



Errol Village Newsletter

December 2022



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Errol Village Traditions

It's exciting to see the return of some Errol Village traditions that couldn't happen over the past few years. Recently, our students and staff did a phenomenal job presenting the Remembrance Day assembly. This beautiful event demonstrates how our community comes together to acknowledge and respect those who came before us to ensure our freedoms. Our students are fortunate to be able to learn about the sacrifice of Errol Village's own Corporal Brent Poland and witness, firsthand, the grace and humility of the Poland family.

During the fall, we saw the return of the Meet the Staff evening, Book Fair, the Halloween Dance and Haunted House. Each of these events show the dedication that our families and staff have for providing our students with the richest of school experiences. The work that is done will create memories that will last a lifetime.

In most cases, this is the first year that I have been able to witness these events and I have been amazed at the high quality in which they are facilitated. When I first learned of becoming principal of Errol Village, I received several emails with wording such as, "Wait until you see.." or "You are not going to believe...". They were all true. I'm humbled to be the principal of this fine school and look forward to participating in more events that bring out the best in our school community.

Regards,
Mr. C. Coyle

Construction Update

The work on our new parking lots and bus lanes are nearing completion. As of today, the plan is to have the front bus lane area fully paved on Friday, Dec. 2nd. Once the parking lot work is completed, the school will send out the process in which we plan to use the parking lot, 'kiss and drop' and front area during arrival and dismissal.

The construction crew will return in the spring to complete this phase of construction by adding trees and grass to help beautify the area.

The planned creation of new classrooms and childcare center remains in the design phase.

Visitors from Taiwan

On Tuesday, Dec. 6th a contingent of visitors from Taiwan will be visiting Errol Village P.S. During their visit, they will tour classrooms and have a chance to learn more about the Ontario education system. Many schools in Taiwan look to Ontario schools as a model of excellence and are looking to learn more about how we facilitate student voice, group work, learning skills, and assessment strategies, to name a few. Our Student Council will help host our visitors and we look forward to strengthening our relationships with our friends from Asia.

Upcoming Dates

Dec.	2	Jersey Day
Dec.	21	Sloan's Field Trip
Dec.	16	Winter Concert at G.L.S.S.
Dec.	22	Holiday Lunch
Dec.	23	Last day of classes for 2022
Jan.	9	First Day of classes for 2023
Feb.	3	PD Day (no school for students)
Feb.	7	Graduation Photos (Gr. 8 only)

EQAO

Last spring, students in Grades 3 and 6 at our school, and 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 for the first time, the assessments were completed online. Individual results for students who participated last spring were sent home to families last week.

EQAO provides schools and school boards with detailed reports about their students' achievement, as well as contextual, attitudinal, and behavioural information from questionnaires. You can [use this link](#) to view information at the provincial, school and school board levels in support of students' learning across Ontario.

EQAO assessments are an important source of information about student learning. These data, along with other important information, are used to improve school programming and classroom instruction. Our school board and the Ministry of Education also use the results to direct attention and support where they are needed.

Volleyball

The volleyball season is up and running and both our boys' and girls' teams are representing our school well and, at this point, have won each series of games that they've participated in. Recently, Errol Village was moved into the 'A' division which is comprised of schools with larger populations. A big thank you to Mrs. Kerwin, Mrs. Kinney and Mr. Woolridge for volunteering their time to coach.

There are two more matches left in the season and all games are held at Errol Road School in Sarnia.

Dec. 7	vs. Rosedale	Boys: 4:30 Girls: 5:30
Dec. 13	vs. Cathcart	Girls: 4:30 Boys: 5:30

Lost and Found

We have been displaying our lost and found since parent/teacher interviews. We plan to donate the items if not collected by Dec. 23, 2022

Winter Concert

Our students are working hard as they prepare for the Winter Concert! A Google Form was sent to families several weeks ago to determine how many tickets families are hoping to receive for our Winter Concert being held on Dec. 16th at Great Lakes Secondary School in Sarnia. It's important to note that since each homeroom is working on music to perform, every Eagle is welcome to perform at this event, if they wish. Further communication will be coming via email about the distribution of tickets.

