



Errol Village Newsletter

April 2023



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[Errol Village P.S. Website](#)

The Umbrella Project

Last spring, our School Council helped bring Dr. Jen Forristal to our school to help us learn about ways we can support our students establish positive coping skills so they can be set up well for the future. Dr. Forristal was recommended to our school by the Mental Health Leader from the LKDSB. Our school has since gone on to establish a partnership with Dr. Forristal’s organization called The Umbrella Project.

As a school, we will be embarking on a journey of learning about various skills to give us a focus and strong foundation for the future. During the last week we had a ‘kick-off’ assembly to introduce the Umbrella Project to our students. [Here is a video you can choose to watch to learn more.](#)

This month, our school will be learning about self-compassion. In May, the focus will be on Integrity and in June we will learn more about Mastery.

As a school community, we look forward to working together on these skills as the months go on. If you would like to learn more specific details, there is an [online portal](#) for parents to access as well.

Regards,
Mr. C. Coyle

Upcoming Dates

April	6	Egg Hunt
April	7	Good Friday (No School)
April	10	Easter Monday (No School)
April	12	JK Registration
April	21	Superhero/Disney Spirit Day
April	25	Salmon Release (Tentative)
April	27	Orange Shirt Day (Whole School Land Acknowledgement)
April	28	PA Day
April	30	VALS Art Show
May	22	Victoria Day (No School)

Kindergarten Registration

Anyone wishing to register for next year can continue to contact the school. Families who are looking to register their child can find more information at the [following link](#). Our school will be holding events for families to visit the school with their children, tour the school, and meet some of our staff. Those dates and times are:

Wednesday, April 12th from 4 – 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31st from 4 – 7 p.m.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13th at 6 p.m. in our Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend. [There is also a digital meeting link](#) for those who may wish to attend virtually.

Salmon Release information

EVPS Mini-Hatchery Tentative Salmon Release - Tuesday, April 25th, 5:00 pm

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 your child would like to release a salmon, here’s what you need to know:

- **Firstly, the release details are subject to change. Water temperature, water level, and ministry approval may alter the location and date. Fingers crossed!**
- **We only have 30 fish to release.** We are using a Google Form to randomly draw names from all registrations on April 18th.
- Registration closes on April 17th at 11:59 pm.
- The event will take place at the south end of O’Brien road at the Cow creek bridge.
- Please scan the QR code or visit the link to register your child/children for the event.
- All are welcome to watch!
- Winners will be contacted via the email used in the registration.



<https://forms.gle/T9w3K5wBCMaEzVbV7>

Safety: Drop Offs and Pickups

The newly constructed parking lot and ‘kiss and drop’ have certainly helped during drop-off and pick up times. We please ask that families avoid the bus area during those times. When it is raining and students gather inside before school, the doors at the back of the school are open for that purpose so the ‘kiss and drop’ is to be used in those times too. Please be sure not to drop off students prior to 8:50 as there is no adult supervision available until that time.

You are welcome to use the front of the school when picking up or dropping off students throughout the school day (i.e., after 9:05 and before 3:00 p.m.). If leaving your vehicle at that time, we please ask that you turn your car off.

Lambton County Science Fair

Our school hosted a local Science Fair on March 28th. It was a great way for our students to share their learning. Congratulations to all Eagles who submitted and presented a project.

Gold: Ashley G. and Chelsea N., Anders C. and Katelin P., Brenden W. and Lucas P., and Mustafa A.

Silver: Eva C-W, Ariya P. and Larisa W-E., Faye C. and Kaleigh E., Bennett F. and Khaleaq B.

Bronze: Reeham C. and Ella C., Graye M. and Victoria P., Keyan A. and Austin K., Robeel C., Kodi O.

People's Choice Award: Alexei M.

Many of these students went on to the Lambton County Science Fair and represented Errol Village very well! Kaleigh was given Best in Division for grade 3-5, and Mustafa, Riley and Kodi were all selected to go on to the Canada Wide Science Fair in Edmonton Alberta !! Thank you to Ms. Feniak for organizing our school's Science Fair.

Junior Basketball

A league has been organized for students in junior grades to play basketball during evening hours against other schools. We look forward to our student athletes having fun and representing our school well in the coming weeks! Thank you to Mrs. Bedard, Mr. Coqu, Ms. Feniak, Mr. Woolridge for coaching.

Intramurals Update

Our primary aged students have continued playing Newcombe and 9-Pin during some recesses. Thank you to Mrs. Armitage for facilitating this fun activity! As well, a junior aged basketball intramural group has begun playing at recesses as well. We appreciate Mrs. Giles and Mrs. Jeffrey for giving of their time to provide this opportunity for students.

Ukulele Club

Mrs. Cressman has organized a Ukulele Club for students in grades 4-8. The club is held in the Learning commons during 2nd recess on Tuesdays.

Superhero/Disney Day

Our Student Council expressed an interest in facilitating a dress up day where students, who wish to, can dress up as their favourite superhero or Disney character. This spirit day will be held on Friday, April 21st.

Land Acknowledgement

Due to poor weather, we cancelled last week's plan for the whole school video of the Territorial Land Acknowledgement. We have rescheduled this to our next Orange Shirt Day on April 27th.

Environmental Initiatives at EVPS

This month, the school's Eco Club will be focusing their learning on water usage. Information will be shared on our digital announcements for our students to access.

Playground Inspection

Playground equipment at schools in the LKDSB need to be inspected prior to opening in the spring. The tentative date for our equipment to be inspected in on April 19th. Until that time, and until we receive a successful inspection, our climbers and swings are not open to students.

Egg Hunt

Our Student Council is organizing an egg hunt to be held on Thursday, April 6th. Plans are being made to use the wooded area at the school so, depending on weather, appropriate footwear will be important.

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 from students, we request that students take time at home to ensure they have what they need to be adequately prepared for classes.

Parent Involvement Committee – Presentations

Ann Douglas has been booked to present at the LKDSB PIC Spring event. She is the author of 26 non-fiction books, including many bestselling titles in the parenting category, and a passionate and inspiring speaker.

Ann will present on the following dates via Zoom (links to follow on the LKDSB website).

Happy Parents, Happy Kids Thursday, April 13 – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
The Truth about Teens – Wednesday, May 10 – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Big-Picture Parenting – Monday, June 5 – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Do You Have a Concern?

Share Your Concerns

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing the best quality learning opportunities for all students. From time to time there may be a misunderstanding, a lack of communication, or a serious situation that needs to be addressed. When this happens everyone must work together to resolve the issue. If a parent/guardian has a concern about a school matter, the following steps should be followed to resolve the issue.

Concerns at School



Concerns with the Board of Trustees

Concerns about a Trustee:
Speak with the Chair of the Board

Concerns about the Chair of the Board:
Speak with the Director of Education

Not sure who to contact? Call 519-336-1500 or email info@lkdsb.net.
Learn more at www.lkdsb.net

If an individual has followed the steps outlined above and still does not feel the matter has been resolved at the local level, the individual may contact the office of the Ontario Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.on.ca.

