



# Errol Village Newsletter

## DECEMBER 2021



Principal: Mr. Chris Coyle  
Secretary: Ms. Carolin Boersma  
[Errol Village Public School Website](#)

### Resilience Survey and the PRO Grant

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the resilience survey last month. We were pleased with the participation rate and the information shared will allow our school team to organize some learning opportunities for our school community. Along with members from our School Council and staff, we are also thankful to have the support of the LKDSB's Mental Health Lead, Katie Colameco, to help guide our learning. On the last page of this newsletter, you can see the results of the survey.

I am also pleased to announce that our school has been selected as receiving a PRO (Parent Reaching Out) Grant. This grant will enable us to facilitate a community learning activity in the spring related to resilience. Thank you to School Council Chair Karen Genoway and other council members for taking the lead with this grant application. More information about this exciting work will be shared in future newsletters.

Regards,  
Mr. Coyle

### Daily COVID Screener

Each day before attending school, all students, staff and visitors must complete and follow the directions of the daily screener. [Click here to access the screener.](#)

### Upcoming Dates

Dec. 2	Grad Photos and Retakes
Dec. 6	Canned Food Drive Begins
Dec. 8	Deadline to Order Boston Pizza Hot Lunch
Dec. 9	School Council (special planning session for PRO Grant)
Dec. 10	Canned Food Drive Ends
Dec. 15	Virtual Winter Concert
Dec. 16	Boston Pizza Hot Lunch (1st Lunch)
Dec. 17	Last Day of School for 2021
Dec. 17	Pajama / Comfy Clothes Spirit Day
Jan. 3	First Day of School for 2022
Jan. 31	PD Day (no school for students)

### Grad Photos and Retakes

The photography company will be here on the morning of December 2<sup>nd</sup> to take grad photos and retakes for any students who missed the last session of photos.

### Mini-Salmon Hatchery

Our school's new mini-salmon hatchery has created quite the stir in our school. Students are excited to watch these fish develop. A big thank you to the Bluewater Anglers and Mr. Coqu for providing this rich learning experience to our whole school.

Here is a picture of what they look like on December 1<sup>st</sup>:



### Volleyball Season

The Errol Village volleyball team has started their season and began by winning three of four games against Mooretown - Courtright Community School. This year's volleyball team is co-ed and includes student athletes from grades 7 and 8. Thank you to Mr. Woolridge and Mrs. Kerwin for coaching this year's team. The team will continue their league throughout the month of December. Unfortunately, due to current COVID protocols, spectators are not allowed at this time.

### Choir

Both of our choirs have been working towards presenting at this year's Virtual Winter Concert. I think you will all be impressed with our students led by Mrs. Cressman, Mrs. Jeffrey, and Mrs. Kerwin.

## Holiday Virtual Concert

We will once again be hosting a Winter Virtual Concert that will demonstrate the talents of our Eagles. The school is currently buzzing with preparation as the students practice their routines. Thank you to Mrs. Cressman, Mrs. Jeffrey, and Mrs. Kerwin for all their hard work with this initiative. This year's concert will be released on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. More details about login instructions will be shared later via email.

## Annual Errol Village Canned Food Drive

We are so happy to announce that the Errol Village Canned Food Drive is back and running this year. Please remember we work in partnership with our local Optimist Club right here in Camlachie! So go through those cupboards and help out in our own community!

**When:** December 6 -10

**Looking for:** Any canned food item - can also be boxed or bagged - and personal hygiene items.

**Hot items :** Baby formula, diapers, peanut butter, cereal, school snacks

**How:** Just send the items in with your children and the Grade 5/6 class will do the rest!

## Remembrance Day Award Winners

We are pleased to announce that Sophie E., Alexei M., Julia M., and Brenden W. are being recognized for this year's Remembrance writing and art competition that is hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion (Wyoming branch). Way to go Eagles!

## School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in our school's learning commons. This meeting will be devoted to planning for our successful PRO Grant relating to resilience. Please contact Mr. Coyle via email if you would prefer to join the meeting digitally.

## Kindergarten Registration

Our registration process for kindergarten is in the process of being updated. [You can use this link to read more about this process.](#)

## December Hot Lunch

We will be having a Boston Pizza Hot Lunch Day during first lunch of **Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Orders are due **Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. There are no exceptions for late orders.

## Student Council Update

Our Student Council representatives have been working hard by collecting input from the student body regarding ideas they have to make our school even better than it already is. There have been some great ideas submitted and now the Student Council will be organizing the ideas and looking for ways to move forward on implementing some of them.

## Environmental Club

Our school's Environmental Club has resumed. Currently, students are looking at various environmental initiatives such as how to reduce paper usage. As well, the Environmental Club has been working alongside Mr. Coqu to learn more about our school's mini-salmon hatchery and ways they can promote awareness throughout the school.

