

# Errol Village Newsletter February 2023



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#### **Welcoming Our Newest Eagles**

Over the last several weeks, our office has been excited to receive registrations for our newest Eagles who will be starting their journey through school this September. During our conversation with new families, it is common to hear people mention how supported they feel by others in the community. As a school, we'd like to thank the community for helping our new families become more familiar with Camlachie and our school. For any families asking questions about registration, please feel free to have them give us a call at the office or even drop in for a visit.

Families who are looking to register their child can find more information at the following link.

We will be welcoming families to our school for kindergarten registration on the evening of Feb.  $2^{nd}$  (4 - 7 p.m.) and on Feb.  $3^{rd}$  (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

There will also be additional days in which families can visit the school with their children, tour the school, and meet some of our staff. Those dates and times are:

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 – 7 p.m.

Regards, Mr. C. Coyle

#### **Upcoming Dates**

Feb.	2	Kindergarten Registration (4:00-7:00 pm)
Feb.	3	PD Day (no school for students)
Feb.	3	Kindergarten Registration (9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
Feb.	7	Graduation Photos (Gr. 8 only)
Feb.	10	Subway Day
Feb.	15	Flag Day
Feb.	17	Report Cards (Term 1) Sent Home
Feb.	20	Family Day
Feb.	21	Paczki Day
Feb.	24	Orange Shirt Day
Mar.	13	March Break Begins (no school)
Mar.	20	Students Return to School

#### **Black History and Heritage Month**

This month Black History and African Heritage is being celebrated in the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB). In recognition of Black History/African Heritage during the month of February, the LKDSB is committed to recognizing the historically erased role of Black Canadians in our history and society. The focus this year for Black History/African Heritage Month is "Black Innovation". There will be learning opportunities available for our staff and students throughout this month.

#### **Basketball**

The basketball seasons for both the boys' and girls' teams are in full swing. The coaches have been impressed with the ability of our student athletes to accept feedback and improve their skills and team strategies within games. Thank you to Mrs. Bedard, Mr. Coqu, and Mr. Woolridge for volunteering to coach the students. As well, a special 'shout out' to Ms. Feniak for helping to coach a game.

#### **EVPS Choir**

Seventy student singers will represent our school by singing our national anthem at the Sarnia Sting game on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. A big thank you to our choir directors Mrs. Cressman, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Jeffrey, and Mrs. Kerwin for organizing this memorable opportunity for our Eagles!

#### **Intramurals**

During some recesses, our students in the primary division have been participating in 9 Pin and Newcombe. Thank you to Mrs. Armitage for volunteering to provide this fun opportunity for our students. We are currently looking into other intramurals that we may be able to provide in the spring.

#### **Subway Day and Paczki Day**

Thank you to our School Council for organizing a Subway Day (Feb. 10) and a Paczki Day. Orders can be made on School Cash Online. The deadline for Subway Day is Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and the deadline for Paczki Day is Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Item is 'open ' for sale on School Cash Online from Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Environmental Initiatives at EVPS**

Our Eco Club continues to work hard to promote good stewardship of our planet. During the month of February, they will be focusing on sharing some learning about strategies we can use to reduce waste during lunchtime.

#### **School Council**

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

#### **EQAO**

Each year, the Education Quality and Accountability Office conducts assessments of reading, writing, and mathematics for students in grades 3 and 6. This year, the assessments will take place between the 'window' of Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions related to these assessments.

#### **Grade 7/8 Northern CVI Open House**

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## GRADE 7/8 OPEN HOUSE AND PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:00-8:00 P.M.

Northern Collegiate

#### **Schedule and Format**

- Fair-style format
- Visit Departments
- Speak with Teachers and Students
- Check out Clubs and Athletics
- Learn about Student Supports
- Tour the school
- Door prizes

#### Guidance Presentation - Open to all parents

- o 6:00 pm, 6:45 pm, 7:30 pm
- o Rm 120
- Grade 8 to 9 Transition, Courses, Grad requirements, Student Supports

#### French Immersion Presentation

- o 6:00 pm
- Library

Parents / guardians and students are all welcome!

#### **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.

#### Valentine's Day

The safety of all our students is important to all of us. We ask that our families continue to be diligent and DO NOT send food having peanut or nut products in your student's lunches. Please read the labels and if it says, "May Contain," we must insist that these products be consumed at home. We have students with life threatening allergic reactions to peanuts, and nut products.

#### **Lambton App**

The Sarnia-Lambton Immigration Partnership has been working on providing access to local information for newcomers to the area. In partnership with many local organizations, including LKDSB, they have created a Welcome to Lambton app.

You can learn more about the Welcome to Lambton Apphere.