

Errol Road Public School

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Message from the Principal:

It has been a busy start-up and a steep learning curve as we have transitioned back to school but it has been good to be back in school with staff and students. Students are so happy to be back socializing with their friends face to face and I am very impressed with how well they have transitioned back to school after the school closure last March. It has been exciting to see students settle into routines and delve into their academic activities with much enthusiasm. A huge thank you to parents and guardians for your support in reinforcing with your children the need for social distancing and good hand hygiene. Thank you parents and guardians for helping your child(ren) in Grades 4-8 transition to wearing masks at school; students transitioned with ease to wearing masks and it was clear they had been practicing this skill during the summer in preparation.

Teachers have been focusing on positive mindset with students as we choose to focus on the positives as we have returned to school and a new normal around what school looks like right now amid the current pandemic. This week students and staff will be taking some time to reflect on gratitude as we create a school gratitude tree which will be hung in the school gym with each leaf on the tree listing all we are grateful for.

Covid self assessment screening and clarification

Please complete the daily self assessment screen with your child(ren) each morning before they come to school. This screening tool will give you options to follow should your child(ren) have any symptoms. The screen does allow for pre-existing/known reasons such as allergies. Here is the link <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/schoolscreening/>.

I have also attached a PDF of the self assessment screen to this Email. Please read this carefully so you know the guidelines.

Change in Learning Model - Fall Deadline Approaching

As families change their minds about which learning model best supports their needs, there will be opportunities throughout the year to change the learning model. Please follow the deadlines outlined below and contact Joy.McLean@lkdsb.net if you would like to make a change.

Families wishing to transfer between face-to-face learning to Learn at Home or transfer from Learn at Home to face-to-face instruction must contact their principal according to the following timelines:

• **Fall date: Families notify school by October 22.**
Student begins new program type on November 16.

• Winter date: Families notify school by January 12.
Student begins new program type on February 3.

• Spring date: Families notify school by March 30.
Student begins new program type on April 20.

Students moving between program delivery choice (i.e. face-to-face learning or Learn at Home) should anticipate changes in teacher(s).

If space is available, the LKDSB will attempt to accommodate all requests sooner than the dates above; however, this will vary from school-to-school and grade-by-grade and may not be possible. Transportation delays may also occur.

Thanksgiving Holiday - Monday, October 12th

School will be closed.





Pedestrian Safety

As the school year gets 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/>

Exercise extreme caution; drive slowly and carefully. If you drive your child to school and are parking and waiting on Errol Road to pick up your child, remind your children to walk to the corner of Indian and Errol Road and to cross the street with the crossing guard. You are also welcome to park in either of our parking lots. When parking on the road, please watch no parking areas and leave enough clearance space for our school buses to exit and enter our circle drive.

Dismissal routines:

Please notify your child's teacher of any changes in pickup routines, especially for our younger students. We are unable to release students to anyone unless they are listed as one of the emergency contacts.

If your child has been given a seat on the bus and is not going to ride, please send a note advising us of your plans since this will help us when taking bus attendance.

Medical Concerns:

We are updating our files for any student with a known allergy or medical concern. This year forms are being sent to the e-mail address we have one file for you. Please update and complete these forms and e-mail to Joy.McLean@lkdsb.net. It is important these forms be returned to the office promptly to ensure we have the most current information this school year.

We are required to put in place a medical plan for all students with asthma, epilepsy, diabetes and those students at risk for anaphylaxis reactions. Parents and guardians are responsible for advising us of any special medical concerns/issues that their child may have so we can put a medical information plan in place for staff to follow. If your child has one of these conditions or any other medical condition requiring a plan of care and you did not receive a medical form, please contact Joy.McLean@lkdsb.net

School Council

Our first School Council has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. Elections will take place for the chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer. Many thanks to those who served on school council last year and to our Chair, Sara Levitt and our Vice-Chair, Lindsay Fourtney. Please consider joining us at our School Council meeting on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. virtually. Please email our Vice-Principal, Adam Townsend at Adam.Townsend@lkdsb.net to receive a link for the meeting.



Terry Fox - 2020

Students are asked to wear Red & White on Friday, October 9, 2020. Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox run will take place this week but will look a little different this year. Students and staff will honour the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run as individual classes and or with their cohorts. We have set a goal to raise \$1,000.00 please use the following link to make a donation and help us reach our goal: <http://www.terryfox.ca/ErrolRoadPSSarnia>

Parent/Guardian Protocol

At this time, only essential visitors will be allowed to enter the school and must do so by making pre-arranged appointments.

Parents/guardians will not be allowed to enter schools at this time, except in case of emergency or a pre-arranged appointment time.

Please make sure you send all required items with your child to school.

If your child forgot their water bottle, we will make sure they have water. If your child forgot their lunch, we will make sure they have something to eat.

We are asking parents not to drop off items to the office during the day. Please send your child with everything they need for the day including a jacket or sweatshirt should the weather turn cold.

Communication between parents/guardians and teaching staff or administration will be through phone calls or email.

Please remember to send a note to the teacher if your child will be picked up early for an appointment so your child will be ready and waiting for you at the office.

Safe Arrival - If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the office.

Custody Issues

If you and your spouse have separated or divorced, please provide us with any legal documentation that you have with respect to custody issues etc. Making us aware of these facts will help us follow the correct procedures for your child.



Soya-Based Peanut Butter Substitutes

Please be aware that we are asking you not to send in any soya-based peanut butter substitutes. 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.

YMCA Before and After School Program

The YMCA is happy to operate these programs at Errol Road Public School once again. If you need assistance with childcare, contact 519-336-5950 Ext. 226.



Errol Road Outdoor Classroom

Classes have been using the garden already as teachers have been signing up on the garden schedule. Don't forget the garden bunnies that everyone hopes to glimpse!



Sign up for the MySBI Mobile app to receive up to date information about Bus Transportation and Inclement Weather

The SchoolBusInfo - Bus Status app displays up to date bus service information for schools operated by the St. Clair Catholic and Lambton-Kent District School Boards.

The SchoolBusInfo - Bus Status app uses push notifications to keep parents/guardians, students, and other stakeholders in Sarnia-Lambton & Chatham-Kent updated.

Only bus delays of 10 minutes or greater will be posted. Users can subscribe to the status of any or all morning / afternoon buses. For further information including your bus symbol(s) please visit:

www.MySBI.ca

You may also listen to the radio station or log in to www.schoolbusinfo.com in the morning to check for any bus cancellations or bus delays. **Our school is in Zone 2.** **If buses are cancelled in the morning due to fog, they will run in the afternoon for dismissal.**



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, (service animals permitted) do not come to the school at arrival and dismissal times.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

Individual Education Plans (IEP) will be sent home on Friday, October 9th for you to review and make any changes you feel are needed. Please return the consultation form to Mrs. Solinas Moscone in Resource. Keep in mind that your child's IEP is a working document and can be updated at any time. We welcome any suggestions or changes. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your child's IEP further, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs. Solinas Moscone or Ms. Slack, one of our resource teachers who will be happy to book you an appointment to discuss.



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