



Errol Village Newsletter

May 2022



Principal: Mr. Chris Coyle
Secretary: Ms. Carolin Boersma
[Errol Village Public School Website](http://www.errolvillage.ca)

'Parenting to Build Resilient Children'

A huge thank you goes to our School Council for taking the lead in accessing funds and organizing an evening of learning for our parents and guardians.

What: **free** parent workshop entitled 'Parenting to Build Resilient Children'

Where: Errol Village School's Gymnasium

When: May 11th, 2022 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Who: Dr. Jen Forristal

How: To help us plan for refreshments and seating, we please ask that parents/guardians register for this free event using School Cash Online before **May 9th**

Parenting to Build Resilient Children

In this workshop, Dr. Jen will provide five simple steps to build and sustain strong and resilient children. This will include strategies and activities to further enhance a child's understanding of their coping skills and how to put them into practice. These methods will specifically consider the unpredictable and challenging nature of our current environment.

About the Speaker

Jen Forristal has a BSc with Honors from the University of Guelph, and a Doctor of Naturopathy from The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine. She is the founder of The Umbrella Project, and in her private practice (based in Kitchener, Ontario) has a primary focus in pediatric mental health.

Tours with the Principal

We are all aware that the last few years have made it challenging to connect with each other. As principal, I look forward to seeing parents and guardians and would like to invite those who are available to come into the school for tours that will be hosted by me. During the tours, I will explain some of the current educational initiatives and our school goals. Our first tour is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 25th from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** I apologize in advance for those of you who can't attend events like this during the school day. If this is a successful initiative, I'll look for ways to allow others to attend as well as future opportunities. If you are

interested in attending, please email Ms. Boersma at carolin.boersma@lkdsb.net. For this event, and since there will be limited space, we will use a 'first come, first serve' approach.

Regards,
Mr. Coyle

Expansion at Errol Village

As many of you would have heard, our school was excited to learn that our building will be expanded on. [Click here to read more about this project](#). When the school receives more updates about this project, we will use our school-wide email list to inform our school community.

Before School on the Yard

Our morning supervision at the school does not begin until 8:50. Therefore, for the safety of our students, please remember that students dropped off at the school before that time will not have access to supervision.

Upcoming Dates

May 2-6	Education Week
May 6	Homerooms Dress Alike Spirit Day
May 11	Spring Photos and Grad Retakes
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
May 18	School Council (6 p.m.)
May 23	Victoria Day (no school)
June 10	PD Day (no school)
June 22	Grade 8 Graduation Evening
June 27	Spring Concert (more detail to be shared)

LKDSB Celebrates Education Week May 2-6, 2022

The Ministry of Education has declared the week of May 2-6, 2022 as Education Week across Ontario. The Lambton Kent District School Board's (LKDSB) theme for this year's celebration is "Connecting Communities."

[Watch a video](#) of the many ways LKDSB connects communities.

Used Book Sale

The grade eight students at Errol Village are, once again, hosting a Used Book Sale to help raise funds for their year-end excursion.

The used book sale will take place in the school gymnasium over two days. With their teacher, children will have an opportunity to visit the book sale and make a purchase. Students are welcome to make multiple purchases.

The following prices are being considered:

- Paperback storybooks and novels – \$0.50
- Hardcover books and novels – \$1.00

The book sale is set for **May 4 and 5, 2022**. Thank you for your support.

Science Fair

Great work by our Eagles who participated in the Lambton County Science Fair. The following students were recognized by being awarded a prize by the fair:

K. Feniak (gr.8)	Abbie C. (gr. 6)	Mustafa A. (gr. 6)
Riley E. (gr. 6)	C. Smith (gr.6)	Peyton. W. (gr.5)
Ahmed A. (gr.5)	Leah P. (gr. 5)	Brenden W. (gr. 4)
Lucas P. (gr. 4)	Cole M. (gr. 4)	Mohid C. (gr.4)
Faye C. (gr.4)	Kaleigh E. (gr. 4)	Avery V. (gr.4)
Lily B. (gr.4)	Nash K. (gr.4)	

EQAO

EQAO assesses the reading, writing and mathematics skills students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 3 and 6.

This year students will complete the assessment using the e-assessment system. EQAO has designed the system to make EQAO assessments more flexible for schools, and to improve the experience for students. Schools can schedule the assessment sessions at any time within the assessment window. Only students attending in person will participate in the assessments. EQAO will only report outcomes on students who participate in the assessments.

This assessment window for our students in grades 3 and 6 is between Wednesday, May 4, and Friday, June 24, 2022.

More information, including sample tests, can be found at <https://www.eqao.com/>

Playground Equipment

Our Health and Safety Department has shared with all schools that playground equipment is not to be used until inspectors are able ensure safety. Therefore, during school hours we are unable to access the equipment. Please know that this status applies to the equipment outside of school hours as well and,

as such, safety of the equipment cannot be ensured if used before and after school hours. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this process.

Student Council – Homerooms Dress Alike Day

Our Student Council has been busy hosting last months' egg hunt and looking at different ways to promote school spirit. This Friday, May 6th, they are organizing a 'Homerooms Dress Alike' Spirit Day. Homerooms will select a way in which they can dress in familiar way.

Mini-Salmon Hatchery

Congratulations to everyone who was involved in the release of our salmon! The entire process was such a great learning experience for students! A special thank you to Mr. Coqu for taking the lead, Mr. Paul Heckley who was our mentor from Bluewater Anglers, the team at Bluewater Anglers, and our very own student Salmon Squad. Our front foyer doesn't feel the same with our fish gone.

Choirs

We are thrilled that our Errol Village Choirs are back up and running. Currently, we are offering a Kindergarten Choir, Primary Choir, and Junior/Intermediate Choir. A big thank you to Mrs. Cressman, Mrs. Jeffrey, and Mrs. Kerwin for their passion and dedication to this opportunity. More details will be shared later in the spring, but we are also excited to announce that a Spring Concert will be held at the Sarnia Library Auditorium on June 27th

Classroom Energy Diet Challenge

The classes of Ms. Feniak and Mr. Maddock both recently received \$600 from the Canadian Geographic Society and Shell for their work with sustaining the environment. Way to go Eagles!

Errol Village Eco Team

The Errol Village Eco Team meets once a week at recess. Currently, they are planning a textile drive that families can use to drop off clothing that is no longer needed. Depending on its condition, some of the clothing will be reused for clothing and others will repurposed as rags.

The Eco Team, led by Ms. Feniak, will also be working on a campaign to alert our school community about the problems associated with single use plastic and promoting waste free lunches.

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.

School Council

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 6 p.m. Learning Commons. Please email Mr. Coyle if you would like a digital invitation to the meeting.

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.

Spring Photos and Retakes

A photography company will be in the school on May 11th for spring photos and grad re-takes.

Camp Franco Fun



Registration is open from May 2, 2022 until May 16, 2022.

<https://forms.office.com/r/RRjheNf34n>

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.

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. 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.ckclass.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.schoolcashonline.com/>

