



# Errol Village Newsletter

## April 2022



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[Errol Village Public School Website](#)

### Safety is Our First Priority

As we all know, this is a growing community and, as such, traffic continues to be a challenge around the school. With the arrival of spring comes more students walking and riding their bikes to and from school. This combined with the increased traffic around the school has created some unsafe situations. The school continues to work with community partners, including the OPP, to do everything we can to keep everyone safe.

I'm excited to share that a plan is underway to update our school's parking lot. More details and official confirmation will be shared once we know more.

In the meanwhile, let's all continue to be diligent when driving, biking, and walking around our school.

Regards,  
Mr. Coyle

### Before School on the Yard

Supervision available on the yard between 8:50 and 9:05 each school day. As always, for the safety of our students, please remember that supervision at the school is not available until 8:50 and students dropped off at the school before that time will not have access to supervision. Also, students who arrive to school after 9:05 will report through the front doors to the office.

### Upcoming Dates

April 5	Science Fair Day at EVPS
April 15	Good Friday (no school)
April 18	Easter Monday (no school)
April 21	School Council
April 22	Earth Day
May 11	Spring Photos and Grad Retakes
May 23	Victoria Day Holiday (no school)
June 10	PD Day (no school)
June 22	Grade 8 Grad
June 28	Last Day of School

### Basketball

Both the boys and girls basketball teams have done a wonderful job through the season. Specifically, we have been so proud of their hustle and sportsmanship. Thanks to our coaches Mrs. Bedard, Mr. Coqu, Ms. Feniak, and Mr. Woolridge for leading our student athletes.

### EVPS Mini-Salmon Hatchery

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.



It is almost time to say "bon voyage" to our EVPS Chinook salmon!

The salmon have developed from eggs to alevin, to fry and now to parr, which means it is time for us to say goodbye and let them swim off to the beautiful blue waters of Lake Huron! If you would like to take part in the release on April 21st, here is what you need to know:

- We have 25 fish ready for release by EVPS students. **If your child would like to release a fish, please register using the QR code or link below to the Google form.**
- Registered students will be entered in a draw for their homeroom. 2-3 students from each homeroom will be chosen.
- Registration closes on April 13, at 11:59 pm; the draw will take place on April 14th.
- **The event will take place at the south end of O'Brien road at the Cow creek bridge.**
- Please park on the shoulder of O'Brien road north of the bridge. The turnaround at the end of the road will be our designated gathering spot.
- EVPS students from the *Salmon Squad* will be sharing some of our learning at the event through read alouds, educational posters and fish tank displays. There will be members of the Bluewater Anglers present to answer all your questions!

- Registration link:  
<https://forms.gle/BrnHHDwQkbp5yqDr7>
- Registration QR code:



### Science Fair

Next **Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** students who created science projects will get the opportunity to share their learning with other students in the gym. Any parents or guardians who wish to see the projects are welcome to the school from 1:30 – 2:00. Some of these students plan to submit their science fair projects into the Lambton County Science Fair.

### Student Council Update

Our Student Council is back to having regular meetings! Currently, the student leaders are working on homeroom challenges and plan to facilitate an egg hunt on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>!

### Earth Day

Our school will be recognizing Earth Day on April 22, 2022. Did you know that Errol Village has been recognized as a Platinum level by EcoSchools Canada? This is the highest level achieved for schools demonstrating environmental awareness and action. More information will be shared about how we will recognize this day once we get closer to the date.

### Community Event

There will be a community event on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 that encourages students from ages 5-18 with a business idea to run a booth. Information about registration can be found at the link below.

What: Summer Send Off Rising Star Area

When: September 17, 2022 10am-5pm

Where: Valley Axe 1886 London Line

Who: Students ages 5-18

Why: Our goal is to motivate, educate, and inspire young adults to become entrepreneurs by bridging the gap between youth and our local community.

How: Apply via our jot form and tell us about your business idea & about yourself!

<https://form.jotform.com/220465533177254>

### Lost and Found

You can access some pictures from our lost and found by [clicking this link](#). Please contact the school if you would like to collect any of these items.

### Spring Photos and Grad Retakes

Spring photos and grad retakes will happen on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### EQAO

EQAO assesses the reading, writing and mathematics skills students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 3 and 6.

This year students will complete the assessment using the e-assessment system. EQAO has designed the system to make EQAO assessments more flexible for schools, and to improve the experience for students. Schools can schedule the assessment sessions at any time within the assessment window. Only students attending in person will participate in the assessments. EQAO will only report outcomes on students who participate in the assessments.

This assessment window for our students in grades 3 and 6 is between Wednesday, May 4, and Friday, June 24, 2022.

More information, including sample tests, can be found at <https://www.eqao.com/>

### School Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21st at 6 p.m. in the school's Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

### Kindergarten Registration

We continue to accept kindergarten registrations for next year. If you, or someone you know, has a child who will be four by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, please contact our office.

We will also be offering two dates in the spring months where families with children who will be joining us in kindergarten in the fall can come visit our school. The dates are:

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, from 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday, June 8, 2022, from 4:00pm - 7:00pm

### Playground Equipment

For student safety, all schools have been directed to keep playground equipment closed until an inspection takes place. Therefore, please know that currently this equipment has not been deemed safe for use, including usage before and after school hours.

### 'Count Me In LKDSB'

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) is extending the deadline for completion of the *Count Me In LKDSB* Student Demographic Data Census to April 8, 2022.

More information about this initiative can be found by [clicking here](#).

## Hand Hygiene

Hand hygiene is explicitly taught by our staff and is very important to maintain a healthy child. Before transitioning to other activities, removal of face coverings, using learning tools, eating lunch, and using technology, etc., students are encouraged to either wash their hands at the sink or use the school-provided hand sanitizer. Signage and stations have been added to the school. Wall pumps for sanitizers have been installed throughout the school.

Here is a [helpful video](#) that we use during our morning announcements to remind us about the importance of hand hygiene.

## Daily Student Absences and Telephone Usage

We have a telephone answering service, therefore if your child is or will be absent, please call the school and leave a message. This assists us as we need to contact the parents of all absent students as part of our Safe Arrival Policy each day. The answering service can be accessed 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

To decrease the amount of office/class interruptions and phone calls home for students, we request that students take time at home to ensure they have what they need to be adequately prepared for classes. Lunches, books, projects, supplies, etc. should accompany the students when they leave for school each day. This is vitally important during our COVID-19 guidelines as visitors are not expected at the school during the day. We do appreciate your cooperation and support in preparing your child(ren) to become responsible citizens.

## End of Day Dismissal

When alternate arrangements are made by families for dismissal times, we please ask that you notify the office. This will ensure that the message is communicated so staff and student are aware of the change.

## Bus Students/Inclement Weather

The Board's Transportation Department has placed schools in geographic zones. **Errol Village Public School is located in ZONE 1. However, we do have buses running in Zones 1 & 4.** Please visit [www.cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/](http://www.cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/) for updated information. When listening for cancellation of buses for fog/snow the zones will be announced for our students.

## School Cash Online

The Errol Village School community has done a tremendous job in registering and using School Cash Online.

School Cash Online is a convenient, web-based solution that gives parents the ability to pay for student items online.

Parents/guardians can connect multiple students to their account; multiple parents/guardians can be connected to

individual students. School staff will add items for your child for payment and indicate whether the item is optional or required. Parents will receive a notification when a new item has been added.

To set up an account and learn more, please contact Ms. Boersma. Additional information can be found at <https://lkdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>



