



Rosedale Public School Newsletter



FROM ADMINISTRATION

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer together with your family and friends. We are planning lots of great school events this year, 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 Caley.Evans@lkdsb.net or at the school 519-542-4552.

Ms. Evans and Mme McDonald

WHERE TO FIND US

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519-542-4552

<http://rosedale.lkdsb.net/> Bus Zone 2

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Rosedale-PublicSchool-Sarnia-School-Parent-Council348804638539201>

Twitter: Rosedale Royals @Rosedale_Royals

BELL TIMES

8:15 – 8:30 am	Supervised outdoor morning arrival
8:30 – 10:30 am	Learning Block 1
10:30 – 11:10 am	Nutrition Break
11:10 – 12:50 pm	Learning Block 2
12:50 – 1:30 pm	Nutrition Break
1:30 – 2:50 pm	Learning Block 3
2:50 pm	Dismissal

MEET OUR STAFF

Administration and Office Staff	Caley Evans, Principal Randi McDonald, Vice Principal
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	Jenny Abbott, Secretary Dharma Bikham, Clerk Melissa Parent, Day Custodian Erica Percival, Evening Custodian Robin Smith, Evening Custodian
Early Years	Josie Hazzard, FDK Teacher Mandie White, FDK Teacher Maria Bornais, FDK Teacher Melissa Ginn, Early Childhood Educator Jessica Kelch, Early Childhood Educator (on leave) Cristal McEvoy, Early Childhood Educator
Classroom Teachers	Tracy Paton, Grade 1 Tina Houghton, Grade 1 Cindy Buchner, Grade 1/2 Sonja Weet, Grade 2 Adrienne LaBelle, Grade 2/3 Sandra Tessier, Grade 3/4 Sara Finley, Grade 3/4 Jackie Gardiner, Grade 3/4 Jo-Ann Stasso, Grade 4 (on leave) Amy Pearson, Grade 4 Sijtske Kingma, Grade 5 (on leave) Ally Sanderson, Grade 5 Jules Milne, Grade 5 Eric Corvers, Grade 6 Shannon Waller, Grade 6/7 Melissa Dent, Grade 7/8 Jeff Laucke, Grade 7/8 Shae Colman, Grade 7/8 Marcus Ray, Grade 7/8 (PM) Sheri Rowe, Grade 7/8 (AM)
Curriculum Partners	Tania Cvihun, French Brooke Penner, French/Prep Lisa Desotti, Prep (AM)



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	Leslie Pullen, Prep (on leave) Marcus Ray, Intermediate Gym Randi McDonald, Prep
Student Support Services and Wellbeing	Marcus Ray, Guidance (AM) Sheri Rowe, Resource (PM) Cheryl Cowan, Resource Kellie MacDonald, Educational Assistant Christy Mack, Educational Assistant Taryn DeBrum, Educational Assistant (PM) (on leave) Christina Otten, Educational Assistant (PM) Amber Roberts, Educational Assistant (AM) Jackie Peaslee, Educational Assistant Michelle Griffin, Educational Assistant

CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS

Student placements and classroom organizations are tentative. Additional changes could occur over the next few weeks. If your family is impacted by a classroom change you will be notified by a classroom placement letter or phone call. Thank you for your understanding.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Student safety is a priority and with that in mind, all students will be entering the school via the doors in the school yard. Students who are arriving after 8:30 am will need to enter through the front doors and be welcomed at the office. Please contact the office if your child is going to be late or absent. You can leave a voicemail 24 hours a day or you can send a message through the School Messenger App. If this information is not received, the school will follow through with safe arrival procedures. Students are not

permitted to leave school property during the day without parent or guardian permission.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

To start the school year, we would ask that students have the following:

- Backpack
- Indoor shoes
- Water bottle

Classroom teachers will be in contact with parents if there are additional items required.

PAPERWORK

Arriving home with your child will be a several forms, which you are asked to complete and return to the school as soon as possible:

- Appendix B: Notification and Permission for the Use of Student Personal Information (SK- Grade 8)
- Student Registration Verification Forms

These forms have been sent home and are specific to the children in your care. Please take a moment to look over this information. It is very important to VERIFY your email address and if there is not email address shown please update one as this is used for all school messenger communication. Please note that if you would like to continue to receive email notifications you must check the checkbox on this form. We would appreciate you making any changes on the form and have your child return it back to the homeroom teacher by Thursday, September 14, 2023, SIGNED with or without corrections. The office will update your child's information in the student database accordingly. Please note that it is your responsibility to contact us throughout the school year when any changes occur regarding any pertinent information regarding your child's status: address, phone numbers, contacts, etc. Thank



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you for your help to keep our information up to date.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Our School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities including extracurricular sports. As a convenience to you, the Board has arranged to offer student accident insurance through insuremykids®. Participation is voluntary but highly recommended and the costs are to be paid by the parent/guardian. If you wish to purchase coverage, please do so directly online at www.insuremykids.com or call 1-800-463-5437. The insurance agreement is between you and the insurance underwriter, Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Being involved in your children's school is a great way to stay connected. Meetings are monthly and are held at the school. The first meeting is September 13th @ 6pm. Please come to the front doors and you will be directed to the correct room. Please contact the office if you would like to attend but require childcare.

