



# Errol Village Newsletter

## November 2022



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### Working Together

As educators, we regularly receive questions from families about what they can do to help support their child(ren) at home. With parent interviews to be held soon, we look forward to collaborating with families to ensure that we are all 'on the same page' when it comes to putting the needs of our students at the forefront.

If you are interested in learning more about or staying updated with various aspects of the Ontario education system, this link will bring you to many resources that you can explore: [Parents \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.gov.on.ca)

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the school if you would like to know more about anything at the school level or anything related to education in Ontario. If we don't know the answer, we will likely know who to ask. As shared in previous newsletters, as part of our re-engagement strategy, we look forward to seeing parents and guardians visiting the school. If a visit doesn't work for you, you can always connect by phone or email.

### Construction Update

According to construction meetings, the work to update our parking lot and create a 'kiss and drop' lane is nearing completion.

We were pleased to see the Corporal Brent Poland memorial Playground reinstalled and the school is working with our Capital Planning Department to have the equipment inspected as soon as possible.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you all for your patience and flexibility as we continue to work through this project. As a reminder, this phase of the construction is not related to [last year's announcement](#) to create 46 additional student spaces and 49 licensed child care spaces. That project is still in the design stage.

### Remembrance Day

Our school will be hosting a Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon. Parents, guardians, and family members are welcome to attend. Due to the increase in our enrolment, and not knowing how many people to expect to attend, we appreciate everyone's flexibility and understanding as we navigate seating arrangements.

### Errol Village EcoTeam Textile Drive



The Errol EcoTeam is organizing a textile drive!

We are trying to divert textiles from going to landfills, by sending them to **Recycling Rewards**. We are accepting any kind of textile, from towels to clothes, shoes and purses to curtains. Recycling Rewards will be paying Errol per kilogram of textiles, and the money will go towards our environmental fund for the outdoor classroom. Items that are in good condition will be directly **reused** either in Canada or overseas. Items in worse condition will be **recycled** by being broken down into fibers to be **upcycled** as rags or stuffing in cushions.

#### Textile Drives are a win-win-win for everyone involved:

- Less textiles in the landfill mean less greenhouse gasses created as they decay;
- Fewer new clothes made reduces the pollution, carbon footprint and water usage of the fashion industry;
- More people have access to affordable, unique clothing at thrift stores!

We have arranged a pickup date in early December, so we would ask that textiles be donated during the **month of November**.

**Thank you for helping us help the Earth!**

### Winter Clothing for the Inn of the Good Shepherd

Students in Mrs. Burnley’s class brought the idea forward to support others in the community. They are looking to collect winter clothes items such as hats, mittens, socks, gloves, coats, and boots that they will donate to the Inn of the Good Shepherd. We’re so proud of these students for coming up with the idea. If you wish to donate items, please send them in with your child and Mrs. Burnley’s class will take care of the rest.

### PD Day

November 18<sup>th</sup> has been set aside as a P.A. Day. Therefore, there will be no school for students on that day

### Upcoming Dates

Nov.	2	Take Your Kid to Work Day (gr.9 students)
Nov.	4	Homeroms Dress Alike Spirit Day
Nov.	11	Progress Reports Sent Home
Nov.	17	Parent/Teacher Interviews (p.m.)
Nov.	18	Parent/Teacher Interviews (a.m.)
Nov.	18	PD Day
Nov.	22-25	Visit from St. Clair Conservation Auth.
Nov.	24	School Council (6 p.m.)
Nov.	25	Orange Shirt Day
Nov.	30	Last Day to Donate Textiles
Dec.	1	Photo Retakes and Grad Photos
Dec.	2	Jersey Day
Dec.	16	Winter Concert at G.L.S.S.

### Anti-Oppressive Education

As part of our school’s anti-oppressive education goal, we are investigating more ways to use our digital announcements as a tool to foster learning and awareness. We want Errol Village to be a place where all our students feel represented. Please contact Mr. Coyle If you are interested in learning more about this process or if you would like to contribute.

### Treaty Recognition Week and Orange Shirt Day

During the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, the LKDSB will commemorate Treaties Recognition Week. Here at the school, we will provide learning on our morning announcements. As well, November 25<sup>th</sup>, our school will have an Orange Shirt Day and time during that day will be set aside for Indigenous learning.

### Visit from St. Clair Conservation Authority

We are pleased that the St. Clair Conservation Authority will visit our school to facilitate some learning about nature. Payments are to be made using School Cash Online.

Nov. 22: Mrs. Paisley, Mrs. Jeffrey, Mrs. Armitage, and Mrs. Kinney and Mrs. Kreeft

Nov. 24: Ms. Feniak, Mr. Maddock, Mrs. Newman-Campbell, and Mrs. Burnley

Nov. 25: Mr. Woolridge, Mrs. Kerwin, and Mrs. Giles and Mrs. Vergunst.

