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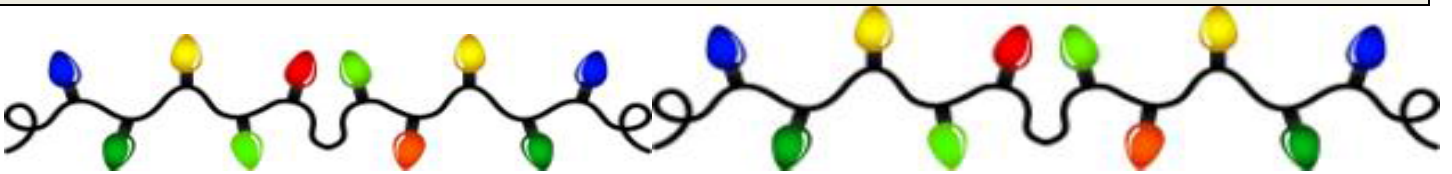
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**WE ARE A PEANUT/NUT AWARE SCHOOL**



## Note from the office

The last day of school before our Holiday break is **Friday, December 21st**. Students will return from the Holiday break on **Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. The staff at Errol Road wishes you and your family a very happy holiday.

## Yard Supervision

Please note that there is no yard supervision prior to 8:50 a.m. so students should not be arriving at school prior to this time each morning.

## Office Hours

Our secretary, Mrs. Walker, is out of the office from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch break and phones are not answered during this time. Please feel free to leave a message on our answering service for your call to be returned. If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, please make sure you have written a note to your child's teacher in advance so that your child is ready and waiting at the office.

## Cash on Line

As you are aware, Cash on Line, is our preferred method of payment for all field trips, hot lunches, and all other school events requiring money. So far, 70% of students have signed up for this program and we are gaining more registrations daily. If you have not done so, please sign up for Cash on Line. Thank you for helping us be more efficient in reducing the amount of cash and cheques at our school.

## Hot Lunch Day – December 14 – Wear Red & Green

We are asking parents to sign up now for our next hot lunch day using Cash on Line. If you are not signed up for Cash on Line and need assistance on how to register for this program, please contact the office as we are happy to help. For those parents not using Cash on Line we do have order forms available in the main foyer of the school for you to submit with your cash.

## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school on December 13-17. What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

## **KinderSTART 2018 – Save the Date**

Kindergarten registration will take place on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

This one day registration event will take place for parents and students who are beginning Junior Kindergarten in September 2019. Students will meet the staff and engage in activities in preparation for Full Day Kindergarten in the fall of 2019. More details to follow in the January newsletter.



## **Holiday Sing Along**

In celebration of the Holiday Season, we plan to have a Carol Sing on Friday, December 21 at 10:15 a.m.

## **Winter Concert**

The Errol Road Winter Concert will take place again this year on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be offering an evening performance for parents to attend at 6:30 p.m. Participation is voluntary but we hope most students will be able to attend. Students should be dropped off at their classroom between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m. on this evening. Parents are also welcome to attend the day performance at 11:45 am. It is the expectation that the audience will stay and watch all of the performances. Leaving between classes is quite disruptive and adds to the length of the show. The evening performance will include a brief intermission, where you may leave if you have other engagements or events.

## **Nut Aware School**

A number of our students have life-threatening allergies to peanuts and nut based products. Even a trace amount from peanut/nut products or food that has come into contact with a peanut/nut source (cross contamination) can result in a life threatening anaphylactic reaction. Students are asked to bring lunches and snacks free of peanuts and tree nuts, as well as products that have the “may contain peanuts/tree nuts” warning on them. When bringing a treat in to celebrate a special event, to avoid disappointment, always speak to your child’s classroom teacher first to ensure you are following guidelines. **There are many items now in grocery stores that have the peanut/nut free symbol.**

Note: It is a parent/guardian’s responsibility to keep the school informed in writing of any special medical concerns/issues that your child(ren) has/have and provide any medication, EpiPen, etc. with proper

## **Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews**

For various reasons, a number of our families were unable to attend parent-teacher interviews. If you missed this interview, we encourage you to make contact with your child’s teacher at 519-542-9341 to set a time for an interview or to participate in an interview by phone to discuss your child’s progress. We would love to hear from you.

## **Mental Health Supports**

**St. Clair Child and Youth Services, 129 Kendall Street in Point Edward** offers a drop-in clinic on Tuesdays from 12-8 p.m and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. should you need to access mental health services for your child(ren).

