with friends! Year-end trips have been planned for all classrooms. Homeroom teachers have sent home information regarding class specific trips with details including cost, times of departure and arrival, itineraries (where applicable) and any other relevant instructions to make these days run as smoothly as possible. As a reminder, many of these trips are outdoors, so please pack water, a lunch if necessary, and sunblock for your student on the day of their scheduled fieldtrip.

KinderSTARt

On May 31st, we will be hosting our 3rd and final evening for our new students arriving this September from 4-7pm. Families can tour one of our FDK classrooms, participate in activities, and register a new student for the upcoming school year. We invite all families who have already registered to come back on this day to participate in activities or ask any questions that you may still have. Click the link below if you need to register:

https://www.lkdsb.net/Elementary/Registration/Pages/default.aspx?gclid=EAlalQobChMI5N-8ovKJ-AIVNRitBh37BwmzEAAYASAAEglWyPDBwE#/=



Appropriate School Attire

With the summer weather upon us, we wanted to remind families about appropriate school attire. Clothing shall be of a style and fit appropriate for school as determined by school staff. Students are expected to wear tops that cover the abdomen, and the back and shoulders. Summer tops should be the width of three fingers across the shoulders.

Shorts or skirts should be of such a length that when the arms and hands are extended down the sides of the body the bottom of the skirt/shorts should at least be the length of the extended fingertips.

Term 2 Reports

Report cards will go home with students in JK to Grade 8 on Thursday, June 29th, which also happens to be the last day of school for students.

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The letter designation on the first page of the report card directly relate to learning skills. The marks on pages 2 and 3 relate to the academic subjects in which the student has achieved marks.

Student Belongings Lost and Found

We will be laying out all lost and found items throughout the month of June for students to look through and hopefully find and take home any lost articles of clothing. Please remind your child(ren) to have a look through the tables of lost items beginning June 1st.

Pride Month

The month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month in Canada. In accordance with the Ministry of Education's commitment to student achievement and well-being, the Lambton Kent District School Board is joining school boards throughout the province in supporting the LGBTQ+ community with the display of the Pride flag. Moving forward, LKDSB schools and education centres will display the rainbow flag during the month of June.

Grade 8 Graduation

Victor Lauriston's Grade 8 graduation will be held on **Thursday**, **June 22rd**, **2023**. This event will be held at the Portuguese Club, which is located at 346 Grande Ave East. Homeroom educators will share more details earlier in the month with our graduating students and their families that include, the amount of allotted tickets, times for events, and information regarding the reception for graduates that will occur after the formal ceremony.

A reminder that Grade 8 students are able to start accumulating their volunteer hours for their OSSD starting on July 1, 2023.

School Bus Information

Bus transportation for the upcoming school year is an important part of preparation for some families. Transportation Services has requested that we include the graphic found below in our newsletter, so families are aware of this year's key bussing planning dates. If you have any questions around these dates, please reach out to C.L.A.S.S. Transportation and they will be able to help you with accurate, detailed information.

