

# ERROL ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## November 2020



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<https://www.facebook.com/ErrolRoadRunners/>

### **Remembrance Day**

Students will participate in a virtual Remembrance Day assembly on Wednesday, November 11th. Students will receive a poppy to wear and are encouraged to send in a small donation for the Royal Canadian Legion to help with the cost of the poppies. **We are asking that these donations be made using Cash on Line since we are unable to accept cash.** Students will participate in the minute of silence at 11:00 a.m. Please take some time to remember our veterans and those who are in service for our country.



### **Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews**

Progress Reports for all FDK and Grade 1-8 students will be sent home Friday, November 13. These mid-term progress reports will give you an indication of how your child(ren) are doing after the first couple months of school.

Parent teacher interviews will take place virtually for all FDK - Grade 8 students from November 16 to November 27 by telephone or Google meet.

Information regarding these interviews will be communicated to you by your child's homeroom teacher.

**In FDK, the learning expectations are connected with four frames:**

- Belonging and Contributing
- Self-Regulation and Well-Being
- Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviours
- Problem-Solving and Innovating

**Grades 1-8 Progress Reports:**

For students in Grades 1-8 there are no grades/marks on the Progress Report – there are checkmarks indicating one of the following:

- Excellent (E)
- Good (G)
- Satisfactory (S)
- Needs Improvement (N)

On the Progress Report, teachers are only responsible for reporting on Language Arts, Mathematics, Learning Skills and any subject where the student receives a “Progressing with Difficulty”.

The Progress Report “is designed to show a student’s development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student’s general progress in working towards the achievement of curriculum expectations in all subjects.”

On the Progress Report, teachers will check one of the following boxes to indicate a student’s progress:

**Progressing with Difficulty** – demonstrates that the student will require improvement and/or assistance to meet the provincial standard at the end of the term/year using the teacher’s professional judgment and knowledge of the individual child to make a final determination.

**Progressing Well** – demonstrates evidence that the student is meeting or will meet the provincial standard by the end of the term/year, using the teacher’s professional judgment and knowledge of the individual child to make a final determination.

**Progressing Very Well** – demonstrates very consistent evidence that the student is meeting or will meet, or is exceeding, or will succeed, the provincial standard using the teacher’s professional judgment and knowledge of the individual child to make a final determination.

(Borrowed directly from the FDK Communication of Learning: Initial Observations, the Ontario Grade 1-8 Progress Report and the Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools documents).

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**\*\* Our next professional development day for teaching staff is Friday, November 20th. Students do not attend school on this day.**

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**Play Equipment Closed at Dismissal**

Starting Monday November 2, the playground equipment will be closed to all students and their families after school. The large number of students using the equipment at the end of the day has made it challenging for staff to ensure a safe dismissal for our younger students. We appreciate everyone’s understanding and willingness to help us keep Errol Road as safe as possible for our students.

**November Spirit Days:**

November 19th - Jersey Day

## **December Spirit Days**

Dec. 14th - Christmas or Winter hat or headband (i.e. antlers, Santa hat)

Dec. 15th - Red, White, and Green

Dec. 16th - PJ Day

Dec. 17th - Ugly Christmas Sweater

Dec. 18th - Elf Yourself

## **Automated safe arrival calls**

On November 25th, LKDSB will be implementing an automated attendance messaging system for Errol Road Public School. The system will notify parents/guardians that your child has been marked absent and the school does not know the reason. We will contact the parent's /guardian's phone numbers and emails that you have provided and ask that you call the school to confirm the absence and provide the reason. **You can help by ensuring that the school has your most updated contact information and by notifying the school office in advance if your child will be late or away.** Our answering machine will take your message any time of day or night.

## **Arrival Time**

Supervision at school begins at 8:50 a.m. Please do not send your child to school before 8:50 a.m. unless they are enrolled in the YMCA before and after school program.

## **Cyber Awareness Month**

This week marked the launch of Ontario K-12 Cyber Awareness Month, held October 26 to November 20. There are resources available for parents/guardians to help everyone stay safe online. This week's theme is "Work, Teach and Learn from Anywhere." For more information, visit the website at: <https://ecno.org/cyber-security/k12cam2020-en/>

## **Covid Screening**

Just a reminder that all students (or parents/guardians on behalf of students) and visitors must complete the screening daily before attending Errol Road Public School. The LKDSB approved COVID-19 school screening daily assessment tool, is available here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

If you do not have access to the online screening tool, please contact the school and we will send home a printed copy of the Lambton Public Health Daily Screening Questionnaire.

If your child feels unwell at school, you will receive a phone call asking you to come and pick them up. Please make sure you have a plan in place on these occasions since they may not remain at school.

If your child is sent home with two or more symptoms, they need to be given clearance from a medical practitioner or have a negative Covid test before returning to school. Please call the school before sending your child back to school so we know they were cleared to return. We do not need a written note, a verbal report is fine.

## **Covid Testing - Expanded Criteria for the Student Testing Centre**

In order to support Lambton County families, Lambton Public Health is expanding the criteria for testing at the student testing centres in Forest, Petrolia, and Sarnia. Beginning Monday, November 2, 2020, symptomatic household members of children in school or child care can be tested at our testing centres.

Individuals who meet the following criteria are eligible to attend Lambton Public Health COVID-19 Student Testing Centres:

- Children who are unable to attend school or child care due to illness, and require a test in order to **return to school or child care**.
- **Symptomatic** household members (e.g. parents/caregivers, siblings) of a child in school or child care
- Children and staff from a school or child care who have been notified by Lambton Public Health that they are **close contacts** of a COVID-19 case
- **Symptomatic** child care/school staff, parents and household members of a child who was notified by Lambton Public Health that they are a close contact of a COVID-19 case

Please be aware that an appointment is required:

- Please book online by going to [app.getcorigan.ca](http://app.getcorigan.ca)  
Choose from available times and schedule tests when it is convenient for you.
- If unable to book online, call Lambton Public Health: 519-383-8331 or toll free 1-800-667-1839

We ask that you share this with your school community.