## Drills

Our school recently participated in a lockdown drill. In future months, we will continue to facilitate other types of drills. We are using our digital announcements to help teach students, ahead of time, about these drills so they are well prepared.

Other drills include tornado drills, evacuations, and shelter in place. The shelter in place is used when the school needs to be secured for an ongoing situation outside of the school.

## 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.

## Travelling From Outside of Canada

Please [see the attached information](#) with details regarding navigating a return to Canada for families who have travelled outside of Canada. Any questions can be addressed with Lambton Public Health.

## 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. We will continue to expand our use of School Cash Online as we move into the new school year.

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/>

There is also a link on the [Errol Village Public School website](#) to connect us



Pay school fees online

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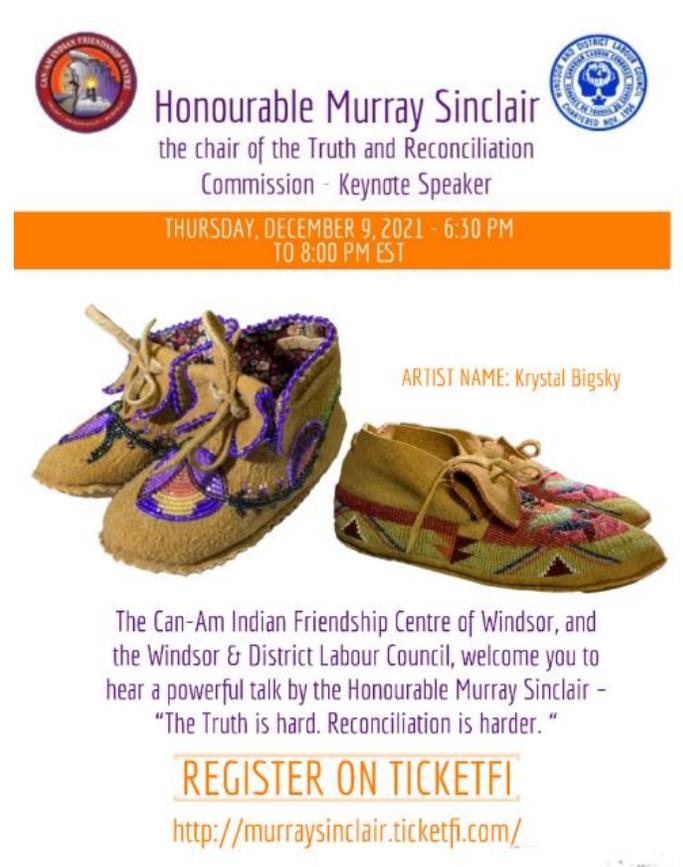
Fast Safe Convenient

The graphic features a central illustration of a laptop with a shopping cart icon on the screen, surrounded by various icons representing school supplies like a pencil, paper, and a backpack. Below the laptop, there are three icons: a double arrow for 'Fast', a shield for 'Safe', and a thumbs up for 'Convenient'.

## Webinar Opportunity

The Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre of Windsor and the Windsor & District Labour Council are organizing this community zoom event with the Honourable Murray Sinclair. The committee is hoping that people from all walks of life are able to join in and learn more about Truth and Reconciliation.

The webinar is free. People just need to register for the event.



Honourable Murray Sinclair  
the chair of the Truth and Reconciliation  
Commission - Keynote Speaker

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021 - 6:30 PM  
TO 8:00 PM EST

ARTIST NAME: Krystal Bigsky

The Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre of Windsor, and the Windsor & District Labour Council, welcome you to hear a powerful talk by the Honourable Murray Sinclair - "The Truth is hard. Reconciliation is harder."

**REGISTER ON TICKETFI**  
<http://murraysinclair.ticketfi.com/>

The graphic includes two circular logos at the top: the Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre of Windsor on the left and the Windsor & District Labour Council on the right. Below the logos is the name and title of the speaker, followed by the event date and time. A pair of traditional beaded moccasins is shown in the center, with the artist's name to its right. At the bottom, there is a quote from the speaker and a call to action to register on Ticketfi, with the website URL.

## Results from the Resilience Survey (November 2021)

1. What topics do you feel would be helpful for you as a parent or with your child? (Check all that apply)

[More Details](#)

● Dealing with difficult emotion...	43
● Confidence to overcome failure	42
● How to help a child when they...	30
● Build ways to have healthy frie...	35
● Be able to teach self-regulation	38



2. Would you benefit from having a tool to help you talk with your child about their emotions?

[More Details](#)

● Yes	48
● No	10



3. What areas would help your child with resiliency? (this will help us offer tools to parents & teachers)

[More Details](#)

● Naming emotions	19
● Change that happens unexpect...	25
● Problem solving mindset	47



4. Would you participate in a live-speaker event, webinar, or other learning activity that was hosted by our School Council?

[More Details](#)

Insights

● Yes	44
● No	14

