

# Errol Road Public School

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## Summary Notes for September:

It has been a busy start-up. We currently have a student population of 472 students. This includes 90 full day kindergarten students. It has been exciting to see students settle into routines and delve into their academic activities with much enthusiasm.



### **Pedestrian Safety**

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/>

Exercise extreme caution; drive slowly and carefully. If you are picking up your child from school and parking on Errol Road, please remind your child to cross the street with the help of the Crossing Guard at the corner of Errol Road and Indian Road. It is not safe for students to cross the street without help from the Crossing Guard.

When parking on the road, please leave enough clearance space at the entrance to our driveways for our school buses to be able to enter our parking lot. Sometimes the buses have been unable to enter our parking lot when cars have parked too close to the entrance.

Parents are also welcome to park in one of our parking lots. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 519-542-9341.



### **Soya-Based Peanut Butter Substitutes or Nutella – please don't send these products**

Please be aware that **we are asking you not to send** in any soya-based peanut butter substitutes or Nutella. This request is in accordance with the Lambton Kent District School Board. Although the product itself is safe, it mimics peanut butter, making it difficult to determine the real product from the substitute and this becomes a safety issue for those students with life threatening allergies to peanut butter. If the product is sent to school, children will be asked to eat in a location that will ensure there will be no contact with students who are allergic. Thank you for helping us keep students safe.

## Professional Development Day

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is a P.D. Day. There will be no school on this day.



Monday, October 8th  
No School on this Day!

Students are currently participating in the “Drive Away Hunger” food drive sponsored by FCC (Farm Credit Canada) from October 2-6. All food collected will be donated to the Inn of the Good Shepherd. This food drive corresponds with World Food Day on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> with events being organized in over 150 countries across the world, making it one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. These events promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all. Thank you for your generous donations of food in support of this cause.



**Students may wear costumes on Tuesday, October 31st or choose to dress in Orange and Black. If you are sending a treat in for your child to share with students, please note we are not accepting home baked goods and all treats must be clearly labelled peanut/nut free.**

While choosing a costume for school, please keep in mind that costumes need to be appropriate for school and we are asking students not to wear facial masks. Remind your child not to bring too many accessories, as they may get lost at school. Play weapons of any type should stay at home as they will not be permitted to carry them as part of their costume. Following 2<sup>nd</sup> recess, students from classes that have yet to be determined will participate in a parade throughout the school. Students in Grades 6-8 will participate in a dance.

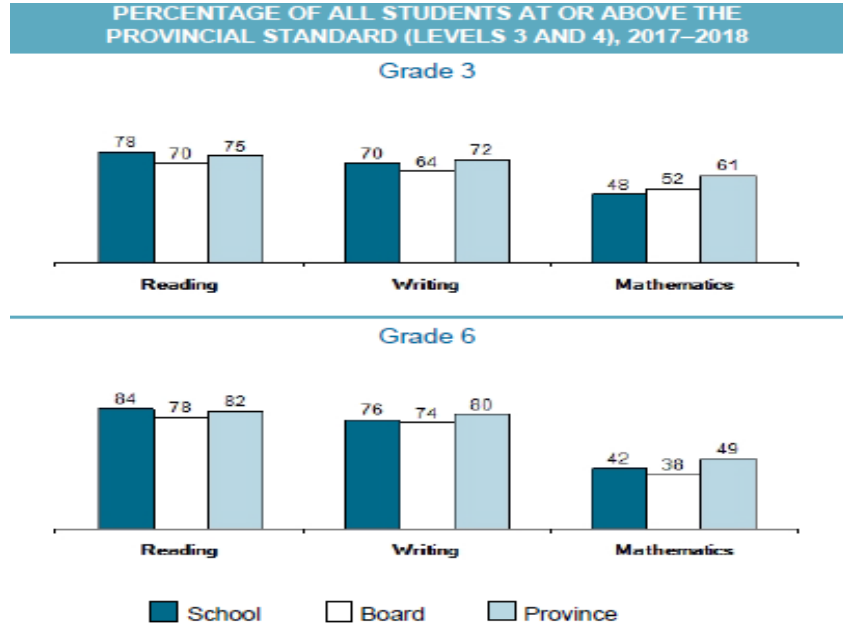
## Medical Concerns:

We are updating our files for any student with a known allergy or medical concern. If your child has a medical issue and you have not received a letter from the school with a medical form to update, please contact the office. It is important these forms be returned to the office promptly to assist us in reviewing our medical plans. We are required to put in place a medical plan for all students with asthma, epilepsy, diabetes and those students at risk for anaphylaxis reactions. Parents and guardians are responsible for advising us of any special medical concerns/issues that their child may have so we can put a medical information plan in place for staff to follow.

