



# Errol Village Newsletter

## April 2024



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### Umbrella Project Skill of the Month

This month our focus is on building **cognitive flexibility**. Life doesn't always follow a predictable pattern; cognitive flexibility helps our children navigate this uncertainty and feel like they have more options when faced with challenges. As things change around them, they need to change to maintain their wellbeing.

With cognitive flexibility, children are better able to change strategies when faced with new and unexpected situations, make sense of the unfamiliar and thrive in uncertainty. Cognitive flexibility is important for innovating, coming up with new ideas and solving problems, and is essential to creativity. It will also help them understand people and situations that are different from theirs and improve their relationships. Click on the resources below if you'd like to learn more:

[Parenting Tips](#)

['Know Your Brain and Cognitive Flexibility'](#)

['Unstructured Play and Cognitive Flexibility'](#)

### Construction Update

Recently, our school received an update about the planned construction of an addition to our school. It was shared that construction is planned to commence this summer with a expected completion within the 2024-25 school year.

Further details about this work will be shared with the school community as we move through the process.

### Upcoming Dates

April 3	Kindergarten Registration (4-7 pm)
April 5	School Climate Survey Closes
April 8	PD Day
April 19	Spring Photo Day
April 22	Earth Day
April 25	Gr. 7/8 Immunizations
April 30	Movie Madness Theme Day

### Thank You!

Due to the generosity of our parents, guardians, and school community, we are pleased to announce that our school will soon receive a new sound system for our gym. The funds raised by our School Council during the recent chocolate fundraiser were used to purchase this equipment. Thank you for supporting our Eagles!

### Science Fair

Congratulations to the Eagles who participated in last week's Errol Village Science Fair. As always, the students did a phenomenal job, and we received many comments from families after the event expressing how impressed they were with the event.

We look forward to supporting the students who choose to participate in [Lambton County Science Fair](#) which will be happening on April 5-6<sup>th</sup> at Lambton College. A big thank you to Ms. Feniak for offering her time and expertise to support the students through this process.

## Parent's Guide

The Ministry of Education has launched the [Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System](#). This new resource provides parents with helpful information that allows them to have a stronger role and actively participate in their children's education.

## School Climate Survey

The Ontario Ministry of Education asks all school boards in Ontario to conduct an anonymous school climate survey on a regular basis so boards of education can help schools:

- assess perceptions of safety, mental health and well-being – from students, parents and school staff;
- make informed planning decisions about programs to help prevent bullying and promote safe and inclusive schools;
- determine the effectiveness of their programs on an ongoing basis; and
- build and sustain a positive school climate.
- continue to build parent voice/participation in survey

The Lambton Kent District School Board is required to conduct a school climate surveys of students, school staff and parents at least once every two years as they all play a key role in contributing to a positive school climate. ***We are requesting that you, as a parent/guardian of LKDSB student(s) use [this School Climate Survey link](#) to help us build and sustain a positive school climate within your school community.***

Please note that the results of these surveys will be used by our Safe Schools team, as well as by the Lambton Kent District School Board, and all feedback collected will remain anonymous and confidential. The survey takes about 5-10 minutes to complete and will close on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## PD Day Change

Just a reminder that the Lambton Kent District School Board and St. Clair Catholic District School Board have made the decision to change the Professional Activity Day scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024, to Monday, April 8, 2024. [Here is a link to the press release.](#)

## Basketball Teams

The basketball league for students in the junior grades is in full swing! We look forward to rooting our Eagles on as they participate in this friendly league where the focus is on skill development. Thank you to Mrs. Bedard, Ms. Feniak, and Mr. Woolridge for volunteering to coach the teams.

## Clash of the Classrooms

Congratulations to Mrs. Burnley's grade 3/4 class and Mrs. Kerwin's grade 6/7 class for taking third place in their divisions in the County of Lambton's 'Clash of the Classrooms' reading program. Students in Mrs. Burnley's class read a total of 26,637 minutes and students in Mrs. Kerwin's class read for 43,707 minutes!

## School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held in our school's Learning Commons on **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

## Legislative Page: Ahmed Arif

Congratulations to Ahmed Arif, grade 7, for being selected and participating as a Legislative Page last month at Queen's Park in Toronto. Way to go Ahmed, we're so proud of you! Here's a picture of Ahmed with Bob Bailey, the M.P.P. for our riding.



## Spirit Wear

The Team Outfitters store is now open for EVPS all year long. This is to accommodate gift giving as well as new families that come mid-year. [Feel free to check out this site](#) if you are interested in purchasing any spirit wear.

## Events in the Community

A group of individuals in our area are organizing a FIBA 3x3 basketball team which is for kids aged 13-16 and is free for youth. 3x3 is an exciting new form of basketball which Basketball Canada is working to grow nationally. Click on the poster below to see a larger version with more info or you can email [hello@mastermindyouth.org](mailto:hello@mastermindyouth.org)

The poster features a dark background with a basketball hoop and a Wilson 3x3 basketball on the right. On the left, there is a graphic of a basketball with waves crashing over it, set against a sunset sky with birds. The text on the poster includes:

- THE SHORES**
- 3x3**
- TRAVEL BASKETBALL TEAM**
- 2024 SEASON**
- APRIL TO SEPTEMBER**

A text box in the middle of the poster reads: "The Shores 3x3 Basketball is a youth basketball club that provides competitive opportunities to exceptional basketball players in Lambton County. The Shores Basketball teams are provided training in 3x3 basketball and opportunities to travel to 3x3 basketball tournaments and events across Ontario and beyond."

Below the text box, a small box says: "Email us at [hello@mastermindyouth.org](mailto:hello@mastermindyouth.org) for registration info!"

At the bottom, it says: **AGES 13 to 16** and **REGISTER NOW!** with the Mastermind logo.