

# Errol Road Public School

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## **Notes from the Office**

It is wonderful to enjoy the warmer weather as it arrives! April is a busy time of month as we move forward with curriculum expectations and enjoy extracurricular activities. Hope you and your family have a wonderful Easter Holiday!

A Professional Development Day takes place on Friday, April 5 and there is no school for students.

Good Friday takes place on Friday, April 19 and Easter Monday takes place on Monday, April 22. As such, there is no school on these days. Happy Easter!

## **Parking at Errol Road**

- Please use the parking lots on Errol Road and Indian Road, they are available to all parents and visitors!
- If you are waiting to pick up your child on the far side of Errol Road, please remind your child they must cross the road at the cross walk with the support of the crossing guards. It is an unsafe practice for students to be crossing the road without the crossing guard. Please talk to your children about this safety issue.

## **School Council Meeting**

The next Errol Road School Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. All Errol Road parents/guardians are invited to attend.

## **Parent Information Evening**

Grade 7/8 parents are invited to attend a Grade 7/8 parent information session on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Library. Mr. Hazzard, Mme Stewart and Mr. VanHumbeck will do a short presentation and answer any questions you might have.



This year, EQAO testing will take place for students in Grade 3 and 6 from May 21st to June 3rd. Both assessments will measure students' knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. We request that appointments for students are not scheduled during this testing period.

### **JK/SK Registration for September 2018-2019**

We had an excellent response for KinderSTART registration. If you were unable to attend, please visit our office to register your child for Junior Kindergarten for September 2019. It is important children are registered at this time to allow schools to plan class sizes. Please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of address, such as a utility bill when registering. It is not necessary to re-register for Senior Kindergarten if your child is presently attending JK at Errol Road Public School.

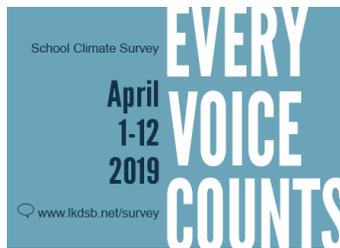


### **Grade 8 Graduation**

Graduation ceremonies for the Grade 8 students will be held at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday, June 25th. Save the date and more details to follow.

### **Snack Program Fundraiser**

The Snack Program is required to do an annual fundraiser to help with the cost of the Snack Program. This year, Parent Council has asked the Snack Program to host the Flower Bed Greenhouse fundraiser. Order forms were sent home March 28<sup>th</sup> with flowers being delivered on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> right in time for Mother's Day. The plants and flowers are beautiful and always very popular. Order forms are due by April 30. We are unable to accept any late orders. Many thanks to the ladies for preparing healthy delicious snacks for our students.



### **2019 School Climate Survey**

Every voice counts.

We want students and parents/guardians to share your thoughts about our school climate and whether you consider our school to be a safe and welcoming environment.

The Lambton Kent District School Board is conducting a School Climate Survey April 1-12, 2019 to gather input from students in Grades 4-12, parents/guardians and staff to inform program planning and support safe and inclusive school environments.

All students in Grades 4-12 will be invited to participate in the online survey during school hours. A letter was sent home to all parents in Grade 4-6 advising them of this survey and any parent/guardian who does not wish for their child to participate should return the consent or contact the Principal or VP.

Parents/guardians: You are also invited to share your thoughts on the Parent/Guardian School Climate Survey from April 1-12. The link will be available on our school website on April 1.

Surveys will be anonymous and individualized results will be kept confidential; however, aggregated school and Board responses will be shared publicly (except in cases where individuals may be identified). It is expected the survey results will be publicly available in Fall 2019. More information about the School Climate Survey is available here: [www.lkdsb.net/survey](http://www.lkdsb.net/survey)



**Errol Roads Annual Light it Up Blue for Autism event  
Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

- ✦ Wear Blue to show your Support
- ✦ Consider purchasing a small Mochi sensory toy for \$2.00 all proceeds donated to Autism Ontario, Sarnia Chapter.
- ✦ More than 40 different Mochis to choose from.
- ✦ Last year we raised more than \$1,200!
- ✦ Ask questions, be inclusive and learn a little more about Autism and what you can do to help.





