

October 2022

Happy October!

The first month of school has been a busy one at Errol Road. Our school Open House was a success! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. We also want to thank everyone for their cooperation during our re-organization. It went very smoothly. We are happy to welcome Ms. Romano as our new Grade 5/6 teacher.

Just a couple housekeeping items:

- While our pets are awesome unfortunately, they (cats & dogs, etc.) are not welcome on school property during the school day. Please keep your pets at home or in the vehicle when picking up your child(ren).
- We ask that all communication to your child go through the office. If you have a message for them or if they are sick this communication can be given very timely through the office. Please do not text your children while they are at school. This helps eliminate classroom interruptions and allows for the office staff to monitor attendance properly. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Yours in Education,

T. Pereira
Principal

SCREENING Parents/guardians are required to assess their children daily and report whether they are experiencing any signs of illness and are expected to keep them home if they are. Parents/guardians should refer to the Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students Before Attending School to perform daily screening of their children before arriving at school. You can find the screener here: [COVID-19 school screening \(ontario.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca)

SCHOOL COUNCIL The School Council will be running this school year. The October meeting will be held on **Wednesday October 12 at 6:30 pm in the learning commons**. The purpose of the School Council is to improve pupil achievement and to employ a variety of strategies to engage parents and the community in strengthening student achievement. We appreciate all ideas and value all voices in the meeting.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT/COLOUR HOUSES As we continue to work with students on self-regulation and character development, our focus will be on the Zones of Regulation and goal setting. We will continue to celebrate student goal setting and achievement at our monthly Roadrunner Award assembly.

SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY We have a process in place to ensure the safe arrival of all students. Parents must do their best to see that their children are regularly at school and that they arrive on time. Please call the school if your child is absent in the morning or the afternoon (unless a note has already been sent). We also have a 24-hour answering machine so you may call any time, day, or night. Calls home are made for all unexplained absences. If there is no answer, calls will be made to a parent's/ guardian's workplace or emergency numbers. Please help us by contacting the school before our morning or afternoon bell rings. Notes from home are needed to excuse a child early from class.

SCHOOL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES During this month we will continue practicing our emergency procedures drills for fire, tornadoes, as well as procedures for lockdown, hold and secure, and shelter in place. If we had to evacuate our building, Northern is our alternate emergency location.

ALLERGIES – NUTS Many children and staff members have severe allergies to peanuts, peanut butter, and other nuts. In some cases, these allergies can be fatal. Please do not send your child with any nuts or peanut butter for either lunches or snacks. We want our school environment to be safe and healthy for all our students.

VTRA Fair Notice Communication Regarding 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. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

As always, student safety is our first priority. This notification is being provided via avenues such as school newsletters, and school and board web sites as fair notice to parents and guardians of the existence of the VTRA Protocol and its application if situations warrant. If you have any questions regarding the Lambton Kent District School Board Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol, please contact your school principal as the first step.

October Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Lacrosse Presentation	4 Grade 4/5 Chatham Water Festival Used Book Sale	5 Used Book Sale	6 Terry Fox Run 2:05 pm	7 PD Day No school
10 Happy Thanksgiving! No School!	11	12 School Council 6:30 pm (Learning Commons)	13	14 Zekveld's Trip Popcorn 2 nd lunch pre- purchase on Cash online
17 Zekveld's Trip	18 Pizza Day	19	20 Zekveld's Trip	21 Popcorn
24	25	26	27	28 Road Runner Assembly Popcorn
31 Orange and Black Day				

The LKDSB School Year Calendar can be accessed at the following link:
[Elementary Calendar - Lambton Kent District School Board \(lkdsb.net\)](http://lkdsb.net)