Did you know? **Kids Help Phone** is a 24/7 free, anonymous and confidential service for children and youth, 20 years of age and under. They offer both phone counselling and web counselling (post a question, get a reply) on various topics such as bullying, violence and abuse, emotional and physical health, family peer relations, dating, sexual orientation, money and jobs. Check it out for yourself today. The toll-free Kids Help Phone number is 1-800-668-6868 and the website address is [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca)

## **Safe Arrivals**

Thank you to all those parents who remember to call the school office when your child will be late or absent from school. If you have made other arrangements for your child to be picked up by someone other than yourself at the end of the day, please write a note to the classroom teacher. Please do not leave a phone message or send an e-mail with this information as it could be missed.

documentation from the child's physician and/or pediatrician. Please contact the office for these required forms.

on asthma at:  
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/anaphylaxis.html>

## Inclement Weather

To stay up to date with any changes in bussing, download the MySBI app! Student Transportation Services is pleased to offer the MySBI mobile app to receive instant notifications of school bus delays, and cancellations. Just download the free app from Android/Apple app stores, and subscribe to Weather Notifications, as well as to your school bus(es). Please visit [www.mysbi.ca](http://www.mysbi.ca) for additional details. You may also choose to listen to your local radio station to learn of any inclement weather cancellations and school bus delays. For more information go to: <https://www.schoolbusinfo.com/>

Errol Road Public School is located in Zone 2. **If buses are cancelled in the morning due to snow, or ice and you drive your child to school, you are responsible for providing transportation for your child at our 3:25 dismissal since buses do not pick up at dismissal.** The only exception is when buses are cancelled in the morning because of **fog**, they will pick students up at dismissal.

## Pediculosis

As the weather gets colder and students are wearing coats, hats and gloves again, parents/guardians are encouraged to check the child(ren) regularly for head lice and nits. Catching this nuisance early is the key to limiting the spread within your household and at school. If head lice are found on a student at school, a letter is sent home with students in that class to keep you informed.

## Ryan's Law – Asthma Management

As you may be aware, Ryan's Law 2015, was passed in the spring by the Ontario Legislature. This piece of legislation is an important step to support the well-being of students with asthma in Ontario schools. A key component is that with your permission, your child will be allowed to carry their asthma medication with them while at school. If you have not already contacted the school to make arrangements for this option, or if there's a need to establish an asthma plan for your child, please contact Ms. McLean. You may wish to check the Ministry of Education website for resources

## Cooler Temperatures

With colder weather soon upon us, please remind your children to dress warmly with hat, mitts, boots and snow pants. We like to keep a supply of hats and mitts in the office for students in need of these items. Donations are gladly accepted.

## Electronic Communication

Please check out our school Website at: <http://www.lkdsb.net/school/errolroad/Pages/default.aspx>

This is where you will find the monthly newsletter and school calendar as well as any new information, reminders and events which are updated regularly. Please follow our Facebook page for additional reminders about due dates and to see all the wonderful things happening around the school and in classrooms. Facebook is updated regularly should there be any changes such as changes in hot lunch days and cancellations of sporting events. Please follow us at <https://facebook.com/ErrolRoadRunners/>.

## CURRICULUM CORNER

### Homework Help for Students - Mathify

Are you in grades 7 to 8? Need help with math homework? Then why not get live, online math tutoring from an Ontario teacher? TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online math tutoring with Ontario-certified teachers in a safe and secure online environment for students. It's free and easy to sign up. **Setting up your account:** To log in and register, you'll need your Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of your report card. [www.ontario.ca/homeworkhelp](http://www.ontario.ca/homeworkhelp).

## 2019 Lambton County Science Fair

Start planning now for your child to participate in the Lambton County Science Fair which will be held **April 5-6, 2019** at Lambton College. All Errol Road Public School students in grades 3 to 8 are invited to enter a project. Students are encouraged to participate in this

event. There are scholarships and prizes available to be won, along with a trip to the Canada Wide Science Fair. For more information about registration, project display and sample exhibits, please refer to the website: [www.lambtoncountysciencefair.ca](http://www.lambtoncountysciencefair.ca)



### **RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY:**

This is a message on behalf of Mark Sherman Superintendent of Secondary Program and Student Success:

“If your child is currently registered in one of Grades 7 to 10 at the LKDSB – then they are a participant in our one-to-one Technology Enriched Learning Program (TELP). As part of that program they have received an iPad for their sole use and are allowed to take it home. This privilege is subject to their continued acceptable use of the device.