DID YOU KNOW

**APRIL IS  
WORLD  
AUTISM  
MONTH**



WITH YOUR SUPPORT

**we are increasing understanding  
and acceptance**

AUTISM SPEAKS CANADA is

**ENHANCING**  
lives today and

**ACCELERATING**  
a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow

March 7, 2019

**Re: Technology Enriched Learning Plan (TELP) Update**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, the LKDSB Technology Enriched Learning Plan (TELP) has been under review for several years. As a result of this ongoing review, Senior Administration has decided to reconfigure TELP for the 2019-2020 school year, based on current budget constraints and anticipated further Ministry funding reductions.

For several years, the LKDSB's TELP initiative received substantial funding through the Ministry of Education's Technology Learning Fund grant. However, those funds were eliminated as of the 2017-2018 school year. Senior Administration was faced with a challenging decision on the future of TELP in spring of 2018 and was able to provide one-time funding for the 2018-2019 school year.

As in previous years, Senior Administration continued to consult during the 2018-2019 school year with students, parents/guardians, teachers and school administrators to make an informed decision regarding the future of the TELP initiative.

Considering the ongoing and anticipated funding reductions, Senior Administration decided to revise the TELP initiative as follows for the 2019-2020 school year:

<p><b>Current Grade 7 students' TELP iPads</b></p>	<p>iPads will be collected in June 2019 to be reimaged and returned to the respective elementary school for use as class sets. These devices will be distributed within the school based on local priorities as determined by the Principal.</p> <p>Students' school-to-home iPad privileges will no longer apply.</p> <p><i>No iPads will be distributed to the Grade 7 students in 2019-2020 school year.</i></p>
<p><b>Current Grade 8 students' TELP iPads</b></p>	<p>iPads will be collected in June 2019 and returned to the same students who will continue their Grade 9 classwork in September 2019 with the assistance of the TELP iPad as per past practice.</p> <p>These students will receive the same iPads for the 2020-2021 school year (with annual collection in June 2020 as per past practice), depending upon iPad condition and parental sign-off.</p>

	<p><i>No iPads will be distributed to the Grade 8 students in 2019-2020 school year.</i></p> <p>This will mark the end of the current 1-to-1 iPad initiative for all elementary students.</p>
<p><b>Current Grade 9 students' TELP iPads</b></p>	<p>iPads will be collected in June 2019 and returned to the same students in September 2019 to continue their Grade 10 classwork with the assistance of the TELP iPad as per past practice and depending on iPad condition and parental sign-off.</p> <p>These students will return their iPads in June 2020, as per past practice and iPads will be reimaged by the Information Technology Department for redeployment across the LKDSB (depending on iPad condition).</p>
<p><b>Current Grade 10 students' TELP iPads</b></p>	<p>As per past practice, iPads will be returned to the Information Technology Department in June 2019 for reimaging and possible redeployment across the LKDSB (depending on iPad condition and Board-wide priorities).</p>

During the 2019-2020 school year, any student interested in a BYOD model is encouraged to return their LKDSB TELP iPad to the school for redeployment across the LKDSB.

As stated in the LKDSB Belief Statements, Senior Administration remains committed to continuous innovation and improvement, along with technology-enriched learning. While fiscal restraints may limit the purchase of new iPads as per the current 1-to-1 iPad initiative, staff has been advised to continue the integration of technology in the classroom. This includes inviting students to bring their own devices to class to access digital resources.

With the possible expansion of student device options, staff will be conscientious of student device choice when developing technology-enriched learning opportunities to ensure students have equitable access to lesson content, as per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

We appreciate your understanding as we move forward. Should you have any further questions, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,



Jim Costello  
Director of Education