



# East Lambton Elementary School

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## May 2024 Newsletter

**School Motto: Work Hard. Be Respectful. That's our Lion Pride.**

### Message From the Principal:

Wow, it's already May! We have been doing some amazing things here at East Lambton and May and June promise to be just as special. There are lots of events, trips and sports coming up, so please have a look at the upcoming dates. The calendar on our school website is also updated continually and is a great quick resource. Thank you for everything you do as a part of our East Lambton community!

Thank you!

Mrs. Randi McDonald

### Lunches and Snack:

We continue to have pizza lunch every Thursday for those who order. Our next Subway day will be May 21 for those who order. Our next free lunch organized by Mrs. Thorne and the volunteers will be on Friday, May 10, where we will be serving grilled cheese sandwiches. Nutritious snacks continue to be offered in class each day for any student.

### Smile Cookies:

We would like to send a giant thank you to the Watford Tim Horton's for their contribution to our nutrition program! Proceeds of the Smile Cookie campaign have generously supported our snack program once again this year and we are very grateful for the community commitment. Thank you!!

### Lacrosse:

Leave Your Mark Lacrosse and Coach Jamie visited our school for class lacrosse lessons. All classes had some exciting times in the gym to learn the basics of what was for many, a new sport! Shout out to School Council for funding this program.

### Kindergarten Registration:

Our final Kindergarten Registration visit is on Wednesday, May 29 from 4pm-7pm. If you have registered for kindergarten, please feel free to stop by for a visit! If you have a little Lion at home or know someone that does that needs to register, please contact Mrs. Thorne in the office.

### Attendance:

Consistent attendance at school remains a priority throughout the year. If you know your student will be absent, please let us know as soon as possible by using the School Messenger app or calling the school. Our answering machine is always available. We understand that many families have vacations and absences for extracurricular activities, especially in the spring months, and it is our responsibility to make sure students are safe and accounted for every day, whether that is at school or in the care of their family. Thank you for your continued diligence in our safe attendance protocols.

### Jump Rope For Heart Colour House Day:

Friday, May 10. Staff & students will spend some time together during the last block of the day learning to skip and enjoying physical activity outside. It's always a fun day! We encourage all students to wear their Colour House colours, and dress appropriately for some extra outdoor time.

Throughout the week we will learn about Healthy Habits and protecting our heart and brain health. If you wish to raise funds for Heart and Stroke, you may register online <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/46013>. There are gift cards and prizes available.

## **EQAO:**

EQAO Provincial Assessments are just around the corner. Our Grade 3 and 6 students will be assessed on their understanding of language and mathematics. Our students and staff have been working hard to get ready for these assessments and to get to know the digital platform that they will use for the assessment. Although unexpected absences happen, please try not to schedule routine absences, like dentist appointments, during the assessment period. Our Grade 3 students will write the assessments on May 21 to May 27 and our Grade 6 students will be writing on May 13 to May 17.

## **Sports and Activities:**

Big thank you to the staff that are running sports and activities at East Lambton! We have lots of student participation and the time and dedication from everyone is outstanding! Our junior and intermediate students are getting ready for Track and Field, by practicing in gym classes. Shout out to Mrs. McCallum for organizing our meet. We have a great group that is participating in Girls at Bat, a program sponsored by the Toronto Blue Jays. Miss Ferguson and Miss Whitlaw are having an awesome time with both the Girls at Bat and the school 2-Pitch team. Our E-Sports program has been a huge hit this year and we had a team compete at an invitational meet at Lambton College in April. Thanks to Ms. Wyville for organizing and to all the staff who help supervise at recesses!

## **Heat Safety:**

With the weather heating up, please make sure students are prepared by dressing in layers, bringing refillable water bottles and wearing hats. Lunches with lots of hydrating foods are also a great idea. We notice many students feeling the heat in the first few days of higher temperatures, and this can cause some upset tummies or headaches. Our treatment is often some rest and water, with more attention if needed.

## **Playground Safety:**

Our playground structure is certified for students aged 5+. Our youngest Lions know that turning 5 years old means they have the privilege of using the structure. Students are permitted to play on the structure while wearing running shoes. Boots, sandals, and Crocs are not permitted on the structure. Please note that the old yellow slide is closed before, during and after school for safety reasons.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

May 1 – Popcorn Day  
May 2 – Pizza Day  
May 2 – Grade 7/8 Immunizations  
May 8 – Popcorn Day  
May 9 – Pizza Day  
May 10 – Free Lunch, Jump Rope for Heart, Colour House Day, Planter Pickup from 3:30-5:30  
May 13 – Grade 4/5 class to Oneida Nation of the Thames  
May 15 – Popcorn Day  
May 16 – Pizza Day  
May 17 – Mismatch Day  
May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia  
May 17 – Mr. Edlington and Miss Cowell class trip  
May 20 – Victoria Day  
May 21 – Subway Day  
May 22 – Popcorn Day, East Lambton Track and Field Meet  
May 23 – Pizza Day, East Lambton Track and Field Meet Rain Date  
May 24 – Awesome Eagle Day – Grade 8's visit to NLSS  
May 29 – Popcorn Day, Kindergarten Registration Visit 4-7pm  
May 30 – Pizza Day  
May 31 – Neon Day