For more information please visit [www.LambtonPublicHealth.ca](http://www.LambtonPublicHealth.ca).

## **LKDSB Commemorates Treaties Recognition Week Nov. 2-6**

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) commemorates Treaties Recognition Week on November 2-6, joining school boards across the province in promoting education and awareness about treaty rights and treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Ontario.

This year, the LKDSB Indigenous Education Team is continuing to focus on increasing awareness and understanding of Wampum Belts and their importance to understanding treaties and treaty relationships in Canada. During Treaties Recognition Week, students and staff will engage in curriculum activities ranging from painting with local Indigenous artist Moses Lunhum to presentations that address how Wampum Belts are used to communicate agreements and provide a mutual understanding of land stewardship and resource sharing.

## **Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol**

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future.

In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone.

The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to: possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting.

The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations. Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol.

If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed.

Link to Fair Notice Communication Regarding Violent Threat Risk Assessment Protocol:

[https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=366&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement\\_Item](https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=366&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item)



When packing your child's lunch, please remember that due to life threatening allergies of some of our students, we are a peanut/nut aware school and we are requesting you read labels carefully to ensure any food you are packing in lunches is peanut and nut free. Thank you for helping us keep students and staff safe.

**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.

### **School Council Meeting**

Our next School Council meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

All parents/guardians are welcome and are encouraged to attend. Please contact [Adam.Townsend@lkdsb.net](mailto:Adam.Townsend@lkdsb.net) and he will send you a link for the meeting. Meeting minutes are posted on our school website once they are made available.

Our goal is to work together in a positive way to strengthen our school and to improve student performance.

The following members were elected to serve on School Council this year:

<b>Chair</b>	Sara Levitt
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Lindsay Fortney
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kelly Hill and Matt Joosse
<b>Secretary</b>	Amanda Fleman

We also have 8 additional parents serving as voting members of the School Council.

### **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 do not come to the school at arrival and dismissal times and please do not bring dogs inside the school. In addition, there is a policy that needs to be followed for service dogs.



### **Head Lice (Pediculosis)**

Your assistance in early detection of head lice is greatly appreciated. Please check your child(ren) for head lice weekly. If you find evidence of head lice, please contact the school immediately. This will allow us to notify parents/guardians in the classrooms affected so that they may check their child(ren).

Children who are suspected of having head lice will be excused from school until appropriate treatment has been administered.

### **Grade 8 to 9 IRPC Information and Transition to High School**

The Lambton Kent District School Board will be offering A Parent/Guardian & Family Information Night on “Getting Ready for Grade 9: Overview of the Grade 8 to 9 Transition for Students with an IEP” for all parents/guardians of current Grade 8 students who have an IEP.

This evening will provide families the opportunity to find out more about the pathways, programs and courses available at the secondary school level.

**The meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 24 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please email [Heather.Touzin@lkdsb.net](mailto:Heather.Touzin@lkdsb.net) for an invitation to the online Microsoft Teams Meeting.**

## **Bus Students**

To ensure student safety, we take attendance of **all** bus students to ensure that all students who ride the bus are accounted for. **It is important we are informed if your child is not going to be riding the bus.** Please notify your child's teacher who will relay this information to the office. Sometimes we are looking for bus students and holding the bus only to find out they were not riding the bus that day. Please keep us well informed.

We are in School Bus Zone 2

**If buses are cancelled in the morning due to snow, ice/inclement weather and you drive your child to school, you are responsible for picking your child up at the end of the day. Buses will not run in the afternoon at dismissal.**

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



**Download the MySBI Bus Status app** which displays up-to-date bus information for schools in the LKDSB. This app uses real-time push notification alerts to keep users updated. Users can subscribe to receive alerts for inclement weather cancellations and school bus delays. Also refer to <https://www.schoolbusinfor.com/> or listen to the local radio station for more information.


## **Seat Assignments on the school bus**

CLASS would like to remind students they **MUST** sit in their assigned seat.

**Let's help STOP THE SPREAD!**

If you are unsure what your assigned seat is ask your bus driver or call:

Student Transportation Services  
Tel: 1-877-330-4287

A graphic of a yellow school bus with 'SCHOOL BUS' written on its side, viewed from a front-quarter perspective. The bus is partially enclosed by a white circular border.

### **St. Clair Child and Youth**

If your child is struggling with mental health issues or concerning behaviour, St. Clair Child and Youth Services in Point Edward offers a drop-in clinic on Tuesdays from 12-8 p.m. Please check out their website for more information about their services:

<http://www.stclairchild.ca/>

### **Alexander MacKenzie Secondary School is holding an Information Night**

On Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., AMSS are inviting students and parents/guardians to attend an information session that will outline the pathways and various programs available at AMSS. A school tour will follow with the opportunity to speak to the technology teachers. Refreshments and door prizes will be available.

### **Kids Help Phone**

Did you know that 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 counseling and web counseling (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 address is [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca).





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- Leadership & Relationship Expert  
For Organizations & Families
- Motivational Speaker To 1/2 Million People  
In 17 Countries
- Best-Selling Author
- TV Personality & Media Contributor



**Date:** Tuesday, November 17 @ 7-8:30 p.m.

**Keynote Title:** BUILDING CONFIDENCE

**To Register:** No registration required

**Location:** Online at:  
<http://tiny.cc/BuildingConfidence>  
(password: LKDSB) or scan QR code



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