

June 4, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students:



On June 4, the Lambton Kent District School Board is expanding School Cash Online to all schools, including Errol Road Public School. School Cash Online will be our preferred method of receiving cash so we are hoping you will sign up for this method of payment.

School Cash Online is a convenient, web-based solution that gives parents/guardians the ability to pay for student items online. Parents/guardians can make payments, print or view their receipts and their current account history all in real-time.

School Cash Online provides multiple payment options, including eCheck (direct withdrawal from your bank account) or "MyWallet" (virtually add funds and reload like a gift card). Please note, banking information is not saved in School Cash Online and must be re-entered for every transaction. Unused funds in "MyWallet" will be carried over to the next year for back-to-school purchases unless a refund is requested (more information about refunds will be available on the School Cash Online website once launched).

In order to sign-up, parents/guardians must provide your child's last name, birth date and student number. A copy of your child's Registration Verification Form, has been sent home which includes your child's student number.

Please note: There is a 2% administration fee associated with using School Cash Online. This fee is included in all of the pricing provided to parents/guardians, regardless of whether purchases are made using School Cash Online or payment is made directly to schools. All surplus funds collected through School Cash Online's administration fees will be returned to the school to be used for capital expenses.

The LKDSB anticipates there may be some challenges related to this implementation and staff will be working with schools to mediate any issues experienced during this transition.

Further information about School Cash Online is available on our school website:
<http://www.lkdsb.net/school/errolroad/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks for your support of this new initiative.

Active and Safe Routes to School

Did you know that students who use an active mode of transportation to arrive at school often perform better academically than they otherwise would by taking the bus? There are many benefits to walking or riding to school. Some parents and caregivers may be surprised to learn that the time it takes for them and/or their child to walk or cycle to school is much less than they anticipated. Walking and riding a bike can improve the health and well-being of our young learners. Errol Road Public School needs your help! We are interested in hearing from our School Community Stakeholders to learn how you are traveling to and from school! Please help us by completing the following survey:

<https://s-ca.chkmt.com/ActiveTransportation>

We are excited to announce that in September, we are partnering with Lambton Public Health and will be using this data as we become involved with the Active and Safe Routes to School. In the survey, please indicate the teachers of your child(ren). The class with the most participation will receive a coveted prize. Thanks for your participation in this questionnaire, an important step in this process!

The school year is quickly coming to an end and the last day of school is Thursday, June 28th. Students return to school on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. We hope you all have a safe and happy summer.

Bell times for the 2018-2019 school year have changed as below:

<i>Bell Times</i>	
Yard Supervision:	8:50 a.m.
Start Time Bell:	9:05 a.m.
Nutrition Break 1:	11:05 – 11:25 a.m.
Recess Break 1	11:25 – 11:45 a.m.
Nutrition Break 2:	1:25 - 1:45 p.m.
Recess Break 2:	1:45 – 2:05 p.m.
Dismissal Bell:	3:25 p.m.

Please try to avoid appointments whenever possible during the school day and or vacation plans during the student school year. Regular daily attendance does have an impact on student achievement. **We also encourage you to teach your child to be punctual, arriving at school on time for school each day. Thank you for your helping instill this life skill.**

Office Hours

Our school secretary, Mrs. Hyde, is out of the office from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. each day. If you phone or visit the school during this time, there may be some delay in answering the door and phones. Should your call go to the answering service, it will be retrieved when Mrs. Hyde returns from lunch break at 1:00 p.m.

School Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons. All are welcome. We will be setting fundraising dates for next year and discussing the Open House Fun Fair in September. Hope to see you there.

Track and Field

The LKESAA Sarnia Track and Field meet will be held at the Central Track (behind Hanna) on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 with a rain date of Thursday, June 7. Good luck to all those competing and a thank you to Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Soepboer and Mr. Hazzard for coaching

Snack Program

Thanks again to the Ontario Student Nutrition Program for helping fund the Snack Program as well as all of you who supported our fundraising efforts to offset the cost. The snack program is wrapping up this week due to many classes being engaged in activities outside the classroom. The program wouldn't happen without our faithful parent volunteers who are here bright and early every morning to prepare the snacks.

