



Wheatley Area PS

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Upcoming Event in May: **SAVE THE DATES**

Grade 3 EQAO – May 14-16

Grade 6 EQAO- May 22-24

Contact Information

Parents and guardians are reminded to please keep the school updated with new phone numbers and email addresses. It is very important that we can contact you or one of your emergency contacts in the event of an emergency or illness.

Kindergarten Registration

If you know of someone in our area with a child born in 2020, who has not yet registered for school, please have them follow the link below to register. Registration forms are available online if one would like to get the form filled out ahead of time.

<https://www.lkdsb.net/Elementary/Registration/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

MUSKOKA WOODS



On April 24-26, our Grade 8 students will again be traveling up to Muskoka Woods for their field trip. This is a much-anticipated field trip for our Grade 8 students and we wish all of them an excellent time with many memories made.

Indoor Shoes and School Supplies



We are at that time of year when resources that were provided at the start of the year, might need to be replenished or replaced. Other than the obvious pencils, erasers, glue, etc., which might need to be replenished, an important concern this time of year is always indoor shoes. Please speak with your child to see if their indoor or outdoor shoes need to be replaced. Part of promoting student success is providing a clean learning environment. Ensuring that every student has a pair of indoor shoes is part of this endeavor.

Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System

The Ministry of Education has launched the Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System. This new resource will provide parents with helpful information that allows them to have a stronger role and actively participate in their children's education. The guide covers a number of subjects such as knowing how their child is doing in school, learning about suspension and expulsion processes, attending a school council meeting or parent involvement committee meeting, and knowing about specialized supports to help all children succeed. This initiative is part of the government's recent efforts to increase transparency and accountability in our school system.

The full guide, translated into 10 different languages, can be found on our Parent/Guardian Resource page: Parent/Guardian Resources - Lambton Kent District School Board (lkdsb.net) This information has also been shared to our board website and synced to each school website, as well.

School Climate Survey

The Ontario Ministry of Education asks all school boards in Ontario to conduct an anonymous school climate survey on a regular basis so boards of education can help schools:

- Assess perceptions of safety, mental health and well-being – from students, parents and school staff;
- Continue to build parent voice/participation in
- Make informed planning decisions about programs to help prevent bullying and promote safe and inclusive schools;
- Determine the effectiveness of their programs on an ongoing basis; and
- Build and sustain a positive school climate.

We encourage families to take the time to complete the survey for parents and guardians. Thanks for your help.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iem_Sw7fwkqv77D8mWd6EGW6Hjgbo0xAj_qhvFlqB78RUQINLN0hKWkxIRVhPSzRYUINSM1FZVktDSCQIQCN0PWcu

Well-being

We want to remind all families of the importance of staying healthy, both physically and mentally. Tips and Strategies for Taking Care of your Mental Health:

- Take care of your body
- Connect with others
- Reach out for help if you need to
- Be kind to yourself
- Pause. Breath. Reflect.

Please encourage each other and take the time to talk with the people closest to you. If your child needs support, please remember the Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868. They can also text 686868. Additionally, check out the LKDSB's website under Mental Health for additional supports and excellent resources provided to all, including relaxation technics for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the school.

Grand Opening – Wheatley Arboretum and Learning Trail

On Saturday, April 20th at 11am, the Wheatley Horticultural Society, in partnership with Chatham-Kent Trails is celebrating the Grand Opening of the trail. The trail is approximately 1.3km in length and surrounded by 200 newly planted trees and plants in themed walkways, which feature park benches and outdoor workout equipment.

