



# Errol Village Newsletter

## November 2023



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### Growth Mindset

This month’s focus for our learning with the Umbrella Project is Growth Mindset. Growth Mindset is the idea that, with effort, it’s possible to increase intelligence levels, talents, and abilities. Students who demonstrate a growth mindset believe their abilities develop over time, tend to seek out opportunities to gain new knowledge and broaden their skills, and do not typically shy away from challenges. (Kazakoff and Mitchell, 2017)

## DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET

INSTEAD OF...	SAY THIS...
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

[You can click on this link to read about some strategies families can use to support a growth mindset with their children.](#) Thanks to Dr. Jen from the Umbrella Project for sharing these strategies with our school community.

### Upcoming Dates

Nov. 1	'Take Our Kids to Work Day'
Nov. 3	Eagle Spirit Day (dress in school colours)
Nov. 6	Treaties Recognition Week
Nov. 10	Progress Reports Sent Home
Nov. 10	Orange Shirt Day
Nov. 13	Remembrance Day Assembly (2:30)
Nov. 16	Parent/Teacher Interviews (4:00-7:00 p.m.)
Nov. 16	School Council (6 p.m.)
Nov. 17	PD Day (no school for students)
Nov. 17	Parent/Teacher Interviews (9:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.)
Dec. 11	Winter Concert – Community Show – 12:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Winter Concert – Community Show – 12:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Winter Concert – Community Show – 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 22	Last Day of School Before Break

### Equity, Diversity, and Justice

At Errol Village, we know equity, diversity, and justice are necessary for a strong school community. Everyone has the right to work and learn in an environment free from hate and discrimination. Acts of oppression will be addressed at this school.

Over the last few weeks, we have been made aware of graffiti at our school being used to express intolerance towards others. These actions cause harm to individuals and to the entire school. As duty holders of the Ontario Human Rights Code we affirm our commitment to upholding the Human Rights Code and that includes upholding the right to a safe work and school environment for all of our students and staff. The events that have occurred are unacceptable and go against the goals of anti-oppressive education as outlined by the Lambton Kent District School Board.

### EQAO

Last spring, students in Grades 3 and 6 at our school, at every publicly funded elementary school across Ontario, participated in provincial assessments of their reading, writing and math skills. These assessments were conducted by Ontario’s Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) and were completed online.

EQAO assessments are an important source of information about student learning. These data are used to improve school programming and classroom instruction. We are pleased that our school’s overall results, in each category, are higher than the overall results from both the LKDSB and the province. [Click here to see our school’s results in relations to the results in relation to the LKDSB and the province.](#) Our school board and the Ministry of Education also use the results to direct attention and support where they’re needed.

## Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day assembly is an important and valued part of our school community. During this assembly, we are honoured to welcome family members of [Corporal Brent Poland](#) who, we are proud to say, was a graduate of Errol Village P.S.

This year's assembly will be held on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in our school's gym. Families and community members are invited to attend. Please know, however, that due to our gym's capacity, only students grades 4-8 will be in attendance for the assembly. Students in other grades who are contributing their talents to the assembly (i.e. choir etc.) will enter the gym for their performance and then go back to class. Due to the solemn nature of this gathering, we respectfully ask that all visitors who attend plan to stay for the entirety of the assembly.

## Winter Concerts

We are thankful for having such a vibrant music department at Errol Village. Mrs. Cressman and the team of choir directors always go 'above and beyond' to provide our students with the opportunity to showcase their talents in public performances.

This year's Winter Concert will be held in our school's gym and will have three different times for families to watch.

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.  
Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.  
Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

More details, including how we will distribute tickets, will be shared as we get closer to the date.

## Important Safety Reminders

Supervision at our school is not available for students until 8:50 a.m. at the beginning of the day. At the end of the day, there is no supervision available once busses have left the school. If/when students are noticed on the school yard prior to or after supervision is available, we will direct them to a safe place off school property.

Some of you may know that Lambton Rural Childcare runs a before and after school program at our school and that program has access to our yard. For the safety of all, it is important that students who are not in that program do not access the school yard during those times.