Volunteer Appreciation

We are hosting a volunteer appreciation tea on Friday, June 15th at 1:00 p.m. We would like to invite anyone who has volunteered, whether it be getting the snack ready every morning, helping on hot lunch days, assisting with fundraisers, serving on School Council, running a club in the school, volunteering in a classroom or any other volunteering. We appreciate all you do and look forward to seeing you on June 15th at 1:00 in the Library.

Girl Talk Presentations:

Lambton Public Health is holding "Girl Talk" presentations in June for parents and their daughters in grade 5 & 6. Presentations will share information about changes in puberty and menstruation. Sarnia presentations will be held at the Sarnia Public Library, Wednesday, June 13th and Thursday, June 14th from 6:30-8:30 PM

Sarnia Rebound Community Workshop

On Thursday, June 14th , 2018 Sarnia-Lambton Rebound presents Dr. Michael Unger Ph.D. in a community professional workshop entitled: "Diagnosing' Resilience Across Cultures and Context: Seeing the Positive in Young People Even When There are Serious Problems". This afternoon workshop will take place at the Holiday Inn in Point Edward from 1-4 and the cost is \$30. Dr. Ungar will look at case studies of children who have been exposed to high levels of adversity and discuss how we can assess childhood resilience and use that assessment to guide practice and design interventions. Contact Sarnia Lambton Rebound for more information or tickets.

Grade 7/8 TELP iPads

In accordance with Board policy, grades 7 and 8 students will be turning in their iPads to the school on or before the 11 of June. Please note that the iPad must come back with a cord and charging block. The iPads will be redistributed to students in September.

New to FDK students – Staggered Entry

The school startup schedule for our returning SK students will begin on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 with students attending a full day. To assist with an easier transition to school, we will follow a staggered entry for all of our new incoming JK students. All new JK students' parents/guardians will receive a letter in the mail informing them of their child(ren)'s school start date and tentative classroom assignment. Please note that new JK students will either begin school on September 4, 5, or 6, 2018 depending upon where they have been placed on our staggered entry schedule. They will also attend school full days beginning on their assigned staggered entry date.

Year end class trips

As we near the end of our current school year, several classes will be involved in outdoor education excursions. We are asking parents/guardians to check their child(ren) for ticks and to read the attached fact sheet on Lyme and to monitor them for signs of infection after attending any outdoor class excursion due to possible exposure. Note: That "not all ticks carry Lyme disease. The American dog tick, which is the most common tick found in Lambton County, does not carry Lyme disease." We also ask that students wear hats and have sunscreen applied. Students are also reminded to drink water to stay hydrated during these warm days.

Grade 8 Graduation

This year's Grade 8 graduation will be held at the Holiday Inn on Monday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Mr. VanHumbeck or Mme Mercer for further information. Congratulations, Graduates!

Library Books

All borrowed books from our school libraries need to be returned by Friday, June 7th. This will leave us with enough time to track down missing books and to make sure that everything is in place for the upcoming school year. Students will still be able to explore books in the library, but not sign them out. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in this matter.

Dismissal – Please make arrangements to meet your child outside the school on the tarmac, at their exit door. This applies to all parents/guardians. If you are picking up a child from Kindergarten and have other children in the school to pickup, we ask that you exit through the kindergarten doors and walk around to the primary tarmac where you will wait to pick up your child.

Police checks – If you would like to be chosen to volunteer as a chaperone on field trips or to serve as a volunteer within the school, we are asking that have a police check on file (vulnerable sector police check). If you need a letter from the school to help you with completing the police check, you will find one on our school website for you to print off or you may visit the school office to pick one up.

Lost and Found Items

Throughout the year a number of items have been collected here at school and have not been claimed. Students are being asked to check for any lost items and any items not claimed will be delivered to the community drop off on Friday, July 6th.

Tentative Class Organization for 2018 2019

Much time, effort and planning goes into determining the best placement for your child. This is done in consultation with current and past classroom teachers and resource teachers. We don't place students randomly, we place them based on where we feel they will thrive best academically and socially. Once again, we will be telling students who their classroom teacher will be for September and they will get a chance to spend some time with their new teacher doing a fun activity before the end of this school year. Please keep in mind, that although we do our best, there could be some changes as students move in to the area and register and that classroom organization may look different in September.

