

Dear Parents/Guardians,

March 1st, 2024

March Break – Monday, March 11th to Friday, March 15th

Rock Your Socks – Thursday, March 21st

Good Friday Holiday – Friday March 29th

Easter Monday Holiday – Monday, April 1st

Reminders Around Yard Supervision and the Parking Lot

Please be reminded that there is NO supervision on the yard until the initial bell at 8:35. If you are dropping off before 8:50, please have students go to the yard they should be on. FDK yard has had locks put on it to try to help eliminate it being accessed overnight and people leaving unwelcome items in the FDK playground.

A reminder regarding the parking lot

1. When dropping off before 8:50, please park on the road and walk through the gates to your child's area of the yard. There is a gate facing Kember that primary students can walk through to access the yard. **The parking lot is reserved for staff in the morning.**
2. If you are picking up or dropping off during the day, we ask that you keep the accessible parking open and not double park behind other cars.
3. Please **DO NOT** use the sidewalk leading into the school to turn around.
4. The accessible parking spot is reserved for those with a visible permit on their car.

Little Caesar's pick-up

A reminder to those who supported the Grade 8 fundraiser – thank you so much for your support! Orders can be picked up on Thursday, March 7th between 3 and 7 by the gym entry facing Kember Avenue.

Rock Your Socks on World Down Syndrome Day

Every year on March 21, people all around the world come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks. March 21 is symbolic because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome. Socks were chosen because the karyotype of Ds chromosomes looks like mismatched socks!

Wear your silliest, funkiest mismatched socks to celebrate what makes us all individuals!

Dental Screen

Lambton Public Health sent a letter home via the school in January regarding the Dental Screening that will be occurring after the March Break. All students in grade 2 will have a quick dental check by Lambton Public Health and grade 7 & 4 may be added dependent on the screening findings in grade 2. Please refer to the aforementioned letter or contact public health with questions.

Ramadan

Students who are observing Ramadan will have a quiet and private space available for prayer during the day and at lunch times if they would prefer not to be in the room while others are eating. We will ensure



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Zone 2

students are aware of where to access these religious accommodations. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions or concerns.

Bluewater Hatchery Open House

As you may know, High Park has been hosting a mini salmon hatchery in the Learning Commons since the fall. Our eggs are now fish and ready to be sent to the Bluewater Anglers Salmon Hatchery in Point Edward (by the Bluewater Bridge). They will be hosting an open house on Saturday, March 16, and Sunday March 17 between 10 AM and 3PM.

KinderSTARt/Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be 4 years old before December 31, 2024, who you are planning to have start school in September, please complete the registration forms through this link: [Kindergarten Registration](#) Our next kinderSTARt visit will be Wednesday, April 3rd from 4PM-7PM. Come in to complete the registration meet some of our staff and see the classrooms.

Please try to complete the registration online prior to visiting as it speeds up the process. Parents/Guardians must provide valid proof of address such as a utility bill or bill of sale and citizenship (i.e., birth certificate or passport). If you have already completed the registration process, you are welcome to come a visit again but do not need to provide any proof of citizenship or residency.

School Council

Being involved in your children's school is a great way to stay connected. This year our meetings are held in the learning commons. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th @ 6:30 PM. There will be a babysitter available to help with little ones. New members are always welcome!

Spirit Wear – On-Demand Store

Team Outfitters has opened the possibility to order school spirit wear at any time of the year! Please use the link below to access the online store: [Online Store](#)

School Messenger and Attendance Reporting

Instructions for downloading the School Messenger app and navigating the website can be found here: [School Messenger](#). Please, use this to report any absences. There is an automatic call-out that we are unable to suspend that goes out about 9:30.

If your child(ren) is going to be absent for 5+ days (i.e. a family vacation), please contact the office to receive a form that is required to be kept on file for auditing purposes.

Black Girls Group

Thanks to Lindsey from Sarnia Lambton Alliance Against Hate (SLAH), our Black Girls Group is up and running again on Thursdays at 1st nutrition break. It is open to students in grade 3 and up. If you would like more information about the group or SLAH, please contact Mrs. Townsend.



Panther Sports
Girls' Basketball

Congratulations to the Senior Girls' Basketball Team for having a wonderful season! They worked hard to secure a position in the playoffs, but sadly fell short in their semi-final game and finished in fourth place. The season was full of fun, great commitment from all and each player worked improve their skills and knowledge of the game. Way to go girls! Thanks to Mrs. Hill and Ms. Kaldeway for coaching!

Team members were Everleigh, Sofia, Elizabeth, Kaydence, Taylor, A'Nyah, Ellen, Avary, Maliya, Abby, Mirium, Darika

Boys' Basketball

Congratulations to the intermediate boys' basketball team on a stellar season. The boys finished the regular season with a record of 3 wins and 2 losses. This set them up for a rematch against a juggernaut Confederation team who they lost to by 20 points in the first game. The boys prepared all week for the rematch and fell just short losing the semi final game by just 2 points! Thanks to all the players for their dedication and a great season! Thanks to coaches, Mr. Lounsbury and Mrs. Mackay for a great season!

Team members were Nolan, Blaze, Alex, Zion, Aaditya, Josh, Ethyn, Ethan, Noah, Anas, Lucas, Ben

Do You Have a Concern?

Share Your Concerns

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing the best quality learning opportunities for all students. From time to time there may be a misunderstanding, a lack of communication, or a serious situation that needs to be addressed. When this happens everyone must work together to resolve the issue. If a parent/guardian has a concern about a school matter, the following steps should be followed to resolve the issue.

Concerns at School

1	Speak with your child's teacher
2	Speak with your child's Principal
3	Speak with the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of your school
4	Speak with your school Superintendent
5	Speak with the Director of Education

Concerns with the Board of Trustees

Concerns about a Trustee: Speak with the Chair of the Board	Concerns about the Chair of the Board: Speak with the Director of Education
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Not sure who to contact? Call 519-336-1500 or email info@lkdsb.net.
Learn more at www.lkdsb.net

If an individual has followed the steps outlined above and still does not feel the matter has been resolved at the local level, the individual may contact the office of the Ontario Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.on.ca.





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