

## **September 2023**

On behalf of the entire Errol Road Staff, I would like to welcome back our new and returning Errol Road School families. I trust that everyone had a restful summer and that we are all ready to begin a new school year.

The Errol Road staff have been working diligently to get things ready and the building is looking wonderful to welcome our Roadrunners as we move forward and begin a new school year.

As we look ahead to the school year before us, we will continue to build on many of the initiatives that have been established at Errol Road. We will continue to focus our student achievement work on Literacy and Numeracy development as we return from summer break and adjust to new routines we will focus on the Well-Being and Self-Regulation of all our Roadrunners!

We are excited to be back and look forward to a wonderful school year. There is a lot to look forward to as we gear up for another great year at Errol Road.

Welcome back to school everyone!

Tracy Pereira  
Principal

Welcome to our 2023-2024 Errol Road Staff!

English Classes		French Immersion Classes	
FDK	Mrs. DaSilva (Teacher) & Ms. Clarke (ECE)	FDK	Mme Dunlop (Teacher) & Mme Bishop (ECE)
Grade SK/1	Mrs. Miller	SK/Grade 1	Mme Marut
Grade 2/3	Ms. Kenny	Grade 1	Mme Smith-Ray
Grade ¾	Ms. Ham	Grade ½	Mme Soetemans
Grade 4/5	Ms. Teft	Grade 2/3	Mme Boyle
Grade 5/6	Ms. D. D'Andrea	Grade ¾	Ms. Lynas & Mr. Rogers
Grade 7/8	Ms. L. D'Andrea	Grade 4/5	Ms. Lynas & Mr. Rogers
Grade 7/8	Mr. Cordingley	Grade 5/6	Mme Deminion & Ms. Romano
		Grade 6/7	Mme Deminion & Ms. Romano
		Grade 7/8	Mme Stewart

Teaching Staff	
M Graf	Core French/Prep
TBD	Prep/Learning Commons/SYSOP
Ms. Soepboer	Prep
Ms. Gartley	Resource/Prep
Ms. Solinas	Resource
Mr. Kilmer	Vice Principal/Prep
Educational Assistants	Office Staff/Custodians
Ms. Lauzon	Ms. Layne- Secretary
Ms. Wright	Ms. Montgomery- Attendance Clerk
Ms. Rutten	Mr. Warburton- Custodian
Ms. Heeringa	Mr. Atayde- Custodian
Ms. Knight	Ms. Adams-Hough- Custodian
Ms. Roberts	
	Ms. Hooghiem- Science Education Partnership

#### BALANCED DAY SCHEDULE

Supervised Indoor Entry: (15 mins) 8:50 a.m. 9:05 a.m.  
Entry Bell: 9:05 a.m.  
First Instructional Block (120 mins) 9:05 a.m. 11:05 a.m.  
Nutritional/Recess Break (40 mins) 11:05 a.m. 11:45 a.m.  
Second Instructional Block (100 mins) 11:45 a.m. 1:25 p.m.  
Nutritional/Recess Break (40 mins) 1:25 p.m. 2:05 p.m.  
Third Instructional Block (80 mins) 2:05 p.m. 3:25 p.m.  
Dismissal 3:25 p.m.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL** The School Council will be running this school year. The first meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 13 at 6:30 pm in the learning commons.** The school council nomination form is attached to this newsletter should you or someone you know be interested in a position. 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.

**PICTURE DAY** Picture Day is scheduled for **Monday, September 25, 2023.**

**OPEN HOUSE** We will celebrate our beginning of the year open house on **Tuesday, September 19, 2023 from 4-6 pm.**

**CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT** 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. Please see the calendar for your child's assembly date

**ORANGE SHIRT DAY** The Lambton Kent District School Board will commemorate the impact of residential schools on September 29, 2023 – Orange Shirt Day (September 30, 2023). Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts and use this day as a catalyst to encourage learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that system has had on First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. This is a meaningful way for school communities to come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because “Every Child Matters.”

