



BURGESS BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 2024

H.W. Burgess Public School

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It's

FEBRUARY

We're almost at the halfway point of our school year which is hard to believe. Term 1 Reports for Grade 1-6 and FDK Communication of Learning will be coming home later this month. We also are hosting two Kindergarten Registration events this week, so if you know of a JK student who will be starting school in September, please pass this information along or have them contact the school for registration details. A reminder that this Friday is a PA Day and February 19th is Family Day. On both of these days, no classes will be held for students.

Important Dates

- 1st | Kindergarten Registration 4-7
- 2nd | Kindergarten Registration 9-3
- 2nd | PA Day
- 13th | Pancake Day - lunch by Home & School
- 16th | Term 1 Reports go home
- 19th | Family Day (No School)

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land on which our school sits and on which we gather each day is a part of the traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware Nations.

These Indigenous Nations, known as the Anishinaabeg and Lunaapeew, agreed through their ancestral languages to the mutual sharing of the land, with obligations and responsibilities to the environment.

School Hours

8:55 – Outdoor Supervision Begins
9:10 – Classes Start
9:10 – 11:10 – Instructional Block
11:10 – 11:50 – Nutrition Break (outdoor play and eating time)
1:50 – 1:30 – Instructional Block
1:30 – 2:10 – Nutrition Break (outdoor play and eating time)
2:10 – 3:30 – Instructional Block
3:30 – Dismissal

Student Pick Up/Drop Off

Drivers are asked to take extra care when driving along Lawrence Ave. and on school property. We have many children walking to and from school and they are not always as “traffic safe” as we’d like.

Please refrain from parking in the bus loading area in front of the school.

If early pickup is necessary, or if pickup routines change including a different person than usual picking up, please contact the school office by 3:00 to inform Mrs. Aubie of these changes. Sometimes, messages sent directly to teachers don't always make it to the office.

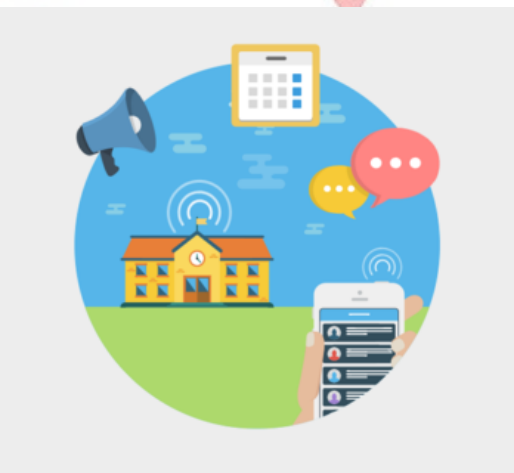
As well, if picking up early, please arrive no later than 3:00 so our normal dismissal routines and front foyer congestion won't be disrupted. Thank you!



February is Black History 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. The focus this year for Black History/African Heritage Month is “Black Achievement and Black Perspectives”.

We have significant Black historic sites located within the LKDSB geographic area, and 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.



Student Absences

Due to Safe School policies, the school is required to contact all families who are absent without prior notice. If you know your child is going to be away, for any reason, please report it on the School Messenger app that was introduced last year. If you require instructions on how to find or use the School Messenger app, please let the office know and we'll send an instruction page home. If you prefer to phone instead of using the app, please call the dedicated absence line at 1-844-487-3695.

Daycare Spots Available!

The Family Centre has spaces available in the before and after school program. For more information, please contact Courtney at 519-627-4441.

To register, please visit www.chatham-kentchildcare.ca



The
Family Centre

Pancake Day!

Our Home & School Association will be hosting a school-wide Pancake Lunch for us on Tuesday, February 13th! We are so grateful for all that our Home & School members do to support our school.

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help prepare and serve on this day. Please contact the school at 519-627-3822 if you are able to help that morning. Mrs. Aubie will be able to give you all the details.




2nd Annual Online Auction

For the month of February, our Home & School Association will be hosting an online auction on their Facebook page. Join the Facebook group to participate!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hwbhomeandschool>

Home & School Meeting



Our next Home & School Meeting will take place on March 4th at 6:00. New members are always welcome to attend. We meet at the school for about an hour to share a school update and plan for upcoming events.

Kindergarten Registration

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

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form at LKDSB Kindergarten Registration in advance.
3. Come to the school to complete the registration process. 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.)

We have two more dates planned for you and your child to visit the school to see one of our Kindergarten classrooms and to meet some of our staff.



Bus Information

During the winter months, if the weather is too unsafe for buses to be on the roads, cancellations will be announced in the early morning, usually by 6:30am. This means that buses will not operate at all that day; however, most often, schools remain open. H.W. Burgess is in BUS ZONE 5.

To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please tune into the local radio stations or the following website:

<https://schoolbusinfo.busstatus.ca/>

Donations Welcome

H.W. Burgess provides daily nutritious snacks to all our students. We currently welcome both monetary donations and donations of product. We are specifically accepting donations of plain Cheerios, Shreddies or Crispix, jars of Dill pickles, nut free granola bars, Nutrigrain bars, rice cakes, vanilla or chocolate pudding, or any fresh fruits or veggies.

WHEN IS SICK

TOO SICK

FOR SCHOOL OR CHILDCARE?



Send me, if...

I had some symptoms (cough/runny nose/sore throat) but I have been feeling much better for the last 24 hours.

I can fully 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 48 hours and didn't need medicine.



Keep me home, if...

I have a temperature higher than 37.7 degrees Celsius (99.9 degrees Fahrenheit).

I have been throwing up or have had diarrhea in the last 48 hours.

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

I have been having body aches, fatigue, and 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.



Contact a healthcare provider, if...

I have had a fever for more than two days.

I have had a sore throat and fever for several days.

I've been throwing up or have had 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.



Still have questions about whether or not your child should attend school/childcare?
Please visit www.ontario.ca/school-screening/

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10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

1 Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely** and **positively**.

2 Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.

3 Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.

4 Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.

5 Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).

6 Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.

7 Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.

8 **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.

9 Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.

10 **Learn more:** Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.