

Errol Road Public School

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Happy Valentine's Day



This month, our focus will be on ways to show kindness, compassion and empathy to others. Please find ways to incorporate this school wide focus at home with your child(ren). On February 14th, students are asked to dress in red, pink and white. We are also having a hot dog day, if your child requires any dietary accommodations, please e-mail our school secretary, Mrs. Layne at Christina.Layne@lkdsb.net and let her know how we can accommodate your child. Thank you!

School Council News

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Staffing Changes

We are happy to welcome our new school secretary, Kristy Layne who has transferred from QE Public School in Petrolia. Please stop by the office and introduce yourself to Mrs. Layne as she is looking forward to getting to know the school community.

Family Day

The school will be closed on Monday, February 18th for the Family Day Holiday.

Nut Aware School

Parents are reminded that we are a "Nut Aware" school. Items containing nut products must not be sent to school. Please continue to check the labels regularly to ensure the ingredients are safe.

Pedestrian Safety

As the school year is 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/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 519-542-9341.

Please be aware and keep an eye out for children who are walking to and from school. Also be aware of any children walking near the parking lot.

Grade 8 Graduation

Graduation will be held on Tuesday, June 25th at the Holiday Inn in Point Edward.

Graduation Photos

Graduation photos will take place on Friday, February 8th. If buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, photos will be rescheduled.

Report Cards

Term 1 report cards will be sent home for all students on Friday, February 15th. Should you wish to discuss your child(ren)'s progress, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Parents/guardians are asked to please sign the appropriate portion of the report card, and return it to the school where it will be filed in the student's OSR.



Filling Buckets – Positive Behaviour Focus

Through our school-wide Positive Behaviour Support program (PBS), we create a culture of Respect. In addition to our draws and assemblies, the school's PBS team focuses on the premise that everyone has a 'bucket' which represents their mental and emotional self. When your bucket is full, you feel more confident, secure, calm, patient and friendly. When your bucket is overflowing, your positivity spreads to those around you.

We fill people's buckets when we do and say things that show we care. Giving compliments and offering help and encouragement are some of the ways that buckets get filled. "Bucket filling" isn't only for school. Encourage your child to fill someone's bucket at home, school and in the community.

Let's all show the power of positivity!



Dismissal Procedures

Students are dismissed at 3:25 pm and parents are asked to pick up students on time. If you have made 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.

Mental Wellness – Support

If you feel your child needs support, please be aware that St. Clair Child and Youth Services in Point Edward offers a drop-in clinic on Tuesdays from 12 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. for children aged 6-17 should you need to access mental health services for your child(ren).

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 is www.kidshelpphone.ca.

KinderSTART Registration

Thursday – February 28, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

This year, we are encouraging families in our area to register their child for JK/SK during our special KinderSTART event on:

Thursday, February 28th - 9:00-5:30 p.m.

We are encouraging families (new JK/SK students only) to **pre-register** online at www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten **and** to attend on Thursday, February 28th.

KinderSTART is a special one-day event for parents and guardians to register their child(ren) for Kindergarten. Through KinderSTART children and parents/guardians have an early opportunity to visit the school, meet some of our FDK staff and learn more about FDK in preparation for school in the fall of 2019. Hope to see you there!

Items required: Please bring a printed copy of the completed registration form, original documentation showing proof of age for the child(ren) being registered and current address (utility or tax bill). Note: These items must be presented at the time of registration.

Junior Kindergarten – Children, four years of age on or before December 31, 2019 may be registered for classes beginning September 2019.

It is important that parents register their children at this time to allow schools to plan class sizes. It is not necessary to re-register for Senior Kindergarten if your child is presently attending JK at Errol Road Public School.

Please bring the following items:

- 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.)
- Emergency contact information