



## ***February 2024***

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Weather Zone: 8

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### ***A Message from the Office***

February marks the half-way point in our year; with this comes the first term report cards.

### ***Report Cards***

Our first term report cards will be sent home on ***Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024***. These reports will cover areas of achievement, growth, and areas to focus on for the remainder of the year.

### ***Registration for Kindergarten***

If you have a child who will be 4 years of age before December. 31, 2024 they are eligible to register for Junior Kindergarten.

#### ***Online Registration:***

- ✓ Find your eligible school at: [Address Check](#)
- ✓ Visit [LKDSB Registration](#) and complete the registration form online.
- ✓ Visit your school and bring the following:
  - ✓ 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're looking forward to meeting our future W.C Bulldogs!

### ***School Council Meeting***

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for ***Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm. to 4:30pm.*** All parents or guardians are welcome.

## ***Black History & Heritage Month***

February is recognized as Black History/Black Heritage Month; however, it's important for us to understand and appreciate the historic contributions of Black Canadians in our history and society all year round, not just during this month. The LKDSB is committed to change, and focusing on anti-oppressive education, which includes promoting equitable and inclusive learning environments as well as denouncing anti-Black racism in education. Visit the [Black Heritage - Lambton Kent District School Board \(lkdsb.net\)](http://lkdsb.net) for educational resources and information about local Black Historic Sites, including virtual tours.

## ***School Bus Expectations***

Please reinforce these bus procedures and expectations with your child:

- ✓ Wait in a safe place, away from traffic, at your pickup site.
- ✓ Stay away from the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the door opens.
- ✓ Stay in your designated seat from the beginning until the bus stops completely.
- ✓ Keep yourself and all items inside the bus.
- ✓ Be sure you are visible to the driver and the driver is visible to you when approaching the bus.
- ✓ Always obey the directions of the bus driver

***Please be aware that busing is a privilege that will be withdrawn if your child's behaviour is unsafe, disorderly or outside the behavior that is expected.***

## ***End of the Day Procedure & Parking Lot***

We continue to work to keep our parking lot safe. We need your help! We would ask that you arrange ahead of time how students are getting home. ***If you are picking your child up, please ask them to stay in the school yard until you have parked your car, so that you can meet them in the yard.*** This ensures safety for everyone. Also, please remember that we do not want students crossing the road on King Street unless they are at the Merritt/King intersection, or the lights at Crystal and King. Parents are important role models for all students, and we hope you will work with us to instill this practice. We have a staff member on King Street to remind all students and families about this expectation. ***Walkers are reminded to use the path on the west side of the parking lot (the pathway closest to the field). Students should not cut through the parking lot to access King Street.*** All scooters and bikes should be walked while on school property.

## ***Vaccination Records with CKPHU - Important Deadline***

Chatham-Kent Public Health and Lambton Public Health are required, by law, to keep a record of all immunizations of children who attend school. **Children whose immunization records are not up-to-date will be suspended from school by Order of the Medical Officer of Health, effective March 5, 2024.** Parents/guardians have the responsibility to report their child's vaccinations to the Chatham Kent Public Health Unit, as part of ensuring that all school aged children are up to date on their vaccinations.

Even if your child(ren) have received the required immunizations, they may still be suspended from school if the immunization record at your public health unit has not been updated. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure public health has the required information.

If your child(ren)'s records are not up-to-date, you will receive (or may have already received) a notification letter from your local public health unit. To avoid suspension, you can easily update your immunization information in the following ways:

### ***Chatham-Kent Public Health:***

**Online:** [www.chatham-kent.ca/vaccinations](http://www.chatham-kent.ca/vaccinations)

**Mail/Drop off a copy:** 435 Grand Avenue, W., 2nd Floor, Chatham, ON N7M 5L8

**Fax:** 519-436-3214

## ***Winter Reminder!***

Students need to be dressed for the weather. Winter coats, hats, and gloves/mittens are safety needs for all students. For safety reasons scarves are discouraged. If worn, a scarf must be tucked inside the coat. Every year accidents happen on school playground equipment as bulky winter clothing and accessories like scarves get caught in equipment. For this reason, when weather is cold, playground equipment will be off limits.

It is important that snow stays on the ground. Throwing snowballs at school or at the bus stop is unacceptable. Reminding children of this will help keep the school day safe for everyone.

Also, please be sure that students have a pair of indoor shoes.

## ***Inclement Weather***

As we experience winter weather conditions, it is important to understand the school board's policies regarding inclement weather. **Our school is in Zone 8. If buses are cancelled in Zone 8, they will not pick up or drop off children.** The school is open even when buses are cancelled, unless otherwise stated. On days when buses are cancelled, academic programming will continue as normal.

If your child is not a bus student, they are expected to be at school and will be marked absent if they do not attend. If they are not able to attend, please contact the office at 519-352-8680, so that we know they are safe. Our phones are busier than normal on these days so feel free to leave a message. To get school bus information, please visit the following website: [cklass.ca](http://cklass.ca) or listen to CKSY (94.3 FM) or The Rock (95.1 FM) for any announcements as to bus cancellations or school closures.

Parents should also check the transportation website at [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com).

## ***Upcoming Dates***

- February 8<sup>th</sup> School Council meeting 3:45pm. – 4:30pm.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day
- February 16<sup>th</sup> Term #1 Report Cards sent home.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Family Day Holiday – No Classes