



Errol Village Newsletter

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Resilience Survey

Our School Improvement Team has embedded fostering student resilience into our school's Student Achievement and Well-Being goals.

Researcher Kingsley Hurlington from Trent University defines resilience as, "the capacity to return to good mental health after challenging and difficult situations. Resilience allows individuals to manage difficult episodes or chronic challenges in their lives."

Within the school context, students need resilience when working through tasks or experiences at school that they may be struggling with. Learning how to struggle appropriately is an important aspect of life and, as a staff, we would like to teach and support them in this quest while they are at Errol Village.

Over the past several months, members of our School Council have reached out to Mental Health Lead of the LKDSB (Katie Colemenco) to learn more about ways our community can support our students in this process. We've learned that providing learning opportunities about this topic to the school community could be a positive step in the learning journey. To that end, a survey has been created where we would like parents and guardians to share some thoughts about what, they feel, might help support them and, in turn, their children.

Please take a few minutes to [complete this survey](#). We will use the data from this survey to initiate, create, and facilitate some learning opportunities for our school community. This survey is only being sent to families of the Errol Village community and will be open until the end of the day on **Friday, November 12th**.

Daily COVID Screener

Each day before attending school, all students, staff and visitors must complete and follow the directions of the daily screener found here:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

All students experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should follow the directions of the COVID-19 School Screening assessment tool. Students who arrive at school with symptoms during the day will be sent home.

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 4	Hot Lunch (Subway)
Nov. 10	Deadline for Ordering Spirit Wear
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 12	Progress Reports Sent Home
Nov. 18	School Council (6 p.m.) in the Learning Commons
Nov. 19	PD Day (no school for students)
Dec. 17	Last day of classes for 2021
Jan. 3	First day back after the break

Halloween Haunted House Tradition

On Oct. 29th, it was so great to see the return of an Errol Village tradition! The annual Haunted House that was created by our grade 8 students was a huge success. Lots of fun was had by all! It felt great to see one of our traditions return! A huge thank you to Mr. Woolridge and his grade 8 class for all the positive energy that they brought to our school.

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.

Treaty Recognition Week

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) commemorates Treaties Recognition Week from November 1-5, joining school boards across the province in promoting education and awareness about treaty rights and treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Ontario.

This year, the LKDSB Indigenous Education Team is continuing to focus on increasing awareness and understanding of treaties. During Treaties Recognition Week, students and staff will engage in curriculum activities related to honouring

the original promises of the land - a shared responsibility for all. Students and staff will reflect on how individual decisions and behaviours impact the land we live on and how to make better use of natural resources.

At Errol Village, we will be using our digital morning announcements to share videos and other resources with all students to educate us all about treaties. As well, some classes will be participating in webinars.

Cross Country Team

Congratulations to our Eagle cross-country team led by Mr. Maddock. Fifteen of our students qualified for the district meet. They are: Mustafa A. (11th), Osita A. (1st) Anika B. (5th), Ekayla F. (12th), Noel F. (6th), Laura H. (7th), Theo H. (4th), Ben L. (9th), Brodie M. (12th), Lian N. (5th), Lucas P. (8th), Sully T. (2nd), Finnley W. (2nd), Weston W. (3rd), and Fay Z. (15th).

The following Eagles placed in the top 10 at the district competition!

Finnley W. (1st overall and district champion)
Anika B. (6th)
Theo H. (6th)
Osita A. (10th)
Sully T. (10th)

Volleyball Season

Considering [the recent announcement](#) pertaining to student athletes in grades 7 and 8, schools are currently working out logistics related to this year's volleyball season. We will update via email when we learn more. In the meanwhile, tryouts will be happening at the school.

Student Council

Elections have been happening within homerooms to choose a Student Council for the 2021-22 school year! This group of student leaders will be meeting with Mr. Coyle bi-monthly to share ideas about improving our school, from the students' perspective. We are all looking forward to hearing their contributions!

Terry Fox Run at EVPS!

Our students did a wonderful job in honouring Terry's legacy by running, by class, outside. Our school community raised \$450 towards cancer research. Way to go Eagles!

Remembrance Day

The Legion has dropped off poppies at the school and we will distribute them to students on November 8, 2021. On that day, students will be offered the opportunity to contribute money for the fundraiser.

Both the Primary and Junior/Intermediate Choirs have prepared a song for our school to enjoy during morning announcements.

Mr. Coyle, along with our students who participate in cadets will be hosting a lunch on Nov. 10th for Mr. and Mrs. Poland.

As well, congratulations to Riley E. for being awarded a prize from last year's essay competition hosted by the Canadian Legion. The topic of his essay was about Corporal Brent Poland. Riley will be joining us for our lunch to share his writing with Mr. and Mrs. Poland.



Thank you to our Before and After Program here at Errol Village for creating such a beautiful display for Remembrance Day.



Progress Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Progress Reports will be sent home with students on Friday, November 12th.

Teachers will be in contact with parents/guardians to schedule a Google Meet or phone interview sometime between Monday, November 15th and Friday, November 19th.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on November 18th at 6 p.m. in our school's Learning Commons. Please contact Mr. Coyle via email if you would prefer to join the meeting digitally.

Eagle Spirit Wear

Eagle spirit wear is available for purchase using a 'digital' store. You can access the store using this link: <https://erroleagles2021.itemorder.com/>

Please know that the deadline for purchasing spirit wear is Wednesday November 10th, 2021 (11:59pm EST).

Traffic Around the School

Increased traffic and safety continues to be a concern around our school. Many of you may have noticed an increased presence of the O.P.P. during pick-up and drop-off times. As a school, we please ask that our families follow all road signage and be respectful of the laneways of our surrounding neighbours. We continue to work alongside staff from the Town of Wyoming, the O.P.P., and our Board's Capital Planning Department as we work together to find solutions for this ongoing issue.

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.

Visits from the O.P.P.

We've been thankful to Constable Gordon from the O.P.P. for popping into the school for casual visits with our students and staff. These visits have provided a great opportunity for our students to ask questions and to get to know another safe adult in our community.

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.

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. We will continue to expand our use of School Cash Online as we move into the new school year.

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/>

There is also a link on the [Errol Village Public School website](#) to connect using email.