## EQAO results – 2017-2018 School Year

Students currently in Grades 4 and 7 will be receiving their 2017-2018 EQAO Primary and Junior Assessment Individual Student Report (ISR) results within the next week. Please review these results with your child when you receive them.

**Errol Road Public School, LKDSB and Provincial EQAO results for 2017-2018 are as follows:**



### **Grade 3 Scores:**

**Errol Road Public School**, achieving at or above the provincial standard (Level 3) for Grade 3:  
Reading = 78%, Writing = 70%, Math = 48%

**LKDSB overall results**, achieving at or above the provincial standard (Level 3) for Grade 3:  
Reading = 70%, Writing = 64%, Math = 52%

**Province overall results**, achieving at or above the provincial standard (Level 3) for Grade 3:  
Reading = 75%, Writing = 72%, Math = 61%

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### **Grade 6 Scores:**

**Errol Road Public School**, achieving at or above the provincial standard (Level 3) for Grade 3:  
Reading = 84%, Writing = 76%, Math = 42%

**LKDSB overall results**, achieving at or above the provincial standard (Level 3) for Grade 3:  
Reading = 78 %, Writing = 74%, Math = 38%

**Province overall results**, achieving at or above the provincial standard (Level 3) for Grade 3:  
Reading = 82%, Writing = 89%, Math = 49%

More detailed School and Board results are available on the EQAO website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com). Information from the Assessments will be used throughout the year by school staff for school improvement planning with a focus on Math. All students in Grade 1-8 are receiving one hour of math instruction per day.

## Spirit and Hot Lunch Day – Thursday, October 25th

**Theme: Students are asked to dress in Orange and Black!**

We are always looking for volunteers to help deliver hot lunch and provide extra support in the classroom. If you would like to take a turn volunteering for one of our hot lunch days, please notify Ms. McLean and or Mr. Newcombe by e-mail. We are thankful for all those who do volunteer but always look forward to new helpers!

## Extracurricular Sports

We extend a special thank you to Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Savo who have volunteered their time to coach the boys' and girls' soccer teams. The soccer tournament will be held on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are currently preparing to participate in the district Cross Country meet which will take place at Canatara Park on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> with a rain date on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mrs. Smith-Ray, Mrs. Fraleigh and Ms. Neuber for giving of their time to coach this event. The District meet will take place on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Go Road Runners, Go!



## Terry Fox Run

Thank you for your generosity donating "Toonies for Terry". We are happy to report that to date we have raised \$1,656.65 for the Terry Fox Foundation and are still accepting donations up until Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Parent/Guardian Protocol - Check in at Office

All parents/guardians who enter the building are asked to sign our visitor book in the office. Parents are to leave lunches or homework at the office. Students will be notified at the next break or convenient time. **Please do not go to the classroom directly as this interrupts academic instruction.** If you need to speak to the teacher, this can be done before or after instructional time. Please feel free to leave a message for the teacher to call you at their convenience.

**Please remember to send a note to the teacher if your child will be picked up early for an appointment so your child will be ready and waiting for you at the office.**

**If your child is a bus student and not going to be riding the bus, we need to know. Sometimes the bus is delayed while we look for students who were picked up by a parent or guardian and not riding the bus. Please keep us informed to help us with our bus attendance and keeping our buses running on time.**

**Safe Arrival - If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the office.**

### Custody Issues

If you and your spouse have separated or divorced, please provide us with any legal documentation that you have with respect to custody issues etc. Making us aware of these facts will help us follow the correct procedures for your child.

### YMCA Before and After School Program Program

The YMCA is happy to operate these programs at Errol Road Public School once again. If you need assistance with childcare, contact 519-336-5950 Ext. 226.



### Errol Road Outdoor Classroom

Classes have been using the garden already as teachers have been signing up on the garden schedule. Don't forget the garden bunnies that everyone hopes to glimpse!



### Bus Transportation and Inclement Weather

Please listen to the radio station or log in to [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) in the morning to check for any bus cancellations or bus delays. The school is in Zone 2. **If buses are cancelled in the morning due to fog, they will run in the afternoon for dismissal.**



### Dogs on the Playground

Please be aware that while dogs are a beloved part of the family in many households, they also cause anxiety for some and we respectfully ask that all dogs, not including service animals, do not come to the school at arrival and dismissal times.

### Picture Retakes

Picture retake will be on Monday, October 22, 2018.



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