



It's hard to believe that the first month of 2024 has past us by already, but here we are! Term 1 report cards will be sent home with students on February 16. The report card reflects your child's academic achievement, as well as strengths, next steps and the learning skills your child demonstrated.

KINDER START

If your child is four or five years old by December 31, 2024, registration is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Find your school.

Register online. Sign up for an LKDSB Parent/Guardian account in our secure Aspen Student Information System and follow the steps to register a Kindergarten student.

Meet with our caring staff at your local public school on Thursday, February 1st or Friday, February 2nd.

We look forward to meeting you!

To complete your registration, 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.)
- Emergency contact information
- Your child!

MAKING TIME FOR MATH

Here are some skills for Family Time Math:

Counting - Skip counting is an important elementary math skill that deepens number sense and ultimately prepares children for multiplication. Skip counting starts with simple skills like counting by 2's and 3's, and progresses into more difficult skip counting, like 4's, 5's, and starting from different numbers.

- Match socks and sort laundry
- Count objects around the house
- Play games such as UNO, Connect Four, and Crazy Eights.

These activities are all examples of "family math," and they can help children build mathematical skills and habits that last a lifetime.

WINTER WEATHER

School bus delays/cancellations are posted on the board website. You can find them at:

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

Winter is here. We go outside when it is cold and snowing. Students are encouraged to dress for the weather. Please send an extra pair of mitts and socks for your child so they can change them as needed. Please label outdoor clothing items.

#UKNIGHTED

COLOUR HOUSE: Our school colour house groups got together in January to built the tallest structure using sticks and marshmallows. Our Colour House initiative aims to build relationships, connections, and community among staff and students. To show school spirit, students are encouraged to wear their colour house t-shirt or any Queen Elizabeth clothing on our event days and every Friday. We are #UKNIGHTED!

SCIENCE: Our grade 6 to 8 students participated in the River Rap Program sponsored by Friends of the St. Clair River. Students learned about local threats to our watershed using a hands-on "enviro-scape" model. Students demonstrated their learning, performing a rap, about how to ensure clean, safe water for the people, plants and animals of the St. Clair river community.

BELL LET'S TALK WELLNESS EVENT: Students in grades 4 to 8 rotated through five crafted stations offering a variety of wellness activities such as storytelling/music, physical literacy with yoga, wellness through art, community support and connections, and social worker services. Bell Canada is committed to mental health awareness and combating the stigma surrounding mental illness in Canada.

BASKETBALL: Our senior basketball teams are off to a great start to their season. We thank the coaches for their time and commitment to developing the players.



LOOKING AHEAD

Many exciting events and opportunities:

- Kinderstart - Feb. 1, Feb. 2
- Sr. Boys and Sr. Girls Basketball is underway
- Science Workshops: Aquatic Species at Risk, Phosphorus 101, My Environment
- Colour House - Valentine Cards
- Valentine's Day School Wide Dance
- GLSS Grade 7 & 8 Information Night - Thursday, February 15 @ 6:00 pm



TERRIFIC KIDS ASSEMBLY

Terrific stands for: Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable. The recipients of our January Respect Awards were Wyatt, Tyler, Hiba and Lily. Students have been learning about Responsibility. Our RESPONSIBILITY recognition assembly will be on Friday, February 9th at 10:00 am in the gym.

Throughout the month of February, we will discuss and learn about being **INCLUSIVE**. INCLUSIVE is simply something that doesn't leave any person, part or group out. It is being included in life and participating using one's abilities in day-to-day activities as a member of the community. It is being a part of what everyone else is, and being welcomed and embraced as a member who belongs. Everyone deserves to be included.



BLACK HISTORY AND AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

February is Black History/African Heritage Month. Black History is annually celebrated in February and the role of African Canadians in our history and society is embedded in curriculum throughout the year. Educators in the LKDSB are committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in our history and society.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next school council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 30 at 5:15. Contact the school if you require child care to attend. Thanks to everyone for supporting Queen Elizabeth School. All are welcome.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

February: 14 – Formal Day or Red/White/Pink Day

Friday, March 8 – Anything But a Backpack Day (e.g. Brief case, suitcase)

Friday, April 12 – Character Day

Friday, May 10 – Crazy Hair Day

Friday, June 14 – Tourist Day

No School - Holidays

Friday, February 2, 2024 - PD Day

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

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