French Immersion Program

FDK Mme C. Boily/ Mme Bishop
FDK Mme S. Marut/Mme A. Tuer
1 Mme J. Smith-Ray
1/2 Mme L. Dixon (on leave, teacher to be hired)
2 Mlle L. Goodman
2/3 Mme Day
3/4 Mme Deminion – French instruction 0.5, English instruction 0.5, Ms. Pullen
4/5 Mme K. Woltz – French instruction 0.5, English instruction 0.5. Mrs. Meyer
5/6 Mme K. Woltz – French instruction 0.5, English instruction 0.5. Mrs. Meyer
7/8 Mme A. Mercer

English Program

FDK – Mrs. K. Miller/Mrs. M. Henderson
1/2 – Mrs. DaSilva
2/3 – Mrs. Ham
3 – Mrs. Kenny
4 – Mrs. D. Hillier
5 – Mrs. Lynas
6 – Mrs. Fraleigh
7 – Mr. Hazzard
7/8 – Mr. G. Van Humbeck

Prep Teachers:

Mme Hrvatin – F.I. – 0.7
Core French – Mme Soetemans (on leave – teacher to be hired)
M Newcombe – F.I. - 0.5
Mme Deminion – F.I. – 0.5
Mr. Jackson – Learning Commons, Prep, Guidance, Computers

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Teft, our Grade 1/2 teacher and Ms. Gartley, our halftime resource teacher who are relocating to other schools in September. We will miss Mrs. Teft and Ms. Gartley and wish them all the best in their new schools.

Instructional Day

Please try to avoid appointments whenever possible or vacation plans during the student school year. Regular daily attendance does have an impact on student achievement. We also encourage you to teach your child to be punctual, arriving at school on time for school each day. Thank you for your helping instill this life skill.

We would like to thank the staff and students at Errol Road Public School:

- the Errol Road Parent Council for their care, concern, support, time and excellent fundraising
- the Snack Committee who prepare delicious snacks
- the parent volunteers for helping with hot lunch day and for helping the staff and students on an ongoing daily basis
- the staff for the extra duties and responsibilities they accept to enhance the learning experiences of the children at Errol Road Public School
- the students for bringing a positive attitude, a willingness to learn, and a smile to school every day
- the community for your wonderful involvement helping make Errol Road Public School such a wonderful school

Report Cards

Please sign page 4 of the report card and return it to the school when you are in the area or drop it off during the last week of August.

Bus Schedules

Please keep in mind that for student safety, we take attendance on our buses each day. If your child is eligible to ride the bus but you have made alternate transportation arrangements, please opt out of busing at www.schoolbusinfo.com. If your child is assigned a bus seat, we expect them to be on the bus each day unless you have provided the classroom teacher with a written note of alternate transportation.

Courtesy seats, for students outside of our school zone, are not guaranteed and need to be arranged annually by the parent through www.schoolbusinfo.com. This year requests are being accepted as of July 1, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. You will require your child(ren)'s Student Number which is being provided to you in the School Cash Online informational letter.

Spelling Bee

YourTV has let us know that the broadcast of the 2018 Annual Sarnia Spelling Bee will begin next week. Information from YourTV is below! Each group receives the exact same airtimes starting Tuesday June 12 and will run for 3 consecutive weeks. Please note due to "television timing", the Grade 7 and 8 show had to have the practice round deleted. Therefore, they were unable to get all the first names of participants into that show. The shows will run for 3 consecutive weeks, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

FACT SHEET

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Lyme Disease

What is Lyme disease?

Lyme disease is an infection caused by the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*. In Ontario, these bacteria are spread to humans by the bite of blacklegged ticks, also called the deer tick.

Risk of exposure to Lyme disease

The risk of exposure to Lyme disease is highest in places where blacklegged ticks are established. In Ontario, ticks carrying the bacteria have been collected in Point Pelee National Park, Rondeau and Turkey Point provincial parks, Long Point peninsula, including Long Point Provincial Park and the national wildlife area, Wainfleet bog near Welland on the Niagara peninsula, Prince Edward Point, parts of Thousand Islands National Park.

Other risk areas included for encountering a blacklegged tick include locations around Kingston, along the St. Lawrence Valley to the border with Quebec and northeast towards Ottawa, western Ontario in the region of Lake of the Woods, Pinery Park on the shore of Lake Huron, Rouge Valley region of eastern Toronto. The risk of contact with ticks begins in early spring when the weather warms up and lasts through to the end of fall.

