



Errol Village Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2021



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Secretary: Ms. Carolin Boersma

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Welcome Back!

After our latest foray into remote learning and a wonderful summer, we are all looking forward to getting back into the swing of things! We are excited to see our Eagles back at school learning and to support them as they transition into their school day routines again. We've missed them!

As to be expected, the beginning of the 2021-22 school year will include some policies and protocols related to COVID-19. The LKDSB has created a resource for families called [Reopening and Operating our Schools 2021-22](#) to learn more about what to expect as we kick off this school year.

We are pleased to be joined with a new staff member this year. A big Errol Village Eagle welcome goes to Ms. Stephanie Wylie who already has begun in her role as Evening Custodian.

Regards,
Mr. Coyle, Principal

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.

Daily Schedule

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| 8:50 - 9:05 | Bus Morning Supervision (in class) |
| 9:05 - 11:05 | Instructional Time |
| 11:05- 11:25 | First Nutritional Break & Recess |
| 11:25 -11:45 | First Nutritional Break & Recess |
| 11:45 - 1:45 | Instructional Time |
| 1:25 - 1:45 | Second Nutritional Break & Recess |
| 1:45 - 2:05 | Second Nutritional Break & Recess |
| 2:05 - 3:25 | Instructional Time (80 minutes) |
| 3:25 | Dismissal |

Staff

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| Mrs. Giles | FDK Teacher |
| Mrs. Vergunst | Early Childhood Educator |
| Mrs. Kinney | FDK Teacher |
| Mrs. Kreeft | Early Childhood Educator |
| Mrs. Jeffrey | Gr. 1 Teacher |
| Mrs. Armitage | Gr. 1/2 Teacher |
| Mrs. Paisley | Gr. 2 Teacher |
| Mr. Maddock | Gr. 3/4 Teacher |
| Ms. Feniak | Gr. 4/5 Teacher |
| Mrs. Newman-Campbell | Gr. 5/6 Teacher |
| Mrs. Kerwin | Gr. 7 Teacher |
| Mr. Woolridge | Gr. 8 Teacher |
| Mrs. Bedard | Resource/Guidance/LLI |
| Mrs. Cressman | Arts Prep |
| Mr. Coqu | Core French/Prep |
| Ms. Theriault | Educational Assistant |
| Mrs. Stanley | Supervision Support |
| Ms. Boersma | Secretary |
| Mr. Ross | Custodian |
| Ms. Wylie | Custodian |
| Mr. Coyle | Principal |

**** Student placements and classroom organizations are tentative at this time. Additional changes could occur over the next few weeks and throughout the school year. Thank you for your understanding. ****

Safe Arrival/Departure Procedure

The processes during drop off and end of day procedures will look like last year before re moved to remote learning.

We please ask that we exercise caution and drive slowly when driving near the school. There is often traffic congestion in front of the school before and after school. **If possible, parent/guardians are encouraged to walk to (and from) school to help alleviate some of the traffic.**

Drop Offs (during COVID)

To start this school year, each class will continue to have a unique entry point to the school.

We please ask that everyone try to schedule their arrival to the school to as close to 8:50 as possible. That said, we have learned in the past year that flexibility is key when it comes to arrivals and departures. Safety is always the priority.

As last year, the students who are dropped off or arrive by walking will arrive to the following locations:

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| Mrs. Kinney/Mrs. Kreeft | West Side: Exterior Classroom Door |
| Mrs. Giles/Mrs. Vergunst | West Side: Exterior Classroom Door |
| Mrs. Jeffrey | West Side: Exterior Classroom Door |
| Mrs. Armitage | East Side: Exterior Classroom Door |
| Mrs. Paisley | Northeast Entryway |
| Mr. Maddock | Northwest Entryway |
| Ms. Feniak | 'Greenhouse'/Portable (front of school) |
| Mrs. Newman-Campbell | East Side: Exterior Classroom Door |
| Mrs. Kerwin | East Side Entrance (near the front) |
| Mr. Woolridge | North Side Entrance (near the back) |

Unfortunately, due to current protocols, we are unable to allow parents/guardians to enter the school during this process.

When dropping off your child(ren) at school, parents/guardians can choose to walk with their child(ren) to meet their teacher, ECE, or other staff. Please use appropriate social distancing on the yard. Once the student is safely with the staff member the parent/guardian can then leave the school.