In honouring and remembering those impacted by residential schools, LKDSB has commissioned a new orange shirt design in 2021. Orange shirts are available for order by interested staff and students from Screenart, a company in Wallaceburg. Screenart has created an online store for LKDSB orders, therefore staff and families will submit payment online directly to Screenart.

[https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb\\_ecm/shop/home](https://www.screenart.ca/lkdsb_ecm/shop/home)

The store is open immediately for purchases, and will remain open until Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. All shirts which are ordered will be delivered to the schools via the board courier by September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**BUS INFORMATION/MySBI - BUS STATUS APP** Getting information about school bus cancellations and delays is easy! CLASS has a mobile app that will provide subscribers with real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by ten minutes or greater. The notifications will come in the form of alerts, which will also include service cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. The app allows subscribers to quickly select the morning and afternoon buses for which they wish to receive details about. For additional information about the mobile app, please visit: [www.mysbi.ca](http://www.mysbi.ca) For bussing and weather information, Errol Road Public School is located in Zone 2.

Bussing information is available on the website [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com). Buses cancelled due to snow do not pick up students at the end of the day. Buses cancelled due to fog will return to the school to take students home. Only regular eligible riders or courtesy seat students have permission to ride the bus that they are assigned to. Due to insurance and safety issues, permission is not extended to students who are not listed on the bus lists.

**CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES** All electronic devices, such as cell phones, media players, digital game devices, computers and cameras are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school without the permission of school personnel. If a student carries a cellphone, they are responsible for the cell phone at all times. At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher. Each classroom teacher will review their expectations regarding cell phone use in their classroom. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property. If your child's teacher wishes for them to have a personal device, they will send home a Bring Your Own Device Contract for you to sign.

**SCHOOL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES** During this month we will start 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.




**CONSENT FOR AUTHORIZATION OF MEDICATION** If it is necessary for a student to take medication at school, Board policy requires us to have a Medical Physician complete a consent form. Please request the blank form from our school secretary. Students should place any medication in the teacher's hands as soon as they arrive at school with it. New forms need to be filled in every school year, please see the office for these forms.

**PREVALENT MEDICAL ALERTS** Please notify the office immediately if your child has a prevalent medical condition (Asthma, Epilepsy, Anaphylactic to nuts or bees, Diabetes).

**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.

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE** The Lambton Kent District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities, including extracurricular sports. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by their Government Health Insurance Plan or their employer's health care plan. The Board encourages all parents/guardians to review this or other available Student Accident Insurance plans, especially those with a child(ren) participating in medium to high impact physical activities (both during school and outside of school hours). The insuremykids® student accident insurance program offers three plans with a variety of benefits and affordable rates. Their most affordable plan is available for as little as \$17 per year. All plans provide 24/ 7 coverage. For more information or to purchase insurance, please visit [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) or call 1-800-463-5437.

### September Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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<b>4</b> <b>LABOUR DAY</b>	<b>5</b> <b>First Day of School</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Orange Shirt Orders due</b> screenart.ca	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>PD DAY</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> <b>4-6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>25</b>  <b>PICTURE DAY</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Roadrunner Award Assembly</b> <b>12:15 pm</b> <b>Grade 4/5-Grade 7/8</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Orange Shirt Day</b>   <b>Roadrunner Award Assembly</b> <b>12:15 pm</b> <b>FDK-Grade 3/4</b>

The LKDSB School Year Calendar can be accessed at the following link:

[Elementary Calendar - Lambton Kent District School Board \(lkdsb.net\)](http://lkdsb.net)



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Telephone: 519-542-9341 Fax: 519-542-5451  
Principal: Mrs. Tracy Pereira  
Vice Principal: Mr. Rodney Kilmer  
Secretary: Mrs. Kristy Layne  
Attendance Clerk: Mrs. Jennie Montgomery

**School Council Nomination Form**

THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY NOMINATE:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (print in full)

Residential Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail or fax: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE POSITION OF \_\_\_\_\_ REPRESENTATIVE.

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**NOMINATOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Residential Address:

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail or fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE**

I ACCEPT THE NOMINATION AND I AM PREPARED TO SERVE AS A MEMBER  
OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL COUNCIL.

Signature of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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