NEWSLETTER

Follow us on Facebook and be sure to have an updated email address on file. All newsletters and additional information will be sent electronically via School Messenger and posted to our school website.

PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

We are a nut aware school. Please do not send any nuts or nut products to school. We want our school environment to be safe and healthy for all our students. Thank you for your understanding.

If your child is new to the school or has developed a prevalent medical condition (asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, or anaphylaxis), please notify the office immediately. Plans of Care will be updated every September or as needed. Please refrain from sending WOW! Butter or other nut butters as their close resemblance to peanut butter can cause confusion.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The LKDSB code of conduct can be found at www.lkdsb.net under Policies and Procedures: Code of Conduct- Includes Bullying and Progressive Discipline (Safe Schools).

FAIR NOTICE COMMUNICATION REGARDING VIOLENCE THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future. In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone. The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting. The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be



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convened. This community team includes representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations. Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol. If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all. As always, student safety is our first priority. This notification is being provided via avenues such as school newsletters, and school and board web sites as fair notice to parents and guardians of the existence of the VTRA Protocol and its application if situations warrant. If you have any questions regarding the Lambton Kent District School Board Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol, please contact your school principal as the first step.

SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

To support physical distancing and minimize the handling of cash, families are encouraged to use SchoolCash Online. Visit the school website to learn more about SchoolCash Online.

BUSSING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Board's Transportation Department has placed schools in geographic zones. Rosedale is in ZONE 2. When listening for cancellation of buses for fog/snow the zones will be announced for our students. Download the MySBI 4 mobile app for your bus information. When logging into the parent portal and reviewing bus pick up and drop off times, please be sure to click on "contacts" and scroll down to look at the seat

assignment for those in your family riding the bus as CLASS has assigned seats again this year. Please visit <https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/> for updated information. We take attendance on the bus every afternoon. If your child will not be riding the bus, please send a note or make a phone call for that day prior to dismissal time. If your child is registered for the bus, the expectation is that they will be on the bus. Students will not be permitted to walk home without previous parent/guardian approval. You can choose to decline transportation should you be consistently picking up your child.

MOBILE DEVICES

While we understand that many families use mobile devices to communicate, it is important to communicate the reality at school - for the most part, personal mobile devices are a significant distraction in the classroom. It is the feeling of the Ministry of Education and the feeling of our staff that instructional time should be focused on learning and not on social media. In 2019, the Ministry of Education updated the Provincial Code of Conduct restricting the use of cell phones and other personal mobile devices. Rosedale's policy is consistent with this change. In short, during instructional time, students may not use their personal mobile device unless it is required for health/medical purposes, it is used to support special education needs, or its use has been directed by an educator for educational purposes. If your child regularly brings a cellphone or other personal mobile device to school on a regular basis, we ask that you review this messaging with them.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The LKDSB will commemorate the impact of residential schools on Friday, September 29, 2023 – Orange Shirt Day. Students and staff are



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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. LKDSB’s commissioned orange shirt design are for sale online from Screenart until September 11th. Orders will be delivered to the school by September 28th.

ASTHMA LEGISLATION

Legislation from Queen’s Park known as “Ryan’s Law”: An Act to Protect Asthmatic Pupils, requires that schools be “asthma friendly”. This may require, should the need arise, that certain items be proscribed from being brought into the school. At this point in time, no such items have been identified.

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, hold and secure 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.

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER!

- September 21, 2023: Picture Day
- September 28, 2023: Meet the Staff (3 pm – 6 pm)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS

- Friday, September 15, 2023

- Friday, October 6, 2023
- Friday, November 17, 2023
- Friday, February 7, 2024
- Friday, April 26, 2024
- Friday, June 7, 2024
- Friday, June 28, 2024

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The school will be closed to students on the following dates:

- Monday, October 9, 2023 - Thanksgiving
- Monday, December 25, 2023 to Friday, January 5, 2024 – Winter Holiday Break
- Monday, February 19, 2024 – Family Day
- Monday March 11 – Friday, March 15 – March Break
- Monday March 29 – Monday, April 1, 2024 – Easter Break
- Monday, May 20, 2024 – Victoria Day