



Kinnwood Central School

September 2023

FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Kinnwood Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are ready for a new year of learning and growth.

I am thrilled to be your principal for the second year and I look forward to working with you and your children to make this year a success. We have an amazing team of teachers and staff who are dedicated to providing a high-quality education for all our students. We also have a supportive and involved parent community who are always willing to lend a hand and contribute to our school.

This year, we have some exciting initiatives and events planned for our school, so please make sure to join your child's SeeSaw account, use the school messenger app, and make sure to follow our social media accounts to keep up to date! If you have questions or concerns via email at Lisa.Thomson@lkdsb.net or at the school 519-346-2749.

On September 5, teachers will meet students on the school yard, gather their class, and head inside at the bell at 8:20 am.

WHERE TO FIND US

Address: 63 MacDonald St, Forest, ON, N0N 1R0
Phone: 519-346-2749
Website: <https://www.lkdsb.net/school/kinnwood>
Twitter: 'Kinnwood Central School' @KinnwoodS
Facebook: 'Kinnwood Central Public School'
<https://www.facebook.com/kinnwoodcentral/>
Bus Zone 1

NEWSLETTERS & WEEKLY UPDATES

Please ensure that you have an updated email address on file. All newsletters, weekly updates, and additional information will be sent electronically via School Messenger.

We will be sending home 3 forms to be signed and updated. Please return these forms by Thursday, September 14.

BELL SCHEDULE

Supervision 8:05 am (no supervision before 8:05)
Start time 8:20 am
Block 1: 8:20 am-10:20 am
First Break 10:20 am-11:00 am
Block 2: 11:00 am-12:40 pm
Second Break 12:40-1:20 pm
Block 3: 1:20 pm-2:40 pm
Dismissal 2:40 pm

STAFF LIST

| Grade | Staff |
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| FDK | Stephen Matlovich |
| Early Childhood Educator | Lori Hayward |
| FDK | Brittany Korstanje |
| Early Childhood Educator | Ashley McGregor |
| 1 | Katie Raiger |
| 1/2 | Tracy Logan (<i>in for Tanya McKinlay</i>) |
| 2/3 | Christine Ellwood |
| 3/4 | Wayne Wolanski |
| 3/4 | Corey Gruben |
| 4/5 | Holly Vaughan |
| 5 | Mary Vandenberg |
| 6 | Erin Sageman |



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| 6/7 | Nicole Urbanowicz |
| 7/8 | Rachel Orvis |
| 8 | Karen Vansteenkiste |
| Resource | Lori Woods-Koolen |
| French | Jennie Wilson |
| French | Leana McIntyre |
| Prep | TBD |
| Custodians | Tammy Cooper Tom Pruliere Tina Harris |
| Educational Assistant | Julie Green |
| Educational Assistant | Stephanie Vandersluis |
| Secretary | Lori McLeish |
| Principal | Lisa Thomson |

Student placements and classroom organizations are tentative at this time. Additional changes could occur over the next few weeks and throughout the school year. Thank you for your understanding.

UPCOMING DATES

- September 5: First Day of School for SK-8 (staggered entry for our newest JK Kodiaks)
- September 14: Field trip for Mrs. Ellwood, Mr. Wolanski, Mrs. Gruben
- September 20: Meet the Teacher 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
- September 22: Terry Fox Run
- September 29: Orange Shirt Day

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

The Lambton Kent District School Board will commemorate the impact of residential schools on Friday, September 29th, 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 25th to September 29th 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. Please share this link with your families and staff in upcoming newsletters and on your website https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb_ecm/shop/home The store is open immediately for purchases, and will remain open until Monday, September 11th. All shirts which are ordered will be delivered to the schools via the board courier by September 28th.

PA DAYS & SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

- September 15- PA Day
- October 6- PA Day
- October 9- No school
- November 17- PA Day
- December 25-Jan 5- No school
- February 2- PA day
- February 19- No school
- March 11-15- No school



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March 29- No school

April 1- No school

April 26- No school

May 20- No school

June 7- PA day

June 28- PA day

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our Parent Council is seeking new members to join, as there are several roles to fill this year! This is a great way to be involved in the school community. The first meeting of the year will be held in-person at the school, in the Learning Commons on **Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm.**

SAFE ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Since student safety is our number one priority, we please ask that everyone exercise caution and drive slowly when driving near the school. There is often traffic congestion in front of the school during arrival and dismissal times.