Please note that the LKDSB conduct in-person and remote checks of applications installed on LKDSB iPads. If your child is found to have a specific application installed on their device that contravenes our Responsible Use of Technology (RUT) - Administrative Procedure, please be aware that they will be called down to the office and will be asked to remove it. For those parents wanting to know more about how technology use is structured and regulated within the Lambton Kent District School Board you can click on the link provided below which is a highly readable one page LKDSB summary of RUT. The full RUT Admin Procedure (A-PR-200- 18) is available under the Policies and Procedures section of the LKDSB website: Responsible Use of Technology (RUT).

In the ongoing interest of student safety, we will continue to conduct random checks of iPads in future, and if there are further contraventions of board policies, we may, unfortunately, need to take further action. This may include temporary loss of use of the LKDSB iPad, or if an unacceptable App is repeatedly installed – a removal of the iPad entirely”.

### **Take Care When Driving Near Our School Zone**

As the school year gets underway and there is an increase of vehicular and pedestrian traffic around the school, we encourage parents and guardians to review traffic safety procedures with your children. A helpful pedestrian safety resource is available here: <http://ckpolice.com/pedestrian-safety/>

You are reminded to obey and respect Crossing Guards and school crossing locations. Drivers must stop and remain stopped until all students and the Guards have cleared the roadway and it is safe to proceed. Help us protect our children. Be alert and please slow down on City streets.

***Parents: Please teach your children to walk to the corner and cross with the crossing guard when you drop your child off or pick your child up across from the school. It only takes a couple of minutes and safety should be our utmost concern. We have had a few close calls. The road is very busy with cars in the morning and at the end of the day.***

We are asking parents/guardians to reinforce with your child(ren) not to talk to strangers on their way to and from school and/or accept rides from them. Students are also encouraged to walk with a buddy at all times for safety reasons.



### **Candy Cane For A Cause**

The Intermediate students of Errol Road School are planning to continue the tradition of the Candy Cane for a Cause, to show the true meaning of Christmas by raising funds in support of children’s charities. Last year, with the support of our school community we raised \$1000 for local charities.

This year, students throughout the school will have an opportunity to order candy canes to be delivered with a selected greeting to one of their friends. Candy Canes will be delivered on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

The charity we have selected to support is **The Inn of the Good Shepherd** to sponsor two local families this holiday season. We are so very proud of the leadership and community involvement of our students. Thank you for your support.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons at Errol Road Public School.

### School Council Update

## Errol Road Public School's playground equipment is closed for the season.

The LKDSB Health and Safety Department request that LKDSB schools close their playground equipment once the overnight temperature is 0 degrees C. Due to freezing temperatures, ground cover and equipment become a safety concern. When the playground equipment is closed, children are **not** to play on the equipment at any time, including before and after school. **Please refer to the fact sheet below regarding clothing hazards related to equipment in**

colder weather. These facts are provided by Health Canada "Playgrounds-Danger of strangulations."



## Playgrounds – Danger of strangulation

Each year in Canada, thousands of children get hurt at playgrounds playing on slides, monkey bars or swings. Some children have died when their clothing or drawstrings got caught on playground equipment or fences. Some children have died when they became entangled in ropes or skipping ropes attached to playground equipment. Loose clothing, hoods, scarves, drawstrings, mitten cords, ropes and skipping ropes can strangle a child!



### Safety Tips

- Remove cords and drawstrings from children's hoods, hats and jackets.
- Tuck in all clothing that can get caught on playground equipment.
- Wear a neck warmer instead of a scarf.
- Take off bicycle helmets before using playground equipment. Bicycle helmets can get trapped on equipment and strangle a child.
- Make sure children do not tie ropes or skipping ropes to slides and other playground equipment.
- Supervise children on the playground.
- Teach children how to use playground equipment and play safely.

If you want to know more about playground safety please call toll free:

**Safe Kids Canada at 1-888-723-3847 or visit their web site at: [www.safekidscanada.ca](http://www.safekidscanada.ca).**

#### For more information, contact Product Safety, Health Canada at:

Vancouver, British Columbia (604) 666-5003

Edmonton, Alberta (780) 495-2626

Calgary, Alberta (403) 292-4677

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (306) 975-4502

Winnipeg, Manitoba (204) 983-5490

Hamilton, Ontario (905) 572-2845

Toronto, Ontario (416) 973-4705

Ottawa, Ontario (613) 952-1014

Montreal, Quebec (514) 283-5488

Longueuil, Quebec (450) 646-1353


Quebec City, Quebec (418) 648-4327

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Halifax, Nova Scotia (902) 426-8300

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**Nuts, peanuts or any products  
containing nuts or peanuts are  
NOT allowed.**



**Please wash hands.**

**Clean hands help you to stay  
healthy and keep our friends  
safe.**

**Thank You!**