We suspect that some older students may arrive at school by themselves. In that case, they will follow the signs to report to their designated classroom door.

There will be staff assigned at various locations of the school to help with anyone who may need help.

Students Riding the Bus: Students being dropped off by the bus will be met by a staff member who will help escort the students to their classrooms.

Any students arriving after 9:05 must report to the office, as after that time staff are in their classrooms.

End of Day (during COVID)

Students Riding the Bus: When busses arrive, they will be announced over the PA system. Staff will help escort students riding the bus to the front of the school.

Walkers: students who are walking home will leave to go home at the bell. Students will be asked to walk around the school and out of the primary gate. This will avoid potential unsafe situations with traffic. Older students who will be accompanying younger students home will meet the younger student at their classroom before leaving.

Please note: to help us maintain a safe dismissal of students, the yard and climbers will not be available for use until after 4 p.m. on school days.

Mental Health

We know that this year's return to school may be more challenging for some students after such a prolonged absence from the school setting. As a staff, we are actively working on setting up strategies to help smooth this transition back for students and families. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you would like to discuss this topic in more detail.

Additional resources are available at:

<https://www.lkdsb.net/Board/Community/MentalHealth/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

School Council

Our first School Council meeting for this school year has yet to be set. Please email chris.coyle@lkdsb.net if you would like to attend and a meeting invite will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

Classroom Cohorts

At this time, we continue to align our classrooms into cohorts. This will allow the interaction of a larger group of students during recess, as well as the sharing of equipment, technology and learning tools. Below are the current cohorts:

FDK / FDK

Gr. 1 and Grade 1/2

Grade 2 and Grade 3/4

Grade 4/5 and Grade 5/6

Grade 7 and Grade 8

Nutrition Breaks and Recess

Within our cohorts, our students will be enjoying nutrition breaks and recess differently this school year.

We will not be running our recycling or composting programs. Therefore, we will be encouraging students to compost and recycle at home. This also coincides with our COVID safety protocols.

Cohorts:

FDK / FDK

Gr. 1 and Grade 1/2

Grade 2 and Grade 3/4

Will have their nutrition break from 11:05 – 11:25 and 1:25 – 1:45. Then have their recess break from 11:25 – 11:45 and 1:45 – 2:05.

Cohorts:

Grade 4/5 and Grade 5/6

Grade 7 and Grade 8

Will have their recess breaks from 11:05 – 11:25 and 1:25 – 1:45. They have their nutrition breaks from 11:25 – 1:45 and 1:45 – 2:05.

This is sometimes referred to a “flip-flop recess” and is typically used during rainy days. This will be continuing to be a daily occurrence at this time.

Yard

Cohorts have been assigned separate areas on the yard during recess breaks. During class time, staff may decide to use other areas of the yard when not in use by other classrooms. Yard and tarmac zones have been identified. Staff will be discussing these zones with students to begin the year and ongoing throughout the year. Students are to stay within these zones, with their cohort during recess times.

Face Covering & Mask Use

As mandated by the Ministry of Education, all students in grades 1-8 must wear a face covering while at school and on the bus. It is encouraged, but not required for students in FDK to wear a face covering. The face covering must cover the nose and mouth. All staff are required to wear a medical mask while at school. On occasion, some staff will be wearing a face shield.

There will be opportunities for students to have mask breaks during recess and when eating. Staff are also encouraged to take breaks through the day by going outside with their classes.

When leaving to go outside for recess and mask breaks, students will be leaving their face coverings in the classroom

in a secure location. Teachers will inform their class where this will be as it will be unique for each grade level. Students may walk in the hallway and transition outside without a face covering for a short period of time. Face coverings must be worn in the gym.

The school has been provided with extra student masks in case students arrive without face coverings or it becomes soiled/lost.

School Fountains and Filling Station

All of our drinking fountains have been wrapped with plastic bags and are not to be used. These continue to be flushed as per normal water flushing procedures.

The water filling station is partially open. The fountain area has been wrapped but the water bottle filling station can still be used by students and staff.

Isolation Room

Errol Village P.S. has created an isolation room to allow students a space outside of their classroom to wait for a parent/guardian to pick-up when they are not feeling well or if displaying symptoms.

This room, if in use, will be supervised. Parents/Guardians will not enter the school when picking up.

