



Errol Village Newsletter

October 2022



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<https://www.lkdsb.net/school/errolvillage/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

School Goals and Reengagement

Each year, schools work through a process of creating, implementing, and reflecting on school goals. This year there is an additional goal based on 'Reengagement'. Our school is excited to put the past couple of years behind us and look forward to reengaging with our school community. Last week's 'Meet the Staff' and successful Book Fair was a perfect example – it felt so great to see everyone back in the school!

As well, we have school goals based on Anti-Oppressive Education, Indigenous Education, Student Achievement, and Student Wellbeing. We will update our school community as we work through these goals this year. If you have any thoughts or feedback about topics related to any of these goals, you are welcome to contact me so we can work together. One of the best parts of working in education is the ability to continually grow and learn from everyone.

Regards,
Mr. Coyle

Construction Update

The work on our parking lot and 'kiss and drop' area continues to progress. Part of this work includes much needed underground infrastructure that will help alleviate our ongoing issue with water drainage on the west side of the school. Although no specific timeline for completion can be guaranteed for this work, the current plan is for completion this fall.

Behind the scenes, plans are underway to have our playground reinstalled and inspected once we are able. We are hopeful that our students will get the opportunity to access the equipment prior to winter.

School Spirit wear

A big thank you to Mrs. Carruthers for working with Team Outfitters to set up our online school spirit wear store for Errol Village!

Here is the link if you would like to order anything:

<https://errolvillagefall2022.itemorder.com/>

The 'store' is open until Oct 28 and purchases will be delivered to the school for distribution.

Important Safety Reminder

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.

Upcoming Dates

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| Oct. 6 | Terry Fox Run (last block) |
| Oct. 7 | PD Day (no school) |
| Oct. 10 | Thanksgiving (no school) |
| Oct. 14 | Pita Lunch Day |
| Oct. 20 | School Council (6 p.m.) |
| Oct. 27 | Gr. 7/8 Vaccinations |
| Nov. 2 | Take Your Kid to Work Day |
| Nov. 18 | PD Day (no school) |
| Dec. 1 | Photo Re-takes and Grad Photos |

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. This year, our school's run will occur on Thursday, October 6th during the third block (app. 3 p.m.) on our back field. Pledge sheets will not be going home but donations can be made [by going to this website](#).

Families are welcome and encouraged to join us on Thursday!

School Council

Our first meeting for the 2022-23 school year is scheduled for **Thursday, October 20th at 6 p.m.** in our Learning Commons. All parent/guardians are always welcome to attend!

Pita Day

Thank you to School Council for organizing a Pita Day for our staff and students! It will be held on Friday, October 14th. The deadline to order is: **ENTER DATE HERE**.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Become a member of Special Education Advisory Committee Community organizations/associations are invited to apply to serve on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Interested applicants must submit a nomination form and letter by 4 p.m. on Nov. 18, 2022. [Learn more by clicking here](#).

PD Day

October 7th has been set aside as a Professional Development Day. Therefore, there will be no school for students that day.

School Fountains and Filling Station

All our drinking fountains and filling stations are in working order. These devices continue to be flushed as per normal water flushing procedures.

Students are encouraged to bring refillable bottles to school.

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. Lunches, books, projects, supplies, etc. should accompany the students when they

Bus Evacuation Drill

On October 13th, our students will learn about bus safety.

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.

Book Club

Mrs. Kerwin has volunteered to organize a Book Club at Errol Village for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. The Book Club will be held on Monday mornings during recess in the Learning Commons.

Cross Country

Good luck to our students who are participating on the cross-country team when they participate in meets on:

Oct. 4: Optimist Club of Lambton Central-Petrolia Cross Country Run – Bridgeview Park, Petrolia

Oct. 12 (p.m.): Canatara Meet, Sarnia

Oct. 26: District Meet at Canatara (for those who qualified)

A big Eagle thanks to Coach Maddock for giving of his time to coach our students!

Choirs

Two different choirs are up and running at EVPS!

Our Primary Choir, led by Mrs. Cressman, Mrs. Giles, and Mrs. Jeffrey rehearses on Wednesdays during 1st recess in the Gym.

The Junior/Intermediate Choir, led by Mrs. Cressman and Mrs. Kerwin, rehearses on Tuesday at 1st recess in the Learning Commons.

HOLD THE DATE: the Winter Concert has been booked and will be taking place on the evening of December 16th at the auditorium of Great Lakes Secondary School in Sarnia.

Eco Club

The Errol Village Eco Club has started again! Our school has a strong reputation for its work with environmental initiatives. This club meets on Thursdays in the 'Greenhouse' (AKA Ms. Feniak's Gr. 4/5 class).

GSA Club

Based on student voice and initiative, our school will be offering an optional club currently called the Gender and Sexualities Alliance and offered to students in grades 6-8. Our school has been working with Board level personnel to

learn about effective ways to support our students who have brought this idea forward to our staff. We would like to thank Ms. Feniak and Mrs. Kerwin for volunteering to facilitate this school activity. The club meets weekly during lunch and recess, for 40 minutes, on Fridays in our Learning Commons. This opportunity aligns with the LKDSB's Strategic Priorities, specifically related to Inclusive Diversity – Champion Anti-Oppressive Education. More details about the LKDSB's Strategic Priorities can be found at www.lkdsb.net

Junior House League Soccer

Plans are in the works to start a Junior Soccer House League here at the school. Thank you to Mrs. Newman-Campbell for organizing this healthy activity! Currently, the plan is to start later in October during second recess on Wednesday and Thursdays.

Volleyball

Preparations are being made for our Eagles to participate in the LKESSA Intermediate Volleyball League. Tryouts will begin on Monday, October 3rd. This opportunity is available to all students in grades 7 and 8. Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Kerwin, Mrs. Kinney, and Mr. Woolridge.

IEPs

IEP's will go home, for parent consultation, on Friday October 17th.

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.



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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 **to log into the Parent Portal. This can be found on your child's report card or by contacting Ms. Boersma.**

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



Concerns with the Board of Trustees

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

Concerns about the Chair of the Board:
Speak with the Director of Education

Not sure who to contact? Call 519-336-1500 or email info@lkdsb.net.
Learn more at 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.



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/>