



# Errol Village Newsletter

## February 2024



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### Umbrella Project: Self-Efficacy

You might wonder, what is self-efficacy and how will it help my child?

The easiest way to think about self-efficacy is as an “I can do this” or “I cannot do this” skill. It’s the belief in ourselves and our ability to succeed or manage situations. As you can imagine, self-efficacy has dramatic effects on our children’s behaviour, effort, learning and achievement.

When your child doesn’t feel that they can do something, they are unlikely to give the task a lot of their time and energy and thus are unlikely to succeed at that task.

Self-efficacy is a big part of motivation. This skill gets stronger the more we overcome difficulties and challenges related to our goals. As your child’s self-efficacy increases, they will feel a greater sense of positive control over their lives, which is a critical part of their wellbeing!

Here are some videos geared towards parents/guardians:

<a href="#">‘Use Anxiety as a Tool’</a>	<a href="#">‘Share Your Experience’</a>	<a href="#">‘Our Brains Want to be Right’</a>
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As well, [here are some strategies that families may want to try at home to work on this skill.](#)

### Black History and African Heritage

Black History and African Heritage 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.

### Kindergarten Registration



Making the transition into Kindergarten is an important milestone in the lives of young children, as well as their parents and guardians. Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) has put a focus on ensuring that transition is warm, welcoming and as easy as possible. [Check out this video](#) about the exciting time of registering your child for school.

Parents and guardians with children born in 2019 or 2020, looking to have their child start Kindergarten in September 2024 can register in three, easy steps:

1. Visit [www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten](http://www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten)
2. Fill out the online registration form
3. Visit our school on one of the following dates:

There are two optional ‘drop in’ visits available to families who wish to visit the school with their child.

April 3, 2024 (4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

May 29, 2023 (4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

### Upcoming Dates

Feb.	1	Kindergarten Registration (4 -7 p.m.)
Feb.	2	Kindergarten Registration (9 – 3 p.m.)
Feb.	2	PD Day (no school for students)
Feb.	9	Choir Sings at Sarnia Sting game
Feb.	13	Pączki Day
Feb.	16	Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home
Feb.	19	Family Day
Mar.	11	March Break (no school this week)
Mar.	18	School Resumes from March Break

## Choir

The Errol Village Choir will be singing O Canada at the Sarnia Sting game to be held on the evening of February 9<sup>th</sup>. It's always exciting to see our students represent our school so well in the community!

[Here is the direct link](#) for the Sting tickets. Students who are singing need to purchase a ticket (\$8). All other EVPS tickets are \$18. The deadline to purchase tickets is Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Use the promo code: EVPS**

Families of choir members: please know that there are no more choir shirts, therefore, anyone without one is encouraged to wear school colours or school spirit wear.

## Student Ambassadors – Valentine's Day

Our Student Ambassadors are working on organizing a Valentine's Dance to happen at the school on February 14<sup>th</sup>. We are currently looking at what the schedule for the day will look like as we plan to hold more than one dance throughout the day in order to accommodate different grade levels.

## Website Feedback

A survey for parents/guardians and members of our school communities has been created by the LKDSB to better grasp the wants and needs of those who frequent our LKDSB website.

[Click here to access the survey.](#)

## Free Throw Competition

The Knights of Columbus organize and facilitate a basketball free throw competition for students in our area. Congratulations to the following Eagles who were able to qualify from our school to advance to the next round of competition: Ashley G., Robin M., Katelin P., Kingston G., Avery V., Will Mc., Madge Mc., Charlie J., Sebastian K., Cole M., Peyton W., Levi T., Callum M., and Mustafa A.

From those qualifiers, the following Eagles were able to advance to the district competition to be held on Feb. 10. Good luck to Ashley G., Sebastian K., and Charlie J.!

## Bus Etiquette

The organization that operates the bus service (C.L.A.S.S.) has created and shared this resource about bus etiquette. You can click on the image to see a larger version:



## School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 21st at 6 p.m.** in our Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

## 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/](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.