



Errol Village Newsletter

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It Takes a 'Village'

During the time leading up to the holiday break, it became even more obvious that the strength of Errol Village School lies in its ties with the community.

Our School Council is working hard to ensure that, coming out of the pandemic, the traditions of our school are valued. I am struck with how each conversation I've heard during the planning of these events has been grounded in what's best for our students. The number of families willing to contribute to make sure these activities continue does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

The Holiday Lunch was such a beautiful way to gather our staff and students prior to the holiday. The school would like to thank the members of the EVPS School Council, the Gourmet Café, Amgad Kiwan from the Sarnia Pharmacy, our family volunteers, the Bright's Grove Tim Hortons, Huron Shores Optimist, and Brights' Grove Public School for supporting this event.

As well, a big thank you to Mrs. Burnley's class for collecting items for those in need, Ms. Feniak's class for organizing the textile drive, and Mrs. Newman-Campbell's class for collecting items for the Inn of the Good Shepherd. We appreciate our local Optimists for coming in to help us by collecting and delivering the items to the Inn.

Our Winter Concert was a monumental undertaking this past December as all students were invited to participate in the event held at the auditorium of G.L.S.S. Congratulations to all participants and thank you to parent volunteers and staff. Special thanks to Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Kerwin, and Mrs. Jeffrey for their work in directing choirs and Mrs. Cressman for bringing it all together!

All of the above initiatives go a long way in modeling good citizenship to our students. They are fortunate to be surrounded by a community that think of others first! There is no doubt that these experiences help develop skills in our students that will serve them well into the future.

Regard,
Mr. C. Coyle

Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome a couple new staff to our school. In December, Julie Fuller joined our staff in the role of Educational Assistant. Ms. Fuller supports students during the mornings and is assigned to another school for the afternoons. As well, we would like to welcome Karen Genoway to our staff in the role of Supervision Support. Ms. Genoway is no stranger to the Errol Village community and we are thankful for the breadth of experience that she will bring to our school.

Upcoming Dates

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| Jan. | 19 | School Council Meeting (6 p.m.) |
| Jan. | 27 | Orange Shirt Day |
| Feb. | 2 | Kindergarten Registration (4:00-7:00 pm) |
| Feb. | 3 | PD Day (no school for students) |
| Feb. | 3 | Kindergarten Registration (9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.) |
| Feb. | 7 | Graduation Photos (Gr. 8 only) |

Kindergarten Registration

It's already that time of year where we look to welcome some new Eagles to the nest! Please let anyone in the community with students ready to start school to contact us. We look forward to meeting our newest Eagles!

Registering your child for Kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Find your school.
2. Complete the online registration form @ www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten in advance.
3. Come and meet our caring staff on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, from 4:00pm – 7:00pm or Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Remember to bring:

- Birth certificate or proof of Canadian Citizenship or Residency Status (if appropriate)
- Proof of residency (e.g., utility or tax bill, lease/rental agreement, etc.)
- Your child

Parking Lot

The construction of the parking lot area is complete. We are so thankful that these changes have allowed for a safer area for all. The contractor will return in the spring to add some beautification features like trees and grass. As well, the lighting and a few other aspects of the construction have yet to be added.

As we all get used to using the new features of the space, here are some details:

'Kiss and Drop' – this area can be used by families to drop off or pick up students in safe way. When using this area before school, (8:50 – 9:05), students are to walk around the back of the school to the east yard where adult supervision is available. You'll notice that here is also 'Kiss and Drop' access on the north side of the parking lot that can be accessed if it's busy.

Parking Lot – these spots are available for parents/guardians who would like to park and wait to pick up their child(ren) after school.

Bus Lane – the Bus Lane is for busses only during drop and pick up times. If you are picking up a child during the school day (between 9:05 and 3:00 p.m.), parents/guardians can use this area for that purpose.

Sidewalks – we are encouraging students who walk to school to use the new sidewalks around the parking lot instead of walking through the parking lot. Parents and guardians are encouraged to do the same.

Volleyball

Congratulations to both of our volleyball teams for their great seasons! This year, our school has moved into the 'A' division which is comprised of the largest populated schools in our region. This opportunity has given our student athletes an extra challenge.

Our boys' team earned second place after their round robin tournament and received a finalist's banner and our girls' team were able to secure third place in their league. Way to go Eagles!

Basketball

Try-outs for the boys' and girls' upcoming basketball season will be starting the first week we are back in 2023. Mr. Coqu and Mr. Woolridge will be coaching the boys' team and Mrs. Bedard and Ms. Feniak will be coaching the girls' team.

Environmental Initiatives at EVPS

Our Eco Club continues to work hard to promote good stewardship of our planet. In the coming weeks, they will be working on facilitating an e-waste drive. Until details are finalized, have a look around your home to see if there are any items of e-waste that you'd like to dispose of.

We are also excited to see the arrival of a new FoodCycler. This product, which we learned about through our work with EcoSchools, transforms food waste into nutrient-dense soil amendment – in hours.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19th at 6 p.m. in our Learning Commons. All parents/guardian are welcome to attend.

Updated Screening Tool

Parents/Guardians: Please note that [the School and Child Care Screening Tool](#) has been updated to align with recent recommendations from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Prior to attending school, it is strongly recommended that all students, staff and visitors complete the daily [COVID-19 School Screening](#) assessment tool and its directions must be followed. Following Public Health guidance, individuals should stay home if they are feeling ill to prevent the spread of illness.

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

Lambton App

The Sarnia-Lambton Immigration Partnership has been working on providing access to local information for newcomers to the area. In partnership with many local organizations, including LKDSB, they have created a Welcome to Lambton app.

You can learn more about the Welcome to Lambton App [here](#).

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.

If your child will not be riding the bus, please send a note or make a phone call for that day prior to dismissal time. If a note/phone call is/are not received the child will be sent home on the bus.