

September 2023



Dawn-Euphemia School  
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**Bell Times**

Block 1	8:50 – 10:50
Nutrition Break (20 min. Nutrition / 20 min. Activity)	10:50 – 11:30
Block 2	11:30 – 1:10
Nutrition Break (20 min. Nutrition / 20 min. Activity)	1:10 – 1:50
Block 3	1:50 – 3:10
Dismissal	3:10

**WELCOME**

This fall Mr. Zafer will teach .5 prep/.5 Kindergarten and we welcome back Ms. Zimmer teaching Grade 6/7. We are very pleased to welcome back Ms. Zimmer and have Mr. Zafer with us full-time this year.

**STAGGERED ENTRY**

Just a reminder that all JK students will begin school on their assigned days with all students attending on Friday. This is to ensure a smooth transition for all students enabling them to get comfortable with routines and expectations.

## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The Lambton Kent District School Board will commemorate the impact of residential schools on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Orange Shirt Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts and use this day as a catalyst to encourage learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that system has had on First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. This is a meaningful way as school communities to come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because “Every Child Matters”. Respectfully, flags at all LKDSB schools and facilities will be lowered on this day; however, administrators may choose to fly the flag for the entire month. This recognition day will be part of the activities and discussions occurring during the Truth and Reconciliation Week September 25<sup>th</sup> to September 29<sup>th</sup> which will also include discussions about the truth of Indigenous treaties, languages and culture and First Nation, Metis and Inuit land claims.

In honouring and remembering those impacted by residential schools, LKDSB had commissioned a new orange shirt design in 2021. Orange shirts are available for order by interested staff and students from Screenart, a company in Wallaceburg. Screenart has created an online store for LKDSB orders, therefore staff and families will submit payment online directly to Screenart, [https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb\\_ecm/shop/home](https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb_ecm/shop/home). The store is open immediately for purchases, and will remain open until Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. All shirts which are ordered will be delivered to the schools via the board courier by September 28<sup>th</sup>.

## PLAYGROUND PURSUIT FUNDRAISING

What an amazing summer of fundraising. Our community, staff and students rallied to raise funds for our Playground Pursuit. We had personal donations from Jenn Hull in the amount of \$100 and Castle Building Supply in the amount of \$2000! Special events were held with many community partners – detailed information to come. Stay tuned for more exciting events!!

## ARRIVAL/PICK UP

Just a reminder students should arrive no early than 8:45am, as there is no supervision before this time, and dismissal (pick up) is 3:10.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

The installation is complete. This will be a wonderful space for students to collaborate and learn. We look forward to many great experiences to come in this space.



## SCHOOL RECORDS

Changes of address, telephone number, custody status, emergency contact person, doctor, etc. must be reported to the school secretary so that records are accurate and current.

## NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are posted at the beginning of each month on the school's website: [www.dawneuphemia.lkdsb.net](http://www.dawneuphemia.lkdsb.net) and sent via email through Messenger.

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

For the 2023-2024 the Lambton Kent District School Board has created a Student Handbook. Please follow the link to view all of the important information inside - [LKDSB Handbook for School Success](#).

## School Calendar for 2023-24

First Day of School .....	Sep. 5
P.A Day .....	Sep. 15
Thanksgiving .....	Oct. 6-9
P.A. Day.....	Nov. 17
Winter Break .....	Dec. 25 – Jan. 5
P.A. Day.....	Feb. 2
Family Day.....	Feb. 19
March Break.....	Mar. 11-15
Good Friday .....	Mar. 29
Easter Monday.....	Apr. 1
P.A. Day .....	Apr. 26
Victoria Day .....	May 20
P.A. Day .....	June 7
Last Day of Classes .....	June 28

## ILLNESS AND MEDICATION

For the health of the entire school community, parents are encouraged to keep their child at home when they are not well enough to participate in all school activities. Please complete the Ontario Screener for your child each morning - [COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool](#) . When a student is ill, a parent will be contacted to take the child home as soon as possible.

The LKDSB has a policy concerning the administration of medication to students by school personnel. Administration of medication at school requires parents to annually complete an authorization of medication and/or an individual medical emergency plan. These forms are available at the school office and require a doctor's signature. All medication is the responsibility of the parents and must be delivered to school in the original container, including the student's name and the prescribed dosage and frequency. All medication is stored in a secure location. Any pills, ventilators, or other medications are to be brought to the school office by parents. We are not authorized to give aspirin, Tylenol, cough medicine, etc., without a completed form. Any allergies and health problems need to be reported to your child's teacher.

## NUTRITIONAL BREAKS

Dawn-Euphemia School offers a healthy snack program which will begin September 11th. The snack consists of a variety of healthy food items and is available to all students each day. Food should be eaten in the classroom during the two nutritional breaks. **Food and drinks are not allowed** outside. Milk tickets will also be offered starting September 11<sup>th</sup>, they will be available through school cash on-line and in person sales.

