

Zone Township Central School

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September 2023

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all returning students and staff and a warm welcome to all new students and staff to Zone Township Central School. It is wonderful to see so many smiling faces in our halls again! Hopefully everyone is looking forward to a great 2023-2024 school year after enjoying a fun and relaxing summer break.

We are excited to begin a new school year that promises to be a year of learning and growth for all. Together we strive to continuously improve the educational opportunities available to all students. At Zone Township Central School, we look forward to working with each child and family to ensure an excellent education for **Every Student, Every Day.**

Morning Routine for 9:00-9:15 a.m.

Kindergarten to Gr. 2 students should be **dropped off at the gate**, not earlier than 9:00 a.m. when supervision begins. Please note, as per LKDSB's Safe Schools Policy, **only students and staff** are permitted on school grounds during school hours. If you have made arrangements for a grandparent, friend, alternate guardian, etc. to drop your child off, please ensure they are aware of this policy.

Grade 3 to 8 students and all bus students will enter the yard and move to their appropriate playground area.

Students who arrive after 9:15 a.m. must enter through the front doors and obtain a late slip prior to proceeding to class.

Student Absences & Automated Safe Arrival Calls

Zone School's automated attendance messaging system notifies parents/guardians when your child has been marked absent and the school has not been notified of the reason for the absence. To follow-up, we will contact the parent/guardian phone numbers and email addresses that we have on file and ask that you call the school to confirm the absence and provide the reason. You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information and by notifying the school office in advance if your child will be late or absent.

Please note: To avoid calls and emails regarding attendance, kindly contact the school in advance to let us know your child will be absent. School voicemail messages are checked regularly.

Medication

If your child needs prescription medication administered during school hours, please see the office for an "Authorization for the Administration of Oral Medication" form. It must be completed by the parent/guardian and physician and forwarded to the Principal for each school year. Over-the-counter medications (e.g., Tylenol, Advil) **will not** be administered by staff and should not be sent to school.

Allergy Alert

Please be advised that Zone School is a Nut Aware school. We ask that the following products not be sent to school:

- Peanuts and all nuts and foods containing nuts
- Soya peanut butter, WOW Butter, etc.
- Scented products (cologne, perfume, etc.)

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Milk Program

Milk cards will be available for purchase on Friday, through School Cash On-line. An email notification will be sent to all families. Milk cards will remain \$10 for 9 chocolate milks. Milk cards will be available on-going through School Cash. Chocolate milk will be available to students on Monday, September 11.

Parent Council/School Advisory Council

Parent Council/School Advisory Council is made up of a group of parents, teachers, and a community representative who meet during the school year for the purpose of providing positive input to the principal on school-related educational issues. Council meetings are open to all members of the school community. This year the first meeting will be held **virtually** on **Wednesday, September 20th at 4:00 p.m.** Subsection 4 (4) of O. Reg. 610/00 states that an election for the current year's school advisory council will be held "during the first 30 days of [the] school year, on a date that is fixed by the chair or co-chairs of the school council after consulting with the principal of the school." Nomination forms may be picked up at the office. If you are interested in joining council and/or running for a position on council, please call the school at 519-355-3140 or email Colleen.Anderson@lkdsb.net prior to September 20th, or plan to attend the September 20th meeting.

School Cash On-Line

Orders for food, milk, special events, and field trips will only be accepted through School Cash On-line. **Please do not send in money.** Our school is "cashless" and all purchases will need to be done through School Cash On-line. Thank you to all families who have already signed up and are utilizing this program. Families who have not yet signed up are encouraged to do so immediately. If you need help with set up, or access to a computer to sign up, please either contact Mrs. Stevens or stop in at the office. We appreciate your support in this endeavour.

School Phone Number 519-355-3140

Zone School's phone number changed a year ago. Our phone number is 519-355-3140. **Our old phone number is no longer in service.**

School Emergency Procedures

Throughout the school year, we practise emergency drills. Each fall and spring, we hold 3 fire drills and a lockdown, hold and secure, shelter in place, and tornado drill. Our alternate emergency location is the Bothwell Arena.

Staff Members at Zone:

Mrs. C. Stephens..... FDK
Mrs. A. Wernham..... ECE FDK
Mrs. S. Franklin Gr. 1/2
Ms. E. DeKoning..... Gr. 3/4
Ms. E. Gabriel Gr. 5/6
Mr. M. Curran Gr. 7/8
Mrs. L. Clark Student Support/FDK
Mr. Belanger..... French/Science/STEAM
Mr. N. McKinley Custodian
Mrs. L. Stevens Secretary
Mrs. C. Anderson.....Principal

School Hours

9:00 Yard Supervision
9:15 School Entry Bell
9:15-11:15 Instructional Time
11:15-11:35 Nutrition Break
11:35-11:55 Recess
11:55-1:35 Instructional Time
1:35-1:55 Nutrition Break
1:55-2:15 Recess
2:15-3:35 Instructional Time
3:35 Dismissal

***Students are not permitted on school property until supervision begins at 9:00 a.m.**

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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=366&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item

New School Bus App - MySBI

Families of bus students will have received a message via the parent portal and through the MySBI app to inform you of a new upgraded version of our MySBI app for weather cancellations and bus delays. The new app has improved speed and reliability but will look and function the same as the previous app. Unfortunately, the app previously installed on your phone will NOT automatically update to the new version, so all users must download the new app from the App/Google Play Store before September 29th to continue receiving school bus delay and cancellation notices. The current 'old' version of the app will no longer function after this date.

Meet the Teacher: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

PA Day: Friday, September 15, 2023

Parent Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Picture Day: Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Terry Fox Run: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Orange Shirt Day: Friday, September 29, 2023

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Prevalent Medical Conditions

To promote the safety and well-being of students, all schools are required to support students in schools who have asthma, diabetes, and/or epilepsy, and/or are at risk for anaphylaxis. These medical conditions, also referred to as prevalent medical conditions, have the potential to result in a medical incident or a life-threatening medical emergency. The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students. LKDSB strives to support students with prevalent medical conditions to fully access school in a safe, accepting, and healthy learning environment that supports well-being. It also strives to empower students, as confident and capable learners, to reach their full potential for self-management of their medical condition(s), according to their Plans of Care.

If your child has a prevalent medical condition, please update forms yearly. If the school is not aware of prevalent medical conditions for your child, you must contact the school immediately to make arrangements to complete a Plan of Care. Also, please ensure the school is aware of changes required throughout the school year.



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Sarnia, ON N7T7L2
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476 McNaughton Ave., E
Chatham, ON N7M 5L7
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ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2023-2024

Month	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th Week				
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
	B - Board Designated Holiday					H - Statutory School Holiday					E - Evaluation Day					P - Professional Activity Day									
September					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
October	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31			
November			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	
December					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
January	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31		
February				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	
March					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
April	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30			
May			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
June	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28					

Professional Activity Days
Friday, September 15, 2023
Friday, October 6, 2023
Friday, November 17, 2023
Friday, February 2, 2024
Friday, April 26, 2024
Friday, June 7, 2024
Friday, June 28, 2024
First Day of Classes
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Education Week
May 6, 2024
Take Our Kids to Work Day
November 1, 2023

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