

Winston Churchill

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Welcome back!

Welcome back to our returning Bulldogs and we extend a warm welcome to our new students and staff! The 2018-2019 promises to be an exciting year. Our staff list can be found on our website—in the Staff tab.

Communication

Communication between home and school is key to your child(ren)'s success. If you have concerns or questions, please speak directly with teachers and then administration, if needed. Do not postpone concerns until report card time or the end of the year. To set up an appointment, please call the school.

School information will be posted on our website (<http://winstonchurchill.lkdsb.net>). The calendar will be updated regularly, so please check it often.

Monthly Newsletters will not be sent home but will be posted on the website by the first week of each month.

Please refer to our Information Guide, including the Student Code of Conduct on our website--in the About tab documents.

Follow Winston Churchill on Facebook and Twitter

Check out our twitter account and keep up to date on what's happening at the school. See photos and daily news! Go to @WCPSBulldogs

LKDSB on the GO App and Twitter

The Lambton Kent District School Board app 'LKDSB on the Go' connects to school websites, school bus info, the LKDSB Twitter feed, School Year calendars and other valuable information. It is available for Apple, Android and Blackberry Users.

Student Price Cards

We will be selling Student Price Cards (SPC) in September. For only \$10.00, families can take advantage of discounts at over 120 retailers and we make money on each card sold. Cards will be sold during our Meet the Staff evening, or drop in to the office any day in September to pick one up!

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt is a movement that officially began in 2013 and recognizes the plight of many first nation children who experienced life in residential schools. That is why we ask everyone to wear an orange shirt on Thursday September 27.

Lunches

Students in Gr. 1-8 will participate in recess at the beginning of each lunch break, and will then come inside to eat their lunch. FDK students will eat first and then use the primary playground for their recess time.

Our first Pizza Order Form will be sent home mid-September. Pizza will be served during the 1st Nutritional Break. We keep all forms at the office, so if there's a problem, please tell your child to come to the office so we can resolve any issues quickly. The first day for Pizza will be Friday, October 5.

School Cash Online

School Cash Online gives families the ability to pay for student items online. Parents/guardians can make payments, print/view their receipts and their current account history all in real-time. School Cash Online provides multiple payment options, including eCheck (direct withdrawal from your bank account) or "MyWallet" (virtually add funds and reload like a gift card). Please note, banking information is not saved in School Cash Online and must be re-entered for every transaction. Unused funds in "MyWallet" will be carried over to the next year unless a refund is requested. All surplus funds collected through School Cash Online's administration fees will be returned to the school to be used for capital expenses. Further information about School Cash Online is available on our school website: <http://www.lkdsb.net/school/winstonchurchill>

During our Meet the Staff event, we will have computers set up for families to register on School Cash, with assistance.

Nut Aware School

A reminder that Winston Churchill is a "Nut Aware" school. Students may not bring any nuts, peanut butter or nut products, or food made with these products in their lunch. Please make sure to read all labels before packing your child's lunch! Food purchased as Peanut substitute products are not permitted. Nutella is not permitted at school. We ask parents to not bring in baked goods, due to the risk for our students with allergies. **Any baked goods brought in will be sent home.**

School Pictures

School Pictures will be **Wednesday, September 26.**

Forms

Please review thoroughly, sign and return by Friday Sept. 7:

Appendix B/Student Information

Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation Consent Form

The Board does not provide insurance for students, but does facilitate information for homes to arrange insurance. Please visit the Kids Plus Accident Insurance website for information: at www.kidsplus.ca

The Terry Fox Run

On September 27 at 2:20 Winston Churchill will participate in the coast to coast Terry Fox Run with other schools across Canada. Popsicles and Fudgicles will be on sale for \$1.00 during second break, with all proceeds going to the Terry Fox Foundation. Families are welcome to join us in the school yard at 2:20 for our walk/run!

Attendance

All students are required to attend school on a regular basis. Studies have shown that regular attendance has a positive effect on the academic achievement of students. A parent can make a request, in writing, to remove their child from school for short term periods- under 15 consecutive school days (family reasons or vacations). An alternative program of study will not be provided for these absences. Requests for absences over 15 days, in writing, will require that a program of study be provided and must be completed by the student. If a student is absent for more than 15 days without a written request or a program of study, the student will be removed from the school register.

A Safe Arrival and Dismissal

The Provincial Safe Arrival mandates requires that homes notify the school when a child is absent. Voicemail is available on our school telephone (519-352-8680). **Please remember to contact the office, even if you communicate with the teacher.** Thank you for working with us to ensure safety!

Please remind your children to:

Cross only at crosswalks or intersections.

Arrive at school when a teacher is on duty (9:00 a.m.)

It is important that all the parents follow the directions in the parking lot for entering and exiting as it ensures the safety of all our students and parents. All cars enter the driveway from King Street. Please do not EXIT on King Street. To EXIT, you must drive around the daycare and EXIT onto Crystal Drive. Please do not park in the NO PARKING ZONES, STAFF ONLY or in the FIRE ZONE lane.

All parents need to pick up their child(ren) early, please report to the office and your child will be asked to meet you at the office.

School Bus Expectations

LKDSB Policy is firm that students are not allowed to ride a bus on which they do not have a designated seat. This means absolutely no rides for social occasions, babysitting duties, vacationing parents, etc. Students must get on and off the bus at their designated stop. If your child regularly rides the bus, please send a note to the teacher if there is a change in plans on a particular day.

Please reinforce these bus procedures and expectations with your child:

- Wait in a safe place, away from traffic, at your pick up site.
- Stay away from the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the door opens
- Stay in your designated seat from the beginning until the bus stops completely
- Keep yourself and all items inside the bus
- Be sure you are visible to the driver and the driver is visible to you when approaching the bus
- Obey the directions of the bus driver at all times

Please be aware that busing is a privilege that will be withdrawn if your child's behaviour is unsafe, disorderly or outside the behavior that is expected.