After use of students in the isolation room, cleaning will take place. Students may be in the isolation room together with other students however will be distanced and possibly wearing a face covering to prevent any spread of symptoms. Parents/Guardians are expected to pick up their child as soon as possible when they are not feeling well or displaying symptoms. Once the symptoms have subsided at home and/or have been medically cleared, students may return to school. These situations must be treated individually, and school staff will communicate next steps.

It is critical that we have the most recent phone numbers for parents/guardians, as well as emergency contacts.

Hand Hygiene

Hand hygiene will be 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.

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 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.

Registration Verification Forms

Registration Verification Forms will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. It is critical for the office to have updated contact information in case of an emergency, so your assistance in the speedy return of these forms is greatly appreciated.

Communication through email will be ongoing and having the most up-to-date email address will ensure that you are receiving the most recent school updates.

A very important aspect of the verification form is the medical information and allergies section that the school needs to know about your child(ren). Please inform us of any changes to medical/allergy information, especially food allergies.

Medication

Please let the office know if your child has a special health concern such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, allergies, etc. It is important that we be informed of any changes in your child's medical status. All student medications must be kept in the school office and administered by a designated member of the school staff. A completed "Consent to Administer Medication" form must be on file in the office before any medication can be authorized or administered at school. Please contact the school if you require one of these forms.

Note: A physician signature is required on this form prior to school staff being able to administer any medication. This form must be updated annually. If no changes to your child's medication are required from the last school year, then parents/guardians may simply initial and date the bottom of the existing form indicating that there have been no changes. Medication is to be transported to the school by the parent to ensure the safety of children. Medication is to be provided in the pharmacy bottle with the pharmacy directions attached. **Please do not send over the counter medication for dispensing at school as it does not meet the above criteria.** If medical urgencies occur during the school day, parents/guardians will be contacted. Thank you for your help.

Plans of Care

To promote the safety and well-being of students, the Ministry of Education requires all school boards in Ontario to develop and maintain a policy or policies to support students in schools who have asthma, diabetes, and/or epilepsy, and/or are at risk for anaphylaxis. Parents/guardians are expected to inform the school of their child's medical condition(s) and, in turn, we will co-create a Plan of Care including emergency response for their child.

Parent Volunteers

At this time, we thank those who are interested in volunteering however due to COVID-19 protocols, volunteers are restricted to exceptional circumstances. We will reach out once protocols change.

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Fall is one of the seasons when cases of head lice (pediculosis) are most prevalent. Your assistance in early detection is greatly appreciated. Please check your child for head lice and nits weekly. If you find evidence of head lice and/or nits, please contact the school immediately. This will allow us to confidentially notify other parents/guardians in the classroom(s) affected so that they may check their child and help to limit the spread. Children suspected of having head lice and/or nits will be excused until appropriate treatment has been administered. Infestation of head lice and/or nits is an unpleasant nuisance, but not a health problem. By working together, we can help control the spread of head lice in our 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.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 Supplies

Teachers will send home a list of supplies that your child will need for the upcoming school year. In the meantime, please supply your child(ren) with basic school supplies (i.e., pencil, pens, erasers etc.).

Exciting News – Student Blog!

A big Eagle shout out goes to Kodilinna Ozumba (gr. 7) who will be leading a new initiative at Errol Village – a student blog! We look forward to sharing more information about this with the school community shortly.



Check out the NEW and IMPROVED Parent Portal

www.schoolbusinfo.com

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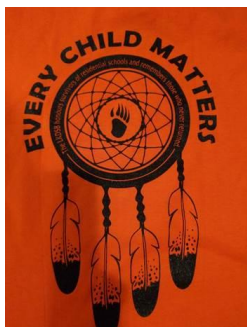
If your child will not be riding the bus, please send a note or make a phone call for that day prior to dismissal time. If a note/phone call is/are not received the child will be sent home on the bus.

Each student will be assigned a seat on the bus for the morning and afternoon bus rides. Please log into the Parent Portal to view the bus information specific to your child, including pick-up and drop-off times. You will require your child's student number to log into the Parent Portal. This can be found on your child's report card or by contacting Ms. Boersma.

Orange Shirt Day

As you may be aware, September 30th is **Orange Shirt Day**.

On this day we honour the survivors of residential schools as well as those children and young people who never returned home. The LKDSB will be commemorating this day on **Thursday, September 30, 2021** by encouraging staff and students to wear orange and by using this day as a catalyst to encourage learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that system has had on First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people and communities.



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

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| 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

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

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/>

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Student Entry Points

