

Errol Road Public School

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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 Friday, February 12th, students are asked to dress in red, pink and white.

Dates to Remember:

Grade 8 virtual Parent Information Night – Northern High School – February 3 & 11

PA Day - Friday, February 5, 2021

Report Cards sent home - Friday, February 19th

Family Day - Monday, February 15

Tuesday, February 23 - Virtual School Council Meeting
Contact Adam.Townsend@lkdsb.net for a link to attend the meeting.

Due to your generous donations last year, the school was able to purchase some Lego robotics for students to use in the Learning commons as well as multiple bean bag sets, pinnie sets for each class, flexible cone markers, playground balls, basketballs, volleyballs, and foam balls to use on the playground and in the gym.

Due to Covid guidelines around sharing of phys ed equipment, this money also helped us purchase canvas bags for each classroom to store their own gym equipment for classroom use

Note from Principal McLean:

Many of you are wondering when students will return to school in person.

Education Minister Stephen Lecce has announced that on Wednesday, February 3rd, he will be sharing specific dates regarding the re-opening of in-person classroom instruction in Ontario.

Please visit the LKDSB website regularly for up-to-date information www.lkdsb.net

Errol Road Public School Office

Office staff are working and available by phone or e-mail to answer any questions. Visitors are by appointment only.

We know this can be a difficult time for families as you try to balance home and work life while having your child participating in virtual learning. If you are facing any challenges, please contact your child's teacher or reach out to Joy.McLean@lkdsb.net or Adam.Townsend@lkdsb.net for support.

Masking & Face Coverings

Proper wearing of masks helps limit the spread of Covid. Before your child arrives to school please check that your child's mask covers the mouth with a tight seal at the nose and under the chin. Please consider sending an extra mask for your child to change after eating.

****Masks are now mandatory for students in Grade 1-8 unless they have a medical exemption.**

Provincial Daily Covid-19 Screening

Pre-screening is the first defense against the spread of Covid-19 at schools. Please ensure that you have completed the Provincial Daily Covid-19 Screening each day before your child arrives at school.

[COVID-19 school screening](#)

Please be aware that in order to keep everyone safe at Errol Road, we will be strictly following the Lambton Public Health guidelines.

Mental Wellness – Support



School Mental Health Ontario - Resources for Parents & Families to Support Student Mental Health During Covid-19 <https://smho-smsso.ca/>



St. Clair Child & Youth

If you feel your child needs support, please be aware that St. Clair Child and Youth Services in Point Edward services remain open. The agency's services are provided by a team of multi-disciplinary professionals with a broad scope of expertise in child & youth mental health. To schedule an appointment or find out more, please contact the intake department at 519-337-3701.

Kids Help Phone - is a 24/7 free, anonymous and confidential service for children and youth, 20 years of age and under. Students can receive support through text, phone or Facebook messenger. The toll-free Kids Help phone number is 1-800-668-6868 and the website is www.kidshelpphone.ca.



BLACK LIVES MATTER

February is Black History/African Heritage Month. The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) acknowledges the ongoing impacts of anti-Black racism in our communities, which cause harm, trauma, violence and the loss of Black lives. We know that the intersections of racism and other social and institutional inequalities result in the ongoing oppression and marginalization of the Black community. As an education system, we are committed to change and focusing on championing anti-oppressive education.

As we approach Black History/African Heritage Month in February, the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) is committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in our history and society. This year, the focus for Black History/African Heritage Month will be Black Lives Matter.

Stating that Black Lives Matter does not imply that other lives do not matter; it is intended to focus on and centre the lives of Black people who have historically and systemically been marginalized and excluded in Canadian society and globally. This has direct impacts on economic, social, education and health outcomes for Black people. By focusing on Black Lives Matter, it reiterates the importance of the human rights of all individuals and acknowledges that those rights have not always been extended to all Canadians, specifically Black people.

Throughout the month of February, the Black Lives Matter banner will be posted on the Board and school websites, social media accounts and shared classroom resources such as Google Classroom and SeeSaw.

Visit the LKDSB website (www.lkdsb.net) for more information about how LKDSB is recognizing Black History/African Heritage Month in February and throughout the school year.



Kindergarten Registration 2021

Junior Kindergarten registration is fast approaching for the September 2021 school year. If you are aware of anyone who might be interested in registering their child, please let them know that registrations are currently being accepted online.

LKDSB Online Kindergarten Registration

Eligible students must be 4 years of age by December 2021.

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

1) Confirm which school is in your district. Go to LKDSB Website. Click on the Elementary tab [LKDSB Kindergarten Registration](#)

Find my local school > Enter your address.

2) Complete the online registration form at [Kindergarten Registration](#)

3) Click on the link below and sign up for a timeslot for Kindergarten registration at Errol Road Public School to meet some of our awesome kindergarten staff.

[Book an Appointment to Meet Staff](#)

Items required: We do require original documentation showing proof of age and citizenship for your child(ren) being registered and current address (utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement). A cell phone bill or driver's license are not acceptable for registration purposes. Note: These items must be presented at the time of registration.

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.

NORTHERN COLLEGIATE
INSTITUTE AND
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



Grade 7/8 Virtual Open House and Parent Information Night

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3rd 7:00-8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11th 7:00-8:00 P.M.

PRE-REGISTER

- To attend you must pre-register <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eabad22a7f58-northern2>
- Select the evening that you wish to attend
- You will be sent a link on the day of the presentation

Presentations to include

Admin/Guidance/Resource/ French Immersion

Transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Graduation Requirements
- Compulsory/Elective Courses
- Student Success, Resource and Academic Supports
- Mental Wellness Supports
- Extra-Curricular Activities

Term 1 Report Card Cards

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 their child's Ontario Student Record (OSR).

Parents/guardians will also notice that the Term 1 Report Card for students in Grades 1-8 will contain marks or letter grades, comments, and learning skills for most of the subject areas. Please note that not all strands or subject areas will be marked and commented on this term but will follow the required reporting schedule. Should you wish to discuss your child(ren)'s progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher(s) directly.