



Errol Village Newsletter

September 2024



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Welcome Back!

On behalf of the entire Errol Village school community, I welcome everyone to the 2024-25 school year! As is evident from anyone who has seen the school grounds lately, this year we will be looking forward to the completion of the expansion project. You can read more about this project by clicking on [this link of the May 2024 press release](#). Obviously, safety will be paramount as we work through this construction. During the first week of school, there will be a focus on communicating with students and staff about the enhanced safety rules during this time.

We will be welcoming a few new staff members to our school in September. A big Eagle welcome to Mrs. Meharg who will be joining us in her role as Educational Assistant (0.5), to Mrs. McCarthy who will take on the role of Prep. Teacher (0.5) and we are happy to announce that Mrs. Scott will be returning in her role as Prep. Teacher. Also, we are excited to have Mrs. Carruthers join our Student Support Department as an additional Resource Teacher for our school.

Construction Update

Over the summer, the construction crews completed some underground infrastructure work to help with the ongoing flooding issues on the west side of the school. Also, a new portable was brought in. That portable will be used as a homeroom for Mr. Dixon’s grade 3/4 class. We learned recently that the fire systems for this portable have yet to be completed so this classroom will begin the year in the Learning Commons. We have learned that this should be a very temporary situation.

Many will have noticed that the back entrance way off Creekside Drive is currently not available for passage. Any families who are directly affected by this situation are asked to contact the school for more details about this aspect of the project.

Finally, we look forward to receiving three basketball nets and some more painted tarmac games (i.e. four square) onto the new tarmac on the west side of the school.

Current Staff and Classroom Organization

Mrs. Giles	FDK Teacher
Mrs. Vergunst	Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Kinney	FDK Teacher
Mrs. Kreeft	Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Armitage	Gr. 1 Teacher
Mrs. Jeffrey	Gr. 1/2 Teacher
Mrs. Paisley	Gr. 2 Teacher
Mr. Maddock	Gr. 3 Teacher
Mrs. Burnley	Gr. 3/4 Teacher
Mr. Dixon	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. 7/8 Teacher and Guidance
Mrs. Bedard	Resource Teacher
Mrs. Carruthers	Resource Teacher/Guidance and Learning Commons (0.5)
Mrs. McCarthy	Prep. Teacher (0.5)
Mrs. Scott	Prep. Teacher /Sys. Op.
Mr. Coqu	Core French
Ms. Theriault	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Meharg	Educational Assistant (0.5)
Ms. Boersma	Secretary
Ms. Ellisa	Custodian (day)
Mr. Noli	Custodian (evening)
Mr. Coyle	Principal

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

Upcoming Dates

Sep.	19	School Council Meeting (6 - 7 p.m.)
Sep.	26	‘Meet the Staff’ (4 – 6 p.m.)
Sep.	20	PD Day (no school for students)
Sep.	30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day
Oct.	11	PD Day (no school for students)
Oct.	14	Thanksgiving

Daily Schedule

8:50 - 9:05 Morning Supervision
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

Future Newsletters

We know that families receive a lot of information nowadays. In turn, our school will be sending home two full newsletters each term. Monthly, families will receive school calendars which will outline upcoming activities at the school. Also, email will continue to be used as a communication tool for important and time sensitive updates.

Supervision Before School

Please know that staff are not available to supervise students on the yard until 8:50 each morning. For the safety of our students, we ask that students do not arrive at the school's property before 8:50 a.m.

Daily Student Absences

Families can use School Messenger or our telephone answering service to report if a child is or will be absent. 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 number 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.

School Council

The first meeting of our School Council for the 2024-25 school year will be held in our school's Learning Commons on Thursday, September 19th from 6 – 7 p.m. We welcome all parents and guardians to attend!

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.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Students and staff will be encouraged to wear orange shirts on September 30th for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

[You can use this link if you are interested in ordering a shirt.](#) The deadline for ordering is **September 9th**.

Nut Allergies

We have people in our school who have allergies to nuts. Please do not send your student with any nuts or peanut butter for either lunches or snacks.

Consent for Authorization of Medication

Please contact the school's office if your child needs to take medication at school. Then, we can help walk you through the paperwork that needs completing to ensure Board policy is being followed.

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.

Request for Feedback - Cost of Field Trips

Throughout last year's school year, the school received some feedback from families regarding the cost of field trips and other school activities. In consultation with the School Council, we have decided to reach out to request families to provide the school with feedback related to this topic. If you wish to contribute, [please access a Google Form link but clicking here](#). Your contributions will remain anonymous but please know that the data will be used by the School Council and school staff to devise a plan for moving forward.

Verification Forms

During the first week of school, we will be sending home some forms used to verify and update important information. Please keep an eye out for this paperwork to come home. Once signed, please send it back to the school. These documents allow us to have the most current and accurate information.

Share Your Concerns

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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@kdsb.net.
Learn more at www.kdsb.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.



Construction Photos

Here are a few recent photos of the construction process:

