



Errol Road Public School



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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The last day before the Winter Break is Friday, December 17th, 2021 and classes will resume again on Monday, January 3rd, 2022. On behalf of the entire Errol Road Public School Staff, we want to wish our students and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Holiday Spirit Days at Errol Road

Monday, December 13

- Plaid Day – students to wear their favourite plaids

Tuesday, December 14

- Holiday Head Gear – please wear holiday hats, antlers, head bands

Wednesday, December 15

- Christmas PJ Day – wear your comfiest jammies

Thursday, December 16

- Elf Yourself - dress as an elf or wear red and green

Friday, December 17

- Spread some holiday cheer – Christmas Sweater Day or wear red and green

Monday, January 3-14, 2022

- official **declaration** of completion of the Ontario COVID-19 Screening Tool required everyday during this 2 week period (see below)

Official Declaration - Ontario COVID-19 Screening Tool - January 3-14, 2022

Also shared by the LKDSB, The Ministry of Education has directed all elementary and secondary students to confirm they have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening for at least the first two weeks of the school year (January 3 to 14).

Official Declaration Required - FDK to Grade 3 Students:

Starting on January 3, parents of students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 will receive a School Messenger email at 5:00 a.m. Parents are asked to respond to this email before their child attends school, providing the status of the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening.

This is the same process as was completed during the first two weeks of school in September. As parents of students in these grades might remember, after you complete the Screening Tool, you will need to return to the email you received from School Messenger at 5:00 a.m., in which you will see a link that will permit you to report your child(ren)'s Screening School status to the school. **It is this extra step, returning to the email and completing the status declaration that becomes visible by the school.** The Screening Tool itself is not visible to the school.

If we do not receive confirmation from you, we are required to phone you until we receive confirmation. If you require a paper copy of the school screener, please email Jennie.Whitehead@lkdsb.net or Christina.Layne@lkdsb.net by Wednesday, December 15th and we will send you home paper copies to complete and return to the classroom.

Official Declaration Required - Grade 4 to 8 students:

Parents of children in Grades 4 to 8 are still asked to complete the Screening Tool every day. However, from January 3 to January 14th, students will declare their Screening Tool status to their teacher during the morning attendance. If a student has not completed the screener, they are asked to complete the screener.

We have also posted the screener on the school website for your review.

<https://www.lkdsb.net/school/errolroad/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Covid-19 Antigen Rapid Test Device Self-Collection Kits for all students

As already shared by the LKDSB through electronic communication, on November 18, 2021, the Government of Ontario announced it will be providing take-home COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Device self-collection kits to all publicly funded schools, including those in the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB), for students and staff who are eligible for testing as per the

provincial testing guidance.

As has been communicated to us by the Ministry, we are to share these kits with families by sending them home so that the kits can be voluntarily used, or not, depending on family choice, when students return to school in January. Our school's kits have arrived. These kits, along with proper use instructions will be sent home with students on Thursday, December 16th. Once again, the use of these tests is strictly voluntary.

Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all parents who attended virtual parent teacher interviews, November 15th - 19. If you did not meet with your child's classroom teacher, please make contact with them and schedule an appointment. Our goal is for every parent to have a virtual interview with their child's teacher to discuss their child's academic progress and learning skills.

Playground Equipment

Please be advised that our playground equipment is now closed and will not reopen until the Spring.

Canned Food Drive

We are accepting canned food donations for the Inn of the Good Shepherd until Friday, December 17th. Thank you for your generosity.

Professional Activity Day

Monday, January 31, 2022 - **no school for students**

Term 1 report cards sent home Friday, February 18, 2022

Parent/Teacher Interviews scheduled on an individual student basis

Parent Council Meeting - School Council

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. A virtual meeting link will be sent out closer to the meeting.

Save the Date - Full Day kindergarten Registration for September 2022

Kindergarten Registration for September 2022 will occur on three dates this winter and spring.

- Monday, January 31st, 2022, from 9:00am – 7:00pm.
- Wednesday, April 20th, 2022, from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.
- Wednesday, June 8th, 2022, from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form @ www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Monday, January 31st, 2022, from 9:00am – 7:00pm.

Remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child

Bus Transportation Information, Inclement Weather and the MySBI App

Our school is in Zone 2.

If bus routes are cancelled, the school will remain open unless otherwise indicated.

If buses are cancelled in the morning due to fog, they will run in the afternoon for dismissal.

When buses are cancelled for snow and ice, they do not run in the afternoon and if you drive your child to school in the morning, you are responsible for picking your child(ren) up at dismissal.

Now it is easier than ever to get up to date information about school bus cancellations and delays. All you need to do is sign up for a mobile app that provides subscribers with real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by 10 minutes or more. The notifications will come in the form of an alert and will also include cancellations due to inclement weather conditions. This app allows subscribers to easily select the morning and afternoon buses for which they wish to subscribe. For additional information about this mobile app, please visit:

<http://www.mysbi.ca>

All inclement weather notifications for CLASS operated school bus routes are sent exclusively through the MySBI app. For information and instructions on obtaining the free MySBI app please visit: <http://www.mysbi.ca>