## Treaty Week

The Lambton Kent District School Board commemorates Treaties Recognition Week, joining the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada and school boards across the province in promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. Throughout the week of Nov. 6-10, LKDSB students and staff will learn more about treaties between Canada and Indigenous Peoples.

## Terry Fox Run at EVPS

Errol Village School is proud to support the Terry Fox Foundation and its work to fund innovative and progressive cancer research programs. We are proud to announce that our school community raised \$2050 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our school's run was a fun afternoon and we were impressed with the efforts that our students put towards this event.

## School Council

The next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in our school's Learning Commons. There will be no meeting in December.

## Front Gardens

Thank you to everyone for your patience as the school continues to work through the process of having our front gardens cleaned up. During the last weekend of October, the dead and unsightly bushes and shrubs were removed. We're being told that in the first week of November, a crew will be here to clear the weeds and level off the dirt. Moving forward, plans are being made to ensure future landscape designs can be maintained properly.

## 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.

## Intramurals

Thank you to Mrs. Newman-Campbell for lending her expertise in coordinating junior indoor soccer for students during recess. This activity gives our students a wonderful opportunity to learn some soccer skills in an organized way.

## Haunted House

Thank you to Mr. Woolridge and his class for hosting the annual Haunted House for our students to enjoy on Halloween. It's amazing to see the older students demonstrate their leadership skills by planning, creating, and facilitating the event.

## Noelle's Gift – Winter Fun Day

Noelle's Gift is hosting a free community Winter Fund Day. Here are the details:



## Progress Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Progress Reports will be sent home with students on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, you should hear back from homeroom teachers shortly with information confirming parent/teacher interview dates and times.

## Eco Club

The Errol Village Eco Club is currently working on setting up some garden boxes for various classes. You may have noticed some dirt and wood chips along the north side of our parking lot. Thank you to Degroofs for helping the school with materials for this project.

## Volleyball

The LKESSA volleyball season has begun and both teams were victorious in their first games. Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Kerwin, Mrs. Kinney, and Mr. Woolridge. Here are the dates for the upcoming games:

Nov. 6 vs. BG (Boys 4:30 Girls 5:30)  
Nov. 15 vs KG (Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30)  
Nov. 22 vs. Rose (Boys 4:30 Girls 5:30)  
Nov. 28 vs. Cath (Girls 4:30 Boys 5:30)  
Dec. 4-6 Playoffs (TBD)

## Cross Country

Congratulations to all our Eagles who took the initiative to participate in the healthy sport of cross-country running! A big thank you to Coach Maddock for guiding our student athletes to push themselves to be the best runners they can be.

The runners who advanced to the regional meet at Canatara represented our school well. Here are the results:

Grade 4 Girls - 74 runners competed  
Brianna C. - 3rd  
Aubrey L. - 14th  
Chelsea N. - 26th  
Presley W. - 54<sup>th</sup>  
Team was 1st overall out of 14 teams

Grade 4 Boys - 70 runners competed  
Nathan P. - 1st  
Charlie J. - 8th  
Weston J. - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Team was 1st overall out of 13 teams

Grade 6 Boys - 66 runners competed  
Theo H. - 4th  
Lucas P. - 29th  
Cohen G. - 33rd  
Anders C. - 38<sup>th</sup>  
Team was 4th overall out of 11 teams

Grade 6 Girls - 67 runners competed  
Ava L. 15th

Grade 7 Girls - 54 runners competed  
Fay Z. - 42<sup>nd</sup>

## Student Ambassadors and 'Pack the Pantry'

Thank you to Mrs. Carruthers for facilitating a group here at the school called Student Ambassadors. This group is a leadership opportunity for students and focusses on listening to student voices to find ways to make Errol Village an even better school than it already is. As a school, we look forward to their contributions throughout this school year, and beyond!

Throughout the month of November, this group will be leading an initiative called 'Pack the Pantry' to collect non-perishable food items. In turn, these items will be given to local agencies (i.e. Inn of the Good Shepherd) for distribution to the greater community.

## 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/](http://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.



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## 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).  
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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).