Before and after school, the bus drop off lane directly located in the at the front doors will be reserved for **busses only**. Student drop off and pick up will occur in the parking lots or on the street. Thank you for your support.

Please note that morning supervision starts at 8:05 am.

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Schools are responsible for planning to support students who have serious medical concerns such as anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and other health issues that may be life threatening. If your child has serious medical concerns, please contact the school to further discuss the details. Please do not send

products containing nuts with your child to school.

SAFETY DRILLS

Throughout the months of September and October we will be conducting several safety drills. This is to ensure that we are prepared in the unlikely event that we have an emergency. We will be doing a fire drill, lockdown drill, and tornado drill. If your child comes home indicating that one of these drills occurred, rest assured that we are just practicing. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our safety drills, please contact the office.

CELL PHONE POLICY

The school staff understand that for many homes, landlines are no longer in use making cell phones necessary for communication with your children before and after school. The use of cell phones during class time can be a distraction for some students and becomes extremely difficult for teachers to monitor throughout the day. As a result, Kinnwood School has adopted the following regarding cell phone use in the school, in accordance with Administrative Procedures outlined in the LKDSB and the Ministry of Education.

- Cell phones should not be used during the school day, unless under teacher direction
- Students who require their devices for the commute to and from school are asked to ensure the device remains in their backpack during the day and are turned off
- Electronics are not permitted to be used over the lunch hour/recess breaks or in bathrooms
- **Communication to and from home needs to take place through the main office please.** We



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are happy to facilitate communication with parents/guardians at any time.

- Exceptions to usage include requiring a mobile device for health/medical purposes, to support special education needs, or its use has been directed by an educator for educational purposes

LKDSB HANDBOOK

Staff, students and families are encouraged to read the LKDSB Handbook for School Success, which outlines important information for the upcoming school year, including details about support services, transportation, school programming and operating our schools.

[https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/parent-guardian-resources.aspx#/=">](https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/parent-guardian-resources.aspx#/=)

CODE OF CONDUCT

The LKDSB has a code of conduct for all stakeholders, including staff, parents, and students. Students are expected to demonstrate respect and responsibility in the following ways:

- comes to school prepared, on time, and ready to learn;
- shows respect for himself or herself, for others, and for those in authority;
- refrains from bringing anything to school that may compromise the safety of others;
- follows the established rules and takes responsibility for his or her own actions;
- works in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching, including by ensuring that personal mobile devices are stored in backpacks.
- Behaviour which is targeted, aggressive or threatening in any way has no place in LKDSB school communities.

LATES & ATTENDANCE APP

At the Lambton Kent District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring students have arrived safely at school and are participating in classes every day. You may have received notification about your child's absence from our SchoolMessenger automated attendance messaging system.

We kindly ask you to now use SchoolMessenger as the main way to report your child's absence to the school. Create an account by going to this site or visit our school website for the link.

<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

**NEW SCHOOL BUS APP

The LKDSB offers a free app to parents to help keep you up to date on bus status! The NEW MySBI 4 App provides real-time notifications whenever buses are cancelled or delayed by more than ten minutes. Please visit www.mysbi.ca to download the app. If the busses are cancelled due to ice or snow in the morning, they will be cancelled in the afternoon as well. **Kinnwood is in Bus Zone #1.**

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. We accept many different payment forms so come in and check us out! The link to register is found on our school website.



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K-12 NEW SCHOOL NAMING INPUT

We are seeking name suggestions from you! The next Public meeting will be on September 28, at 5:00 pm at NLSS.

Link to Google Form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/zS9jbUBiic>

Deadline for Submissions: 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 25, 2023

Naming Criteria:

- a) A historical name which once applied to the area where the facility is located; and
- b) The name of a geographic area which the facility will serve.

Email Address for Name Submissions and/or

Questions: SchoolNaming@lkdsb.net

LKDSB Ad Hoc Naming Committee Website:

<https://www.lkdsb.net/Board/AccommodationReview/forest-arc/adhocnaming/Pages/default.aspx#/=>