### School Council

A big Eagle thank you to our School Council for hosting a very successful Halloween Dance! It was wonderful to see this Errol Village tradition up and running again. We would also like to thank the group for facilitating last month’s Pita Day.

Due to a conflict with parent/teacher interviews, our next School Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** in our Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are always welcome to attend!

### Winter Concert

We are excited that our school will be holding a Winter Concert in the new auditorium of Great Lakes Secondary School in Sarnia. The concert will take place on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

We are currently working on the process of how we will offer and distribute tickets.

### Student Council

The Student Council have met a few times. We are learning about creating meeting ‘norms’, planning school spirit days, and receiving ideas from homerooms. The Student Council have decided to run two school spirit days:

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Homerooms Dress Alike Day

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jersey Day

### 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.

### Cross Country

Congratulation to all this year’s runners! Those who qualified for the district meet at Canatara concluded the season by representing themselves and Errol Village in fantastic fashion. All runners should be proud of their efforts. Thanks to all athletes for all the hard work and dedication throughout the past few months.

Here are the results of our Eagles who participated in the District Meet: Finnley (3<sup>rd</sup>), Mustafa (13<sup>th</sup>), Addi (14<sup>th</sup>), Cadence (23<sup>rd</sup>) and Laura (25<sup>th</sup>). Recognition to Weston who qualified but was unable to compete at the event. A special thank you to Mr. Maddock for giving of his time and sharing his expertise to coach the team!

## Noelle's Closet

The Noelle's Gift Foundation has generously committed to providing closets to Lambton Kent District School Board elementary and secondary schools stocked with emergency supplies for students in need, such as clothing, footwear, toiletries, hygiene products and outerwear, etc.

The closet for Errol Village has arrived at our school. With the help of Ms. Boersma, we are in the process of setting the closet up with items. We are thankful for additional support from Noelle's Gift to 'stock' the closet.

## Halloween Haunted House

A big thank you to Mr. Woolridge's class for creating and running the Halloween Haunted House for our students to enjoy on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>! It's great to see our older students demonstrate their leadership skills in a unique way!

## Language Classes

The Lambton Kent District School Board offers language classes for students in grades JK – 8. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Paul Wiersma, System Coordinator at [paul.wiersma@lkdsb.net](mailto:paul.wiersma@lkdsb.net)

- Arabic – 2 classes at the Sarnia Islamic Academy
- Arabic – 1 class at the Sarnia Mosque on Sundays
- Greek – 1 class at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church on Tuesdays
- Hindi – 1 class at GLSS on Wednesdays
- Korean – 2 classes at GLSS on Thursdays and Fridays
- Mandarin – 2 classes at GLSS on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Turkish – 1 class online on Wednesdays and Thursdays

## Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers are an important part of the Errol Village school community, and we look forward to welcoming volunteers into our school. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact the office. The school will be able to provide more information about the process of volunteering.

## 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.

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.

## Homestay Families Needed for International Students



Canada Homestay Network

If you've ever considered hosting an international student in your home, now is the time to apply!

International high-school students (strictly following government travel requirements and health & safety protocols) from Australia, Belgium, China, Colombia, Germany, Spain, Italy, and Taiwan are excited to come to the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) for our great education programs and dynamic outdoor life.

Homestay host families are needed URGENTLY for placements across the LKDSB, particularly in the Sarnia/Lambton Area. Hosts receive a generous allowance (\$800/month) to offset expenses, 24/7 support, and special health and safety training.

When you host international students your family benefits with lifelong friendships, global awareness, and stronger interpersonal skills. Children in families who host international students learn to meet inter-cultural challenges with open minds and learn to advocate for people who may be vulnerable.

If you have questions about the hosting experience, please contact the Canada Homestay Network at [hostinfo@canadahomestaynetwork.ca](mailto:hostinfo@canadahomestaynetwork.ca) or 1-877-441-4443 ext. 2176. To learn more and apply, visit <https://whyihost.canadahomestaynetwork.ca>.

## Do You Have a Concern?

### Share Your Concerns

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing the best quality learning opportunities for all students. From time to time there may be a misunderstanding, a lack of communication, or a serious situation that needs to be addressed. When this happens everyone must work together to resolve the issue. If a parent/guardian has a concern about a school matter, the following steps should be followed to resolve the issue.

#### Concerns at School

1	Speak with your child's teacher
2	Speak with your child's Principal
3	Speak with the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of your school
4	Speak with your school Superintendent
5	Speak with the Director of Education

#### Concerns with the Board of Trustees

Concerns about a Trustee:  
Speak with the Chair of the Board

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Speak with the Director of Education

Not sure who to contact? Call 519-336-1500 or email [info@lkdsb.net](mailto:info@lkdsb.net).  
Learn more at [www.lkdsb.net](http://www.lkdsb.net)

If an individual has followed the steps outlined above and still does not feel the matter has been resolved at the local level, the individual may contact the office of the Ontario Ombudsman at [www.ombudsman.on.ca](http://www.ombudsman.on.ca).

