



Errol Road Public School



September 2021

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Message from the Principal:

It has been a busy start-up 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 it is wonderful to see them playing outside at recess without a facial mask. I am very impressed with how well students have transitioned back to school after the school closure last year.

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 completing [COVID-19 school screening](#) each morning for each of your child(ren). We appreciate you reinforcing with your children the need for good hand hygiene and for keeping them home from school when they are not feeling well and have not passed the Covid screener.

Please welcome Mr. Rod Kilmer, our new Vice-Principal. Mr. Kilmer has been the Vice-Principal at Queen Elizabeth Public School in Sarnia for the past two years. Mr. Kilmer has been busy getting to know our students and we are happy to have him with us this year.

TIME TO LEARN BEGINS AT 9:05 PLEASE BE ON TIME

Morning Drop-Off - 8:50 - 9:05 (students use their designated entry/exit doors)

Please do not send your child to school before 8:50 a.m. as supervision is not available.

Please do your best to schedule music lessons, sporting activities and family holidays at a time that does not have an impact on your child's learning.



Cross Country

This week we are happy to start Cross Country practice for students in Grades 4-8. Thank you to Mme Smith-Ray and Ms. Gartley for working with our students, coaching them on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 - 4:00 pm. We are pleased to start up extra-curricular activities once again.

Parent Council Meeting - School Council

Our 1st School Council meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Mr. Kilmer at

Rodney.Kilmer@lkdsb.net and he will send you the link to the virtual Google Meet.

Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings since this is a wonderful way to be engaged in the education of your child and to stay informed.

For those interested in nominating someone or seeking to fill an Executive position on Council this year, please complete this Google Form <https://forms.gle/rN8wATiKcojQGnxC9> by Monday, September 27th and we will verify by phone. I have also attached a nomination form for those who prefer to complete a paper copy and drop it off at the school office.

If necessary, elections will take place at our first meeting. Thank you to Mrs. Sarah Levitt and Mrs. Lindsay Fortney for serving as our School Council Chair and Vice-Chair this past year and to all the other parents for attending.

Visitors/Volunteers/Parents

Parents/guardians will only enter schools by pre-arranged appointment or in the event of an emergency. This includes entry and dismissal.

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

Please be sure your child(ren) is on time for school and has brought all the necessary items to school. If your child forgets their lunch or water bottle, we will have some items on hand for your child(ren).

Calling Home for Students Who are Unwell at School

If a student is feeling unwell throughout the day, parents will be phoned and asked to pick up their child from school. It is important parents have a plan in place with contact numbers for the school to call.

School Communication:

Newsletters and important information will be e-mailed to you and posted on our school website <http://errolroad.lkdsb.net/>

Please check the LKDSB website regularly for updates and information: <https://www.lkdsb.net>

The LKDSB School Calendar for 2021-2022 is available at:

<https://www.lkdsb.net/Elementary/Calendars/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Important Dates

Our Terry Fox Run/Walk will be held this year with students socially distancing in their assigned classroom cohorts during the week of September 27th. More details will follow. Your support of the Terry Fox Run/Walk is very much valued and appreciated.

Thursday, September 30 – Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters. This is an event that started in 2013 and was designed to educate people and promote awareness about the residential school system and the impact this system had on Indigenous communities for more than a century in Canada. **Please have your child(ren) wear an orange shirt on this day.**



Professional Activity Days - No school for students

Friday, October 8, 2021,

Friday, November 19, 2021

Monday, January 31, 2022

Friday, June 10, 2022

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Allergies and Medical Plans

To ensure that safety precautions are in place for your child, please inform the office administration if your child has a life-threatening allergy that could necessitate the use of an EpiPen or requires other accommodations. If your child has a medical condition such as diabetes, epilepsy or asthma or any other condition requiring a plan of care, please phone the school and speak with Ms. McLean who will work with you to create a medical plan of care to

be shared with staff. If you already have a plan in place, we will be contacting you to review and update the plan for this school year. If your child requires an Epi-pen to be kept at school, the LKDSB Policy states that the parent/guardian must provide two of them – 1 for the classroom and 1 to be kept in the office.



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 sent in your child's lunch is peanut and nut free. **This year, we are unable to accept any treats or food brought in to share with the whole class to celebrate birthdays or other occasions.**

Oral Medication

In order to administer **any** over the counter medication or prescription medication at school for your child, LKDSB board policy requires your physician to **complete and sign a medical form to be retained at the school**. You can download one of these forms from our school website or phone the school and we will make sure you receive a copy of this form.

Medication must be brought to the school office in the **original** prescription container. It is the responsibility of the parent to follow these guidelines and monitor expiration dates of medications. **Please do not send any medication with your child in their backpack or on the bus, i.e. Tylenol, cold or cough medication.** Medication is to be transported to the school by the parent. Please phone the school in advance to arrange a time to deliver this medication.

Late Procedures

In compliance with the Ministry of Education regulations, Errol Road Public School will continue to secure all doors and entrances into the school at 9:05 am. **Students who are late to school must ring the intercom/ buzzer to gain entrance to the school.**

Dismissal Procedures

Bus students will be called down as their bus arrives. **We take attendance daily on the bus and are asking that you notify your child's teacher electronically if your child will not be riding the bus.**

Students who walk or are getting picked-up at the end of the day should be met at a pre-appointed spot on the yard. For security reasons, we ask that you discuss with your child(ren) where you will meet them. Students will be dismissed from class by their teachers to the tarmac, for safety reasons and to ensure social distancing, we are asking parents to wait for their child on the grass, not the tarmac.

At 3:25 pm dismissal, students are expected to proceed home from the school yard promptly.

Bus Transportation Information, Inclement Weather and the MySBI App

Now it is easier than ever to get up to date information about school bus cancellations and delays. All you need to do is sign up for a mobile app that provides subscribers with real-time notifications whenever buses are delayed by 10 minutes or more. The notifications will come in the form of an alert and will also include cancellations due to inclement weather conditions. This app allows subscribers to easily select the morning and afternoon buses for which they wish to subscribe. For additional information about this mobile app, please visit:

<http://www.mysbi.ca>

All inclement weather notifications for CLASS operated school bus routes are sent exclusively through the MySBI app. For information and instructions on obtaining the free MySBI app please visit: <http://www.mysbi.ca>

Our school is in Zone 2.

If bus routes are cancelled, the school will remain open unless otherwise indicated.

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

When buses are cancelled for snow and ice, they do not run in the afternoon and if you drive your child to school in the morning, you are responsible for picking them up at dismissal.

In the event of a school closure, which would rarely happen, this would be announced by the local radio station.

Student 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 or call 1-800-463-5437. **The 2021/2022 Student Accident Insurance Program is available for purchase** and expires September 30, 2022 no matter when it is purchased. For example: if someone purchases a new plan on October 2, 2021, it still expires September 30, 2022.*

Errol Road Public School – School Council Nomination Form - Please complete this form and return it to the Errol Road Public School Office, by Monday, September 27th.

I the undersigned, do hereby nominate:

Name: _____ (print in full)

Address: _____

Telephone (home) _____ Telephone (cell) _____

E-mail: _____

For the position of _____ representative.

(Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, voting member)

Nominator:

Name: _____ (print in full)

Address: _____

Telephone (home) _____ Telephone (cell) _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

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Candidate to Complete:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a member of Errol Road School Council.

Signature of Nominee: _____

Date: _____