

Zone Township Central School

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From the Office

Thank you for welcoming me back to Zone Township Central School. My first month has been a wonderful experience! It has been a time of re-establishing old relationships and a time for making new connections with staff, students, and families. I look forward to working with and supporting the Zone school community as your new Principal. Please do not hesitate to reach out by email Kari.Aubertin@lkdsb.net or by phone 519-355-3140.

2024 Kindergarten Registration

Junior or Senior Full Day Kindergarten Registration:

Registration this year will occur on Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, February 2, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form @ www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, February 2, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child

Immunization Update:

To attend school in Ontario, the *Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990 (ISPA)*, requires students to be vaccinated against the following diseases or obtain a valid exemption: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Pertussis, Meningococcal disease, Polio, and Varicella.

Please note that if your child is behind in their immunizations, Chatham-Kent Public Health mailed out notices the week of January 3, 2024. A Suspension Order will be mailed out the week of January 30th, 2024, with a suspension date of Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Be reminded, that once a child receives their immunizations that it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to report it to Public Health.

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Parents/guardians can report their child's immunizations by:

- Phone: (519) 352-7270 ext. 2403
- Online: www.ckpublichealth.com/immunizations
- Fax: (519) 436-3214
- In Person: Public Health – 435 Grand Ave. W., 2nd Floor, Chatham, ON, N7M 5L8.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or a mild cough, but no other symptoms and can participate in school activities.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours and didn't need medicine.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 37.5 degrees.

I have been throwing up or have had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.

My eyes are red and painful with discharge that keeps coming back during the day.

I have been having body aches, fatigue, or frequent headaches.

I have a sore throat with a fever.

I have a harsh cough and don't feel able to participate in school activities.

I have an undiagnosed rash.



Follow up with my Health Care Provider if...

I have had a temperature of higher than 37.5 degrees for more than 2 days.

I have had a sore throat and fever for several days. I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had a cough for more than a week, and it isn't getting better.

I have had a fever and now have a rash.

 Public Health

Follow us to good health!



To reach a public health expert, contact us at:

Main Office, 435 Grand Ave W, Chatham, ON, N7M 5L8, p 519.352.7270

Clinic Services, 177 King St E, Chatham, ON, N7M 3N1 p 519.355.1071

www.ckpublichealth.com

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Black History/African Heritage Month

This month Black History and African Heritage is being celebrated in the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB). In recognition of Black History/African Heritage during the month of February, the LKDSB is committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in our history and society.

There is a wealth of information available about the contributions that Black Canadians have and are making in Canada and around the world. As there are significant Black historic sites located within the LKDSB geographic area, we encourage students, staff, and families to learn more about our local history and its connections to the Underground Railroad and other historical events, and the ongoing contributions of local Black Communities to the development of prosperity of Ontario and Canada. Local organizations in Lambton County and Chatham-Kent are also celebrating Black History and African Heritage Month and have provided information about opportunities in the respective county in which your school is located. The Municipality of Chatham-Kent has a variety of activities planned for [Black History Month](#).

In addition to activities promoted during the month of February, LKDSB students, families and staff members are invited to explore the rich history in the surrounding area and learn more about how African Canadian history can be incorporated into the curriculum. Visit the [Government of Canada Black History Month website](#) for additional information and resources.

Parent Council/School Advisory Council

Our next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 7, at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. Please email Kari.Aubertin@lkdsb.net if you would like an invitation to join the virtual meeting.

Zone School Spirit Wear

Online ordering for Zone Township Central School Spirit Wear is open until Thursday, Feb. 15th. If interested in ordering, please use the link

<https://zonetownshipwinter2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

LKDSB Website Refresh

Are you an LKDSB student? Does your child attend an LKDSB school? Are you one of our community partners? We want to hear from you! We are refreshing our website and would like to hear your feedback.

Tell us what you'd like to see by filling out this short, **3-question survey**.

Cold Weather Precautions

Weather and temperature this time of year can be quite unpredictable and is therefore monitored closely by the Lambton Kent District School Board and individual schools. When extreme weather and temperatures occur, schools will follow safety protocol and keep students indoors during recesses. Please check the weather and ensure your child(ren) is dressed in appropriate clothing each day.

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Playground Equipment:

Please be advised that our playground equipment will be closed until the Spring.

The Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange advises the closure of school playgrounds due to the following reasons:

Freezing temperatures - At temperatures below 0 deg. C, very few types of protective ground surfacing remain resilient enough to offer any degree of protection to a falling child - regardless of depth. If the ground cover is frozen, the play equipment is NOT safe for use.

Snow build-up - Snow can cause two problems on a play structure - first, it can make play surfaces very slippery; secondly, it can create suffocation hazards if the openings at the end of tube slides or similar structures become closed in by drifting snow.

Ice or freezing rain - As noted above, ice or freezing rain can make play surfaces, hand grips and stairways very slippery, increasing the risk of slip and fall injuries.

Clothing - Winter clothing is very different from normal clothing. Synthetic materials, such as nylon, reduce sliding resistance, particularly on plastic slide beds. This can increase the travel speed on this equipment to a dangerous level, and if combined with frozen ground cover, as described under Item (1), can increase the chance of injury. Winter clothing is also very bulky and is more likely to have drawstrings or hooks and clips which can become entangled in components of the equipment. All scarves should be kept inside of the child's coat.

Please remind your child not to use the playground equipment during non-school hours for these safety reasons.

Pediculosis

As the weather is colder and students are wearing coats, hats, and gloves again, parents/guardians are encouraged to check their child(ren) regularly for head lice and nits. Catching them early is the key to limiting the spread within your household and at school. If head lice are found on a student at school, a letter is sent home to students in that class to keep you informed. Please click on the following links for the [CKPHU fact sheet](#) and the [CKPHU Head Lice Treatment flow chart](#).

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices:

All electronic devices, such as cell phones, media players, digital game devices, computers and cameras are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school without the permission of school personnel and only for educational purposes. If a student carries a cell phone, he/she is responsible for the cell phone at all times. At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property.

Bus Zone 6 - Inclement Weather

The Lambton Kent District School Board has administrative procedures in place to assist parents and guardians in the mornings when dangerous weather conditions exist. Parents should listen to their local radio station or check the transportation website at www.schoolbusinfo.com or download the MySBI Bus Status app by CLASS. If buses are cancelled in the morning due to fog, they **will** run in the afternoon. If buses are cancelled in the morning due to snow and icy road conditions, they **will not** run in the afternoon and parents and guardians must make arrangements for picking up students at the end of the day.

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Math Resources

You are an important partner in your child's mathematics education. When you find ways to engage your child in thinking and talking about mathematics, you are providing an important key for unlocking his or her future success.

Today, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and the ability to communicate mathematically are essential skills. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools. (Doing Mathematics with your child, 2019)

Engage your child in a math discussion. Which One Doesn't Belong? Find a reason why each one does not belong.

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