



Errol Village Newsletter

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[Errol Village Public School Website](https://www.errolvillage.ca/)

February Fun

As we move through the winter months, it'll be fun to recognize a few special events this February. First, we'll all be rooting for Team Canada as they participate in the Winter Olympics! Next week, we will kick off an Olympic themed colouring contest for those students who are interested. As well, we will be celebrating Olympic moments on our daily announcements. Many educators use special events like the Olympics as an opportunity for students to demonstrate curriculum expectations in different ways.

Along with Valentine's Day, we will also be acknowledging the first 100 days of school by encouraging our Eagles to share reasons why they are thankful. This will be a whole school opportunity for us to gather '100 Ways to Be Thankful' that we will be sharing with our school community.

Regards,
Mr. Coyle

Daily COVID Screener and Confirmation

The Ministry of Education has directed all elementary and secondary students to confirm they have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening.

The Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening is available here:
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

There are two different procedures:

1) Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students

Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten - Grade 3 students will confirm the completion of the COVID-19 screener in one of the following ways:

- respond to the automated email sent in the morning
- confirming with the school office staff by emailing Ms. Boersma at carolin.boersma@lkdsb.net

Following the morning attendance, school office staff will contact parents/guardians of students who are present and have NOT confirmed completion of the screening.

2) Grade 4 to Grade 8 Students

The teacher will confirm with the student that they have completed the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening that day. If a student has not completed the screener, they are to complete the screener. Regular safety protocols will remain in place for students who exhibit Covid-19 symptoms once at school.

Upcoming Dates

Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Feb. 18	Report Cards Sent Home
Feb. 21	Family Day (no school)
March 14	March Break Begins
March 21	Return to School After March Break

Black History/African Heritage Month

Black History is annually celebrated during the month of February, but the role of African Canadians in our history and society is embedded in Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) curriculum throughout the year.

The LKDSB acknowledges the ongoing impacts of anti-Black racism in our communities, which cause harm, trauma, violence and the loss of Black lives. We know that the intersections of racism and other social and institutional inequalities result in the ongoing oppression and marginalization of the Black community. As an education system, we are committed to change and championing anti-oppressive education.

In recognition of Black History/African Heritage Month in February, the LKDSB is committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in our history and society. This year, the focus for Black History/African Heritage Month will be "**Celebrating Black History Here.**"

As there are significant Black historical sites located within the LKDSB's geographic area, we encourage students, staff and families to learn more about our local history and its connection to the Underground Railroad and other historical events, and the ongoing contributions of local Black communities to the development and prosperity of Ontario and Canada.

In addition to activities promoted during the month of February, LKDSB students, families and staff members are invited to explore the rich history in the surrounding area and learn more about how African Canadian history can be incorporated into the curriculum. The LKDSB is committed to supporting [Ontario's Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#). Visit the [Government of Canada Black History Month website](#) for additional information and resources.

Report Cards

Report cards for Term 1 will be sent home on February 18th.

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.

Family Day

Family Day will be on Monday, February 21st. There will be no school on that day.

School Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17th at 6 p.m. At this point, we are planning for the meeting to be digital, however, we will pivot to a face-to-face meeting in the Learning Commons if we are able.

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 31st, 2022, please contact our office.

Mini-Salmon Hatchery

Our students are really enjoying the opportunity to watch our fish within our mini-salmon hatchery grow. The plan, eventually, is for the fish to be released into a nearby body of water. Here is a current picture of the fish:



Valentines Day

Students are welcome to bring in Valentine's to share with their classmates if they choose. We please ask that any food items that come into the school are individually wrapped, store bought, and adhere to the school's peanut aware status.

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.

Downie & Wenjack Fund

Several years ago, our school was identified as a Downie and Wenjack Fund Legacy School. We are currently planning a springtime event to raise awareness about Chanie Wenjack and to raise money for the fund.

You can learn more about this organization by going to <https://downiewenjack.ca/>

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/ 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.schoolcashionline.com/>