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News from the Office

Happy New Year, Colt Families and Welcome Back!

We hope you enjoyed your time with friends and family and a time to rest and rejuvenate.

December was very busy, with many activities. We want to thank everyone who participated in and supported our many events. From supporting our Girls' and Boys' Volleyball teams in their games and becoming the 2023 2024 South Kent Volleyball Champions to supporting the canned goods drive for our community partners to our Holiday fun the last week of school before the break with some remarkable singing, dancing, and skits. Gingerbread making and pasta eating fun was all thanks to our extraordinary school council, media and events, school team, family, and friends' community support. Your contributions help make Merlin Area Public School an engaging and wonderful place. Thank you!

We wish you well this New Year and look forward to what is in store for the remainder of this school year!

Mrs. H. Queen Munroe

Bus Information- Zone 7

We may experience some heavy fog during the winter, and there could be bus cancellations. 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 into the local radio stations or check the following website: www.schoolbusinfo.com

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. www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten
3. Come and meet our caring staff.

Registration is NOW OPEN online.

Come to the school on:

Thursday, February 1, 2023, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Meet the FDK team and a tour

or

Friday, February 2, 2023

For a tour

There will be more opportunities to visit in the Spring on April 3 and May 29 if the February dates and times do not work.

Please register online as soon as possible so that we will be ready to welcome your child and communicate any new updates with your family to help your child transition to school.

When you do come to the school, please 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.)
- Your child

We look forward to welcoming our new colts for 2024 2025 School Year 😊

School Immunizations

Unless students have a valid exemption on file with CK Public Health, all children who attend school in Ontario must be vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis, whooping cough and chickenpox.

Families are asked to provide proof of vaccination to the CK Public Health Unit. Reporting can be done online (Chatham-Kent Public Health Immunization Reporting), by phone (519-355-1071 Ext. 5900), or by fax (519-436-3214).

*Note that doctor's offices do not forward immunization information to Public Health; if you have moved from another Public Health Unit, they will not forward information to CKPH. Families are responsible for updating CKPH themselves.

MAPS Parent Council

Chair- Mrs. Laura Walker

Vice Chair- Mrs. Melissa Walker

Secretary/Treasurer- Mrs. Mari-Lynn Mifflin

Teaching Staff Member- Ms G. Bombardier

NEXT MEETING:

Our next school council meeting is February 12 at 6 pm if you are interested in attending. All are welcome to join us!



Holiday Lunch Thank you!



In December, students and staff were treated to a delicious meal. A special thank you to the Parent Council and community partners for all of their support in the making, serving and cleaning up this special meal. The outstanding team efforts and community support are truly appreciated!

Playground Equipment

Please be advised that our playground equipment is closed and will not re-open until the Spring.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Holidays

Monday, February 19, 2024, FAMILY DAY

March 11-15, 2024, MARCH BREAK

Friday, March 29, 2024, GOOD FRIDAY

Monday, April 1, 2024, EASTER MONDAY

Monday, May 20, 2024 VICTORIA DAY

P. A. Days

Friday, February 2, 2024

Friday, April 26, 2024

Friday, June 7, 2024

Friday, June 28, 2024