



Errol Village Newsletter

December 2023



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Umbrella Project - Kindness

This month, the Umbrella Project skill that we are focusing on is **Kindness**. Kindness is one of the easier skills to understand and make a part of our daily lives. Even a genuine smile counts!

Doing good is not only beneficial for the person on the receiving end and those who witness the kind action, but also for the givers of kindness. When we are kind and intentionally perform acts of kindness, we get a boost in our own wellbeing and happiness. It feels good to help others and it helps us focus on the positive things in our lives. It's win-win!

This month we are going to add some complexity to kindness for our children, increasing their care for others but also helping them recognize the benefits they get from being kind and then actively looking for chances to use this skill more often.

Below are some videos created by Dr. Jen from the Umbrella Project with strategies to support families by incorporating kindness into daily life.

- [The Likeable Kind of Popularity](#)
- [Don't Rely on External Rewards](#)
- [Watch Acts of Kindness](#)

Upcoming Dates

Dec.	6	School Colours Spirit Day
Dec.	6	Volleyball Playoffs at Errol Road (4:30)
Dec.	11	Winter Concert (12:00)
Dec.	12	Winter Concert (12:00 and 6:00 p.m.)
Dec.	14	Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza
Dec.	16	Graduation Photos (Gr. 8s only)
Dec.	18	Red Day (dress in red)
Dec.	19	Green Day (dress in green)
Dec.	20	Hat Day
Dec.	21	Sloan's Field Trip
Dec.	22	PJ Day
Dec.	22	Last day of classes for 2023
Jan.	8	First day of classes for 2024
Jan.	18	School Council (6 p.m.)
Jan.	26	Orange Shirt Day
Feb.	2	PD Day (no school for students)

'It Takes a Village'

We've had some remarkable demonstrations of kindness and giving at Errol Village:

Chocolate Fundraiser: The wonderful support that our school received from this fundraiser will help provide audio equipment to our school to enhance learning opportunities. With your help, we raised \$840! Thank you to the School Council, and in particular Karen Genoway, for organizing this campaign.

Food Drive: Thanks to our community, 303 jars of peanut butter will be delivered to the Forest Food Bank. This food bank had identified an urgent need for this product to support families. Big thanks to the students in Mrs. Newman-Campbell's class for their hard work in making this happen.

Flexible Staging: A big thank you to Jeff Edmunds who kindly designed, constructed, and donated moveable risers to our school which can be converted into various configurations. Now, our students can demonstrate their talents on a stage specifically geared towards their performance. Those of you who attended our Remembrance Day Assembly saw that the stage could easily accommodate our choir of over 100 Eagles!

Gaga Pit: Members of the Huron Shores Optimist Club donated a 'Gaga Pit' to our school. This new activity is so popular with students that we've had to create a schedule for usage. We really appreciate the generosity of the Optimists!

Ryan Archer (left) and Derek Wilkins (right) of the Huron Shores Optimist Club.



Terry Fox Run:

We are so proud that our school community raised \$2050 for the Terry Fox Foundation. [Click here if you'd like to see a video showing our celebration assembly.](#)

Family Holidays and Traditions (Optional Survey)

Our school would like to hear from families who wish to share about important holidays or traditions that they celebrate in their homes or within the community. [If you wish, this Google Form](#) can be used to submit this information or you are always welcome to contact the school's office.

Staffing Update

Our school was pleased to learn that we have received more support with the supervision of students. This means Ms. Genoway's time at the school has been extended to include support for both morning and afternoon lunches and recesses.

'The Giving Train'

The students in Mrs. Burnley's class will be organizing a 'Giving Train' that will be used to collect winter clothing items. During the month of December, families are invited to send in winter clothes items to the school and the items will then be donated to the Inn of the Good Shepherd in Sarnia.



Volleyball

We were all excited to learn recently that both the boys' and girls' volleyball teams have qualified to participate in the championship games! We are so proud of our Eagle athletes and wish them well in the finals. The games will both be held on Wednesday, December 6th starting at 4:30 at Errol Road School in Sarnia. A big thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Kerwin, Mrs. Kinney and Mr. Woolridge for their ongoing dedication. We would also like to thank the families of the student athletes for all their support!

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, Jan. 18th at 6 p.m.** in our Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Performance from Northern Collegiate Music Dept.

The Music Department of Northern Collegiate in Sarnia has kindly offered to perform for our students on **December 13th**. It'll be great to hear the music and see some Eagle graduates at the same time!

Way to Go, Mustafa!

Mustafa, a grade 8 student from Errol Village Public School was selected, and is currently serving as a Legislative Page at Queen's Park in Toronto.

Each year approximately 150 Ontario students are selected to participate in Ontario's Legislative Page Program, providing them the opportunity to experience the provincial legislature in action and forge new, lifelong friendships with peers from all over the province.



Our Salmon are Back!

It's fun to watch our fish develop. The passion that Mr. Coqu has and shares with our school is infectious! This learning, although seemingly quite specific in nature, will allow our students to make infinite connections to the world around them. The discussion we hear around our fish tank is remarkable!

Here is some information about an upcoming contest that some Eagles may want to participate in relating to chinook salmon. Click on the poster below for more information.



[Here's a great video announcement](#) that was made by Kaleigh E. and Ava L. Thanks to Ben R. for being the videographer.

Lost and Found

We have been displaying our lost and found since parent/teacher interviews. We plan to donate the items if not collected by Dec. 22, 2023. Parents are welcome to pop into the front foyer to have a look at the items.

Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are an important part of the Errol Village school community, and we look forward to welcoming volunteers into our school. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact the office. The school will be able to provide more information about the process of volunteering.

New 9-8-8 Service Number

As of November 30, 2023 Canada has a new helpline available in all provinces and territories 24/7. This service is free of charge. The helpline gives people access to suicide prevention services via call or text. [Click here if you'd like to learn more.](#)

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 number 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.

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/ for updated information. When listening for cancellation of buses for fog/snow the zones will be announced for our students.

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


- 1 Speak with your child's teacher 
- 2  Speak with your child's Principal
- 3 Speak with the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of your school
- 4  Speak with your school Superintendent
- 5 Speak with the Director of Education 

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
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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.



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