



Errol Village Newsletter

March 2024



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Umbrella Project - Purpose

This month we are going to work with students to learn about **purpose** and their meaningful contribution to the world. The happiest kids can understand their own needs and their contribution to the bigger world around them.

How will a sense of purpose help my child?

Purpose is the feeling that the things we do and the choices we make have meaning and make a difference. This makes us feel happier and more confident and gives us a set of guiding principles that help us make decisions. When kids have a sense of purpose, it is easier for them to keep going when things get difficult because they can see a bigger picture. This can make them less likely to get stuck in the small trivial details that don't matter in the long run. The journey of life isn't linear so it's important to live each day with a bigger set of goals and values that can make even the toughest of days feel worthwhile. Having a sense of purpose is so important that it can help your children live longer, healthier lives.

[Here are some strategies families can use to promote purpose with their child\(ren\).](#)

Click on the links below to access short videos about this topic:

[Purpose is an Action Word!](#)

[Pay Attention!](#)

[Help Your Child Identify Their Strengths!](#)

Upcoming Dates

March 11	March Break Begins
March 18	Back to School!
March 21	School Council (6 p.m.)
March 28	Errol Village Science Fair
March 29	Good Friday (no school)
April 1	Easter Monday (no school)
April 3	Kindergarten Registration (4-7 pm)
April 8	PD Day

Science Fair

We will be hosting our own science fair in our gym on **Thursday, March 28th**. We are thankful for Ms. Feniak and her work in helping to guide students in the creation of their projects. On that day, between the times of 2:15 – 3:15, families are welcome to visit the gym to see the displays and interact with our young scientists. Every year, we are amazed at the level of thought and work that goes into these projects.

Many of these students will also choose to display their projects at the Lambton County Science Fair being held at Lambton College from April 5-6, 2024.

March Break Connection Camp

The LKDSB has organized an optional opportunity for students in grades 7-10 who would like to participate in a social skills camp over the March Break. Specialists will lead day-long, fun-filled learning opportunities focusing on building positive peer connections, and refining the skills needed for success in school, including organization, planning, leisure, and self-regulation. This QR code can be used to register.



Attendance

This year, the LKDSB has initiated a School Attendance Strategy to support all stakeholders with the goal of increased student attendance.

Attending school on a regular basis plays an important part in student achievement, engagement, and ensuring students feel a sense of belonging at school. It has been shared with principals that it's typical for schools to expect students to miss two days a month and, in those cases, the likelihood of those absences affecting their academic and social progress is limited. However, the more frequently a student is absent from school, the more difficult it is for the student to be re-engaged. Please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Coyle with any questions or if there is anything, at the school level, we can do to help support families with this important topic.

Choir

We were so proud of the members of our Errol Village Choir who performed the national anthem at a Sarnia Sting game last month. Under the direction of Choir Directors Mrs. Cressman, Mrs. Jeffrey, Mrs. Giles, and Mrs. Kerwin, the students did a phenomenal job!



After some auditions, we now have a Competition Choir that will be participating in the Lambton County Music Festival in April. We will share the performance date and location once it's confirmed. We would also like to thank the kind and generous donation from IIBEW Local 1802 to help support our school's extra-curricular music program.

PD Day Change

Just a reminder that the Lambton Kent District School Board and St. Clair Catholic District School Board have made the decision to change the Professional Activity Day scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024, to Monday, April 8, 2024. [Here is a link to the press release.](#)

Basketball Teams

The seasons for both the girls' and boys' intermediate basketball teams recently wrapped up. Congratulations to both teams on a successful season. Coached by Mr. Coqu (boys), Mrs. Bedard, and Ms. Feniak (girls), the teams demonstrated a strong work ethic and development of skills on the court. Way to go Eagles!

Shortly, there will be try-outs for the junior (gr. 4-6) basketball teams. This is a friendly league with no playoffs and five games.

I.E.P.s

Families with students who have Individual Education Plans can expect the updated plans to be sent home on March 22nd. These families will already be aware of the I.E.P. in talking with Mrs. Bedard.

Mini Forest

Our school has been working with a community partner to explore the development of a mini forest at our school. As spring arrives, we're excited to share that you should notice some new plants and trees to help promote a healthy environment, allow students to learn more about nature, and to help beautify our school grounds.

School Council

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

Safe and Welcoming School

Schools are always looking for ways to make sure they are places that are safe and welcoming for all and our school is no exception. To that end, our school will be offering a Prayer Room for any students who wish to use it during Ramadan.

The school received feedback via a recent survey, and we continue to encourage all families to contact Mr. Coyle if there are any accommodations or strategies they think we could employ at the school to help support our students and families in making this a safe and welcoming school.

Free Throw Competition



Our school held a Free Throw Competition to determine which Eagles would participate in the district event. The athletes who qualified for that round in Brights Grove were Ashley G., Robin M., Katelin P., Avery V., Madeline Mc., Charlie J., Kingston G., William Mc., Sebastian K., Cole M., Peyton W., Levi T., Callum M., and Mustafa A.

From that qualifying round, Ashley G., Charlie J., and Sebastian K. advanced to the next round held in Sarnia.

Both Ashley G. and Sebastian K. qualified for the final competition held in London, Ontario and both Ashley and Sebastian won their overall competition and were each named champions in their age groups! Way to go!

Spirit Wear

The Team Outfitters store is now open for EVPS all year long. This is to accommodate gift giving as well as new families that come mid-year. [Feel free to check out this site](#) if you are interested in purchasing any spirit wear.

Request from the Children's Aid Society

There is currently a dire need for foster parents across the province and Sarnia Lambton is no exception. They are especially looking for homes who will take in teenagers, however, they are looking for foster parents who will foster and potentially adopt children of all ages.

Become a Foster Parent!

The Samia Lambton Children's Aid Society is looking for Foster Parents!

- We need foster parents for children of all ages!
- Call now to start the application process!
- Find out how you can make a difference in a child and their family's life!

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