Errol Village EcoTeam Textile Drive

We are trying to divert textiles from going to landfills, by sending them to **Recycling Rewards**. We are accepting any kind of textile, from towels to clothes, shoes and purses to curtains. Recycling Rewards will be paying Errol per kilogram of textiles, and the money will go towards our environmental fund for the outdoor classroom. Items that are in good condition will be directly **reused** either in Canada or overseas. Items in worse condition will be **recycled** by being broken down into fibers to be **upcycled** as rags or stuffing in cushions.

Textile Drives are a win-win-win for everyone involved:

- Less textiles in the landfill mean less greenhouse gasses created as they decay;
- Fewer new clothes made reduces the pollution, carbon footprint and water usage of the fashion industry;
- More people have access to affordable, unique clothing at thrift stores!

We plan to send these textiles off in the new year, so please feel free to send in items right up until Dec. 23rd, 2022.

Winter Clothing for the Inn of the Good Shepherd

Over the last several weeks, students in Mrs. Burnley's class have been collecting winter clothes items such as hats, mittens, socks, gloves, coats, and boots that they will donate to the Inn of the Good Shepherd. We're so proud of these students for coming up with the idea and they did such a wonderful job! Thank you to the community for donating items to support others as we all get ready for the cold of winter.

Counselling Supports

At our last School Council meeting, some members were asking about what supports are available, at the school level, when/if students need support. The following information was shared from our Board's Manager of Psychological Services:

"If a student is experiencing issues that are affecting their school experience or general well-being, our school board mental health professionals can help them to find solutions and to make a plan. Psychoeducational clinicians have Master's degree in psychology and are supervised by a member of the College of Psychologists. At school, these professionals are available to offer individual or group psychological counselling with students experiencing social-emotional difficulties, mental health issues or behavioural concerns, to promote resilience and coping skills. Intervention may be provided in such areas as: anxiety, self-regulation, mood, social skills, anger management, conflict resolution, problem solving, academic motivation, bullying/victimization, grief/loss, and self-esteem. Mental health counselling supports at school are provided for challenges and difficulties that impact school and learning. Home or family based issues would be referred to community agencies. Referrals for school based mental health services are determined at the school level through school based team meetings in consultation with the school's psychoeducational clinician. If community agency support is deemed more appropriate than school board supports, then consultation will occur to help families and students navigate the system and with referring to the most appropriate agency(ies)."

Corporal Brent Poland Memorial Playground

On Nov. 30th, our school received word that the Corporal Brent Poland Memorial Playground had been fully reinstalled passed inspection. Therefore, once the construction fencing is removed from the dirt hill is removed, our students will regain access to the equipment if the weather allows it to be used safely.

No Orange Shirt Day for December

The day before the holidays begin is often full of class-based activities with lots of positive energy and spirit. To be respectful to the learning associated with our last Friday of the month Orange Shirt Day, we will postpone December's Orange Shirt Day. The next Orange Shirt Day will be held on Friday, January 27th.

International Homestay Students

The organization that helps the LKDSB find homestays for international students attending our schools is urgently looking for placements for students going to NCIVS in February. There are 2 males in need of a placement as well as 5 females.

If interested, you can connect with Sam Fleming, Relationship Manager, at help@canadahomestaynetwork.ca or 1 519-704-1374 x 2841

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15th at 6 p.m. in our Learning Commons. All parents/guardian are welcome to attend.

Student Council

The Student Council continues to learn about meeting structures and norms. As well, they will help to welcome our Taiwanese visits on Dec. 6th. After that, they will focus on exploring and sharing about different holidays with our school. As always, they continue to work on organizing spirit days. The next spirit days are: Dec. 2nd – Jersey Day

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.

Inquiry Based Learning: Our Salmon are Back!

It's fun to watch our fish develop! [Here is a slideshow](#) that Mr. Coqu created that may help spark some conversations at home about the life cycle of fish. This learning, although seemingly quite specific in nature, will allow our students to make infinite connections to the world around them. The discussion that we hear around our fish tank is remarkable!

As well, there is a [fish art contest](#) available to students who are interested.

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.

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.

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.

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
- 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.

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