



Merlin Area Public School

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We can not wait to welcome your little ones. If you know of anyone who has an age-appropriate child for Junior or Senior Kindergarten next fall (will be four years old in 2024), please encourage them to register here www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten

We will host a classroom visit and parent information during the day on April 3 by appointment for registered students.



Media and Events

March Spirit Days

Friday, March 8th	Monday, March 18th	Wednesday, March 21
Pajama Day 	St. Patrick's Day WEAR GREEN 	Funky Sock Day Down Syndrome Awareness Day 

Every Monday is MAPS Spirit Wear Day: Wear Green and Black and show your school spirit.

Thank you to our Media and Events Crew for their wonderful activities for February. The students especially enjoyed learning about Leap Year and how to make an origami frog in recognition of this special day.



MAPS School Council

Chair- Mrs. Laura Walker
Vice Chair- Mrs. Melisa Walker
Secretary/Treasurer- Mrs. Mari-Lynn Mifflin
Teaching Staff Member- Ms. G. Bombardier

Thank you to everyone who supported our Pretzle Fundraiser. We raised \$760 for our endeavours, such as lowering bus and field trip costs, giving back meals to our schoolwide community and more.

If you are interested in attending our next council meeting virtually on **Monday, April 29 at 6:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

VIP

Our Grade 5 students completed the VIP program and took part in a celebration on February 29, 2024. Thank you to Special Constable Hakr for sharing your knowledge and to the wonderful community partners that help fund this program, such as the Optimist Club and United Way.





Black Histories, Black Futures

On Wednesday, February 28, students and staff across the Lambton Kent District School Board participated in a board-wide Black History Celebration called *Black Histories, Black Futures*.

Two presentations were offered based on the age of the audience.

The Equity Diversity Inclusion and Justice team, Grandma Shannon Prince, her grandchildren, and students and staff from across the LKDSB have collaborated and created this presentation to celebrate and acknowledge Black Excellence, Black History, and Black Future(s). Representation matters. The celebration incorporated storytelling, cooking, laughing, and sharing.



The Equity Diversity Inclusion and Justice team, Experiential Learning, LKDSB creative partners, and the 3 historic Black sites also created a presentation for older viewers to celebrate and acknowledge Black Excellence, Black History, and Black Futures. Representation matters. The celebration incorporated music, slam poetry, and sharing stories.



Absence Reporting

If your child will be absent from school, please continue to use School Messenger or call the school.

Bus Information- Zone 7

When there are bus cancellations due to fog, buses will not run in the morning but will run in the afternoon. MAPS is in ZONE 7. To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please turn in the local radio stations or check the following website: www.schoolbusinfo.com

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Holidays

- March 11-15, 2024, MARCH BREAK**
- Friday, March 29, 2024, GOOD FRIDAY**
- Monday, April 1, 2024, EASTER MONDAY**
- Monday, May 20, 2024 VICTORIA DAY**



*Have a safe and fun
March Break!*

P. A. Days
***Friday, April 8, 2024**
Friday, June 7, 2024
Friday, June 28, 2024