

# Errol Road Public School

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## **Note from Ms. McLean:**

Attendance at school is very important.

Check out the following statistics:

- If your child misses one day of school, every two weeks, that equals 20 days of missed school per year, which equals 4 weeks or 10.5% of the school year.
- If your child is 10 minutes late for school each day, that equals 50 minutes of school per week, which equals nearly 1.5 weeks of missed school. Your child also misses out on important morning routines that are important for building community in the classroom.
- If you pick up your child early from school before our 3:25 dismissal, your child is missing important, valuable information about homework, forms due and reviewing the day and what is due for tomorrow.
- Please try to book appointments after school hours to avoid any disruption to your child's learning.
- Teaching children the importance of being punctual and on time for school, is an important skill.
- **On the rare occasion you must pick up your child early from school, we ask that you inform your child's teacher in advance.**

**Cross Country:** It was a beautiful day for the Cross Country District meet and students represented our school well. Thank you to Mrs. Smith-Ray and Mrs. Fraleigh for coaching cross country.

**Soccer:** Thank you to Mrs. Savo for coaching the girls' soccer team and to Mr. Jackson for coaching the boys' soccer team.

**Basketball:** Thank you to Mrs. Meyer and Mme Montpelier for coaching volleyball and to Mrs. Pullen for running some extra practice sessions during recess.

We are so thankful for all the personal time our teachers give to coaching our students in extracurricular activities. Thank you!

Please sign up for our Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/ErrolRoadRunners/>

Information is also posted regularly on our school website so please check out this site frequently:

<http://www.lkdsb.net/school/errolroad/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Print Copies of School Newsletter**

We always print a few copies of our school newsletter and calendar and you will find these in the front foyer underneath the bulletin board.

**Our next professional development day for teaching staff is Friday, November 23rd. Students do not attend school this day.**

**Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews**

Progress Reports for all FDK and Grade 1-8 students will be sent home on Friday, November 16. These mid-term progress reports will give you an indication of how your child(ren) is doing after the first couple months of school.

Parent-Teacher interviews will take place for all FDK and Grade 8 students on the following days:

**Thursday, November 22 - 3:40 – 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, November 23 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Information regarding these interviews and an Interview Day/Time Preference Form will be sent home soon for you to sign and return to your child's homeroom teacher. **Progress reports will be sent home on Friday, November 16th as well as your confirmed parent/teacher interview time and date. It is important that all parents/guardians attend an interview and if the time we have scheduled for you doesn't work out, please contact your classroom teacher.**

REVISED HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM - As you are aware, the Ontario Government has directed all school boards to use the re-issued 2010 Health and Physical Education Curriculum for Grades 1-8. Please read an important letter from Director Costello regarding the Health and Physical Education Curriculum: [https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=141&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement\\_Item](https://www.lkdsb.net/Pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=141&ListID=1cb83139-1d39-452b-8ab2-b6cfab6c2ba7&TemplateID=Announcement_Item)

**Lost and Found**

Please remember to check the lost and found area which will be on display during our parent/teacher interviews in the FDK hall, near the main foyer. Any items not claimed will be donated to those less fortunate during the December Holiday Break.

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**Remembrance Day**

Students will gather in the gym for a Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Students will receive a poppy to wear and are encouraged to bring in a small donation for the Royal Canadian Legion to help with the cost of the poppies. Parents are invited to attend and we ask that you arrive at 9:45 a.m. so that we may begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Students will participate in the minute of silence at 11:00 a.m.



**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.

## LKDSB Commemorates Treaties Recognition Week November 5-11

The Lambton Kent District School Board commemorates Treaties Recognition Week on November 5-11, joining the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and school boards across the province in promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships.

Errol Road Public School has received a Treaty Kit, which contains resources to support educating students about treaties and to raise awareness about this important aspect of Ontario's history. Throughout the week, LKDSB students and staff will learn more about Ontario's treaties and enhance understanding about Indigenous issues, histories and perspectives. We are also including the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement in our opening exercises each morning.

Daylight Savings Time Get ready for an extra hour of sleep on Sunday, November 4. That's when the clocks fall back at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour.

### **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.

## **TVO Mathify - Math Homework Help for Students – Grade 7-10**

Get help with math when your child is stuck or simply needs a bit of support or encouragement.

Mathify connects grade 7-10 students with Ontario certified math teachers – online, after school, to help them better understand how to solve math problems.

Join 70,000+ students across the province and discover the benefits of live one-on-one math tutoring and 24/7 access to online math resources. It's all done on a shared whiteboard, talking over voice, and chat. Get to know our awesome tutors: they are patient, approachable, and super helpful. Our tutors are here to help students fully understand how to solve and work through even the toughest math problems. We want you to succeed?

- Ontario certified math tutors available 5:30pm-9:30pm, Sunday to Thursday
- Live voice chat and text messaging compatible.
- interactive whiteboards
- Unlimited 24/7 access to online math resources
- Anonymous & secure online learning space
- Use it from your phone, tablet or computer (old-school)

Register at: <https://www.tvomathify.com/students>

All you need to register for this free, math, tutoring program is your child's student number which is found on your child's report card.

## **Good Math Resource:**

Another good website for you to access math supports is:

<https://www.youcubed.org/parents/>

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## **Evacuation Site**

In case of an emergency situation, our evacuation site is Northern High School.

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

Parents/guardians of a child who is currently in Grade 8 and has an IPRC designation are invited to attend an information session at the Lambton Kent District School Board to find out more about the pathways, programs and courses available at the secondary school level on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Sarnia Education Centre from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

## **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** – Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. AMSS are inviting students and parents/guardians to 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.

### **Experience the Trades Event**

Our Grade 7 students will be attending this event on Wednesday, November 14 in Chatham. Parents/guardians are also invited and encouraged to attend this event as a chaperone for your child's class. Experience the trades with interactive, hands on skills needed for a variety of Apprenticeshipable Trades in all four sectors: Industrial, Construction, Motive Power and Service. Perhaps your child(ren) is/are interested in exploring a future career in the trades.

### **Kids Help Phone**

Your child can also access the Kids Help Phone which is a 24/7 free, anonymous and confidential service for children. The toll-free Kids Help phone number is 1-800-668-6868 and the website address is [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca).

### **GRADE 7 SCHOOL VACCINATIONS**

Wednesday, November 7th, the Lambton Public Health nurses will be providing all grade 7 students free vaccinations for hepatitis B, meningitis and human papillomavirus (HPV). Getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to protect your child's health. For more information, please refer to the Grade 7 Vaccination flyer and consent form that was sent home with your child.

### **School Council**

Education is a shared responsibility and we value your input. Our goal is to work together to strengthen our school and to improve student performance. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings.

The following people were elected to serve on School Council:

Chair – Luanne Deery, Co-Chair – Sarah Levitt

Treasurer, Kelly Murray-Scott, Secretary: Cassie Page

**Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.**

### **Ontario Government Hosting Provincial Consultations on Education Reform**

The Ontario Government is hosting provincial consultations on education reform. Telephone Town Hall sessions for Southwestern Ontario will be held on Thursday, November 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (French) and Saturday, November 10 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. To learn more and to register, individuals should visit the Telephone Town Hall section of the consultation website at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/form/register-telephonetown-halls-about-education-ontario>

In addition, individuals, organizations and groups are also invited to share feedback through the provincial government's public consultation website: [www.fortheparents.ca](http://www.fortheparents.ca) or email [fortheparents.ca](mailto:fortheparents.ca).

The deadline for providing input is December 15.