## FOOTWEAR

During physical education, everyone must wear non-marking running shoes in the gym. Daily Quality Physical Education is part of the curriculum therefore students must have a pair of running shoes at school to participate in physical education. Students must have **separate footwear for indoor and outdoor use.** Gym shoes or other clean shoes may be worn in the hall and classroom. This practice keeps our hall and classroom floors dust-free and dry. Students **MUST** always wear shoes as there will not be time taken to put on footwear during an emergency.

## FUNDRAISING

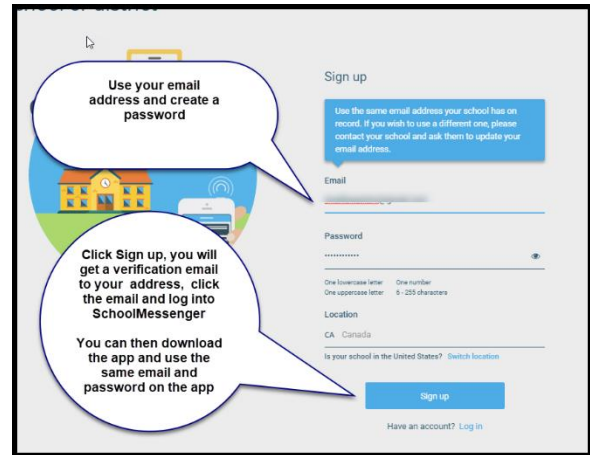
Fundraising campaigns are held during the school year. These funds are used to enhance the regular school program through presentations, field trips, the purchase of computer software and supplies for special class projects. **We will begin a Little Caesar's fundraiser on October 2 with orders due October 22.** We will also continue to fundraise for our Playground Pursuit – stay tuned for our next big event.

## Safe Arrival Parent Reporting Tool

A reminder that the Safe Arrival Parent Reporting Tool is in use for all families. Please download the app and complete the registration, you can then report your child's absence through the app eliminating any necessary phone calls home.

### How to sign up and create a SchoolMessenger account.

1. Open an internet browser and search for [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca) or download the BLUE SchoolMessenger app  
Click to [Download the app for Apple devices.](#) Click to [Download the app for Android devices.](#)
2. Click Sign up in the upper right corner
3. Use the email address on file at the school and create a password. **Important note: You must use the same email address your school has on record.** If you wish to use a different one, please contact your school and ask them to update your email address.
4. Click Sign up. Choose your password. Select **Location as Canada.** Tap Sign Up. You will receive a verification email. From this email, click the link to verify. This will open in a browser where you will be prompted to enter your login details. Log in and confirm your details.



### Phone Access and Setting a PIN

If using the LKDSB toll-free Attendance Reporting number 1 (844) 487-3695, Parents/guardians should require that a Personal Identification Number (PIN) be entered before absences can be reported or explained for their student using the SafeArrival phone system.

#### *What if I'm not calling from my home phone number?*

You will be asked to enter a phone number that is registered for your student.

#### **Can anyone who knows my phone number report an absence using the phone system? Including my child?**

Yes, anyone who uses a phone that is listed in the school's system for your student or anyone who can enter a phone number that is listed in the school's system for your student can report an absence for your student.

It is strongly recommended that you set a PIN that must be entered before an absence can be reported or explained for a student. We recommend that you provide your email address so that whenever an absence is reported or updated, you will receive an email confirmation notice.

### Setting a PIN

PIN settings can be set by Parents/ Guardians from the Attendance page of the SchoolMessenger app or by logging into the School Messenger Website.

On the Manage your PIN Settings screen, choose the district in which the student is enrolled (if the Parent Guardian has students enrolled in more than 1 district). The Parent / Guardian will see a list of his/her students and will be able to **tap the checkbox to request that a PIN be required** for when reporting and explaining absences for this student by phone. A 4-digit PIN can then be entered. Changes made on this screen will be saved automatically. Tap the **eye icon** to see the PIN as you enter it. Tap the **edit icon** to modify the PIN.

## SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

Parents are encouraged to sign up for School Cash On-line to facilitate a fast and easy way to make payments to the school for hot food days and field trips, for example. Please go to <https://lkdsb.schoolcashionline.com> to register. You will need your child's student number to register. Please call the school should you require this information .

## VTRA Fair Notice

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. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

As always, student safety is our first priority. This notification is being provided via avenues such as school newsletters, and school and board web sites as fair notice to parents and guardians of the existence of the VTRA Protocol and its application if situations warrant. If you have any questions regarding the Lambton Kent District School Board Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol, please contact your school principal as the first step.

## School Bus Updates

CKLASS sent out information via the portal regarding an upgraded version of their MySBI app for weather cancellations and bus delays. The new app has improved speed and reliability but will look and function the same as our current app. Unfortunately, the app currently 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 29<sup>th</sup> to continue receiving school bus delay and cancellation notices. The current 'old' version of the app will no longer function after this date.

## September Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 Labour Day	5 School Begins	6	7	8
11 Snack Program Begins	12 Fire Drill	13	14 Dot Day – Wear your Family Group Colour	15 PA Day
18 Book Fair Begins	19	20	21 Meet the Teacher Night	22 School Spirit Day Book Fair Ends
25 Truth and Reconciliation week	26	27	28 Bus Safety Presentation	29 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Orange shirt Day