Symptoms of Lyme disease

Not all tick bites will result in disease and the symptoms and health effects caused by Lyme disease can vary for each person. The most common symptom is a red bull's-eye rash that appears at the site of the tick bite between 3 and 30 days after the bite (average 10 days).

Flu-like symptoms can also develop, such as:

- Skin rash
- Headache
- Fever or chills
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Spasms or weakness
- Numbness or tingling
- Swollen lymph nodes

The later stages of Lyme disease can include:

- Dizziness
- Abnormal heart beat
- Muscle and joint pain
- Paralysis (unable to move parts of our body)
- Mental confusion or inability to think clearly

These symptoms can occur weeks, months or even years after the initial symptoms have cleared.

If you have been bitten by a tick and develop the symptoms mentioned, contact your doctor immediately.

Treatment

If detected early, Lyme disease can usually be treated with antibiotics. Lyme disease that goes undetected can develop into a serious, chronic infection that is more difficult to treat.

Ticks

Ticks are very small. They vary in size and colour depending on their age and whether they have been feeding. Ticks must feed on blood from an animal or person to live. They feed by inserting their mouth into the skin of a person or animal.

Not all ticks carry Lyme disease. The American dog tick, which is the most common tick found in Lambton County, does not carry Lyme disease. The blacklegged tick, which is not commonly found in Lambton, can spread the Lyme disease bacteria to humans.



Blacklegged Tick

American Dog Tick

(Image Courtesy of Public Health Agency of Canada)

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Preventing tick bites

When entering areas with tall grass, bushes and wooded areas where ticks live, take the following precautions:

- When walking outdoors, stick to the trails and avoid direct contact with plant growth.
- Wear light-coloured clothing. It makes ticks easier to spot.
- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, socks, closed-toed shoes and a hat. Tuck your shirt in your pants and pants in your socks.
- Apply an insect repellent that contains 20%-30% DEET* to clothing or skin. Avoid your eyes and mouth area.
*Health Canada and the Canadian Paediatric Society have recommended amounts.
- Put a tick and flea collar on your pet. Check them every so often to see if they have ticks. Pets can bring ticks inside your house.
- Do a **tick check** on yourself, your family and your pets after being outdoors. Pay extra attention to scalp, groin and armpits. Infected ticks are unlikely to transmit Lyme disease to the host if removed quickly, so early detection is very important.

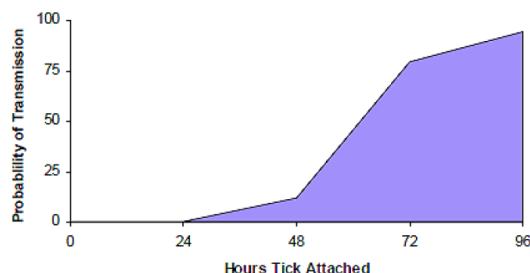


Image courtesy of Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Removing ticks

Remove any ticks that you find on the skin or clothing promptly. Ticks are most likely to spread the bacteria after being attached to your skin and feeding for more than 24 hours.

- NEVER use a match, heat or chemicals to remove a tick.
- Do not kill the tick before it is removed.

- Remove the tick using tweezers. Grab the tick's head as close to the skin as possible, pulling it straight out with steady pressure. Do not twist the tick or it may break off in the skin.
- Clean and disinfect the bite area.

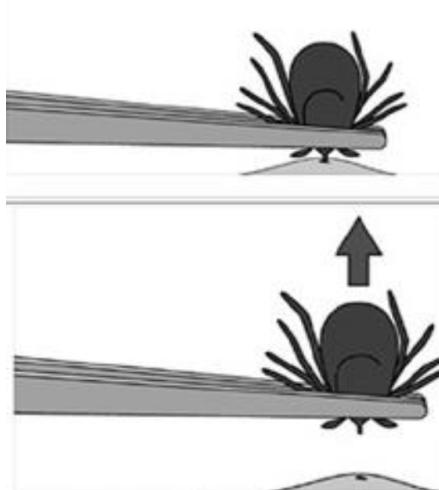


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Submitting ticks for identification

Save the tick alive in a jar, screw-top bottle, or a doubled zip-lock bag. Bring it to Lambton Public Health (160 Exmouth Street, Point Edward) for identification during normal business hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please note: only ticks found on humans or human related cases will be submitted for identification as of April 2009. For more information contact Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331 or toll free at 1-800-667-1839.