

Zone Township Central School

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April Update 2024

Snack Program Donation

Thank you to the Bothwell Community Boosters for the very generous donation to our Snack Program. We appreciate their support in helping us to ensure our students are well nourished and ready to learn!

FDK Registration and Open House

Our next kindergarten registration and open house will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd from 4:00-7:00 p.m. If you still need to register your child, please complete the online registration, and stop in during the evening of April 3rd. If you're unable to register online, we will have paper forms in the school office that you may use to register your child. If you have already registered, please join us at the open house on April 3rd to meet our kindergarten team, tour the classroom, and participate in an activity. Feel free to bring a friend! If you're unable to attend on April 3rd, there will be one event on Wednesday, May 29th, where we will be hosting a final registration and open house. Please plan to join us on that date as well!

Please follow the link below to register your child online:

<https://www.lkdsb.net/Elementary/Registration/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Spring Fundraiser

Our Spring Plant Fundraiser, to help offset fees associated with school trips, begins Tuesday April 9th, and ends Monday April 22nd. We are selling flower planters from Thuss Greenhouses for \$25.00 each and they will be ready for pick up on Thursday May 9th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the bus doors.

Please use the attached order form for your own records and submit all orders through School Cash Online. Once orders are received, Thuss Greenhouse will begin potting the planters. Please be reminded that they may seem sparse in the beginning but will fill out nicely and last all summer long! Spring is always a great time to buy planters and the proceeds will help to support our students.



Dental Screenings

The Chatham Kent Public Health Unit is organizing the dental screening and dental survey program for children attending Chatham-Kent elementary schools. These programs are implemented in accordance with the Ontario Health Protocols (2021), under the Ontario Public Health Standards (2021). The screening is a brief, visual assessment of each child's mouth by a registered dental hygienist wearing gloves, a mask, and using sterilized instruments. Following the dental screening and/or survey, each child will receive a dental report to take home. When a child is identified to be in urgent need of dental treatment, a follow-up will be done to ensure the treatment needs are completed.

The CK Public Health Unit will be at Zone on **Wednesday April 10th** and will be visiting students **in grades JK, SK, 2, and 8.**

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Field Trips & School Cash On-line

Teachers are in the early stages of planning year-end field trips. More information will be made available soon. Please note that all field trips must be paid for through School Cash Online. If you don't already have an account set up, please contact Mrs. Stevens to find out how to get enrolled.

Parents and Visitors

In keeping with LKDSB's Safe Schools Policy, only staff and students are permitted in the fenced primary yard and junior/intermediate school yard during regular school hours. Parents and guardians who drop off young children are asked to do so at the gate. Parents and guardians who pick up students from the primary yard are reminded not to enter through the gate until 3:35 p.m.

Parking Lot - Dropping Off & Picking Up Students

Please use **extreme caution** when dropping off and picking up your children. Our parking lot is filled with vehicles, including buses, coming, and going throughout the day. Arrival and dismissal times are the most congested times and the most dangerous times for our students as they are walking through the parking lot to their ride or on their walk home.

When dropping off and picking up, please **do not park on our sidewalks or on our grass**. This ensures that students have a safe place to walk. Students are reminded daily about safety in parking lots. Please also discuss this with your children. The safety of all students is our number one concern. Thank you for your help in keeping all students safe.

Playground Equipment

Please be advised that our playground equipment remains closed.

The Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange advises the closure of school playgrounds due to the following reasons: freezing temperatures, snow build up, ice or freezing rain, and winter Clothing. Please remind your child not to use the playground equipment during non-school hours for these safety reasons.

Even though we are experiencing some above average temperatures, all playground equipment must be inspected in the Spring prior to usage. We patiently wait every Spring for communication stating that it is safe to use and free from safety hazards.

Pediculosis Check

Sometimes students arrive at school infected with pediculosis. Spring and fall are the seasons when head lice are most prevalent in school children. Your assistance in early detection is greatly appreciated. Please check your child for head lice weekly. Infestation by head lice is an unpleasant nuisance, but not a health problem. Head lice do not carry or spread disease. If we detect head lice on your child, you may be notified and asked to come to the school to pick up your child. We then ask that you use the necessary treatment on his/her hair. Hopefully by working together we can control the spread of head lice.

School Climate Survey

The Ontario Ministry of Education asks all school boards in Ontario to conduct an anonymous school climate survey on a regular basis so boards of education can help schools:

- Assess perceptions of safety, mental health, and well-being – from students, parents, and school staff.

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- Make informed planning decisions about programs to help prevent bullying and promote safe and inclusive schools.
- Determine the effectiveness of their programs on an ongoing basis.
- Build and sustain a positive school climate.
- Continue to build parent voice/participation in survey.

The Lambton Kent District School Board is required to conduct a school climate survey of students, school staff and parents at least once every two years as they all play a key role in contributing to a positive school climate. ***We are requesting that you, as a parent/guardian of LKDSB student(s) go to your child's school website or the [Lambton Kent District School website](#) and follow the School Climate Survey link to help us build and sustain a positive school climate within your school community.***

Please note that the results of these surveys will be used by our Safe Schools team, as well as by the Lambton Kent District School Board, and all feedback collected will remain anonymous and confidential.



Your Child's Education

A parent guide to Ontario's school system

Your voice is important in your child's learning, and can make all the difference in their academic and personal success. When parents play an active role in their child's education, students are inspired to achieve their full potential.

Ontario is committed to increasing accountability and transparency for parents and families. **Here are ways you can actively participate in your child's education journey:**

- Decide which type of publicly funded school they attend
- Choose learning options, for example, secondary school programs e.g. Specialist High Skills Majors
- Follow what your child is learning in school
- Learn about key dates in the school year
- Opt out of certain learning
- Know how your child is doing in school
- Learn about suspension and expulsion processes
- Attend a school council meeting or parent involvement committee meeting
- Know about specialized supports to help all children succeed

Visit ontario.ca/EducationGuide for more information so you can make informed decisions about your child's education.



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2024 Spring Planters

Zone Township Central School Fundraiser

This form is for collecting orders from friends, family, and neighbours. **DO NOT return the form to school.** It is for your tracking purposes only. All orders must be made through SchoolCashOnline.



ORDERS DUE Monday April 22 through SchoolCashOnline only

\$25

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PICK UP WILL BE ON **THURSDAY, MAY 9th.**

3:00pm – 5:00pm at the South End of the school (bus doors)

Please do not send people who ordered planters from you.

Orders will only be given to the Zone family who placed the order.

Name	Phone #	# of Planters	Total \$ (\$25 each)
		Totals #	\$

PLANTERS PROVIDED BY THUSS GREENHOUSES & GARDEN CENTRE

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