



Errol Village Newsletter

January 2024



Principal: Mr. Chris Coyle
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[Errol Village Public School Website](#)

Welcome Back!

On behalf of everyone here at Errol Village P.S., I would like to extend warm wishes as we enter 2024. We're looking forward to all the learning and fun that will be coming our way!

I would like to take some time to thank our many parents and community members who have come forward to help volunteer at our school. I know that our students really enjoy any opportunity to share their learning with volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at our school, please contact the office and we can help discuss the process with you.

Kindergarten Registration



Making the transition into Kindergarten is an important milestone in the lives of young children, as well as their parents and guardians. Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) has put a focus on ensuring that transition is warm, welcoming and as easy as possible.

Parents and guardians with children born in 2019 or 2020, looking to have their child start Kindergarten in September 2024 can register in three, easy steps:

1. Visit www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten
2. Fill out the online registration form
3. Visit our school on one of the following dates:

Thursday, February 1st from 4:00PM-7:00PM
Friday, February 2nd from 9:00AM-3:00PM

Umbrella Project - Authenticity

Authenticity is the ability to be our genuine selves, staying true to our values and beliefs even under pressure, while still adapting to the world around us. Authenticity comes from having actions that match the words we say and not trying to be someone else to impress others. It's very difficult to feel unconditionally loved and accepted without this critical skill.

Research shows that authenticity helps kids stand up for what they think is right, which reduces bullying and social stress. As parents, we can do a lot this year to work against the concerning trends in childhood mental health just by helping kids embrace and feel confident in their true selves.

With increased authenticity also comes increased self-confidence and trustworthiness, characteristics that will help your children create strong and lasting friendships which we know to be critical to their long-term wellbeing (Dr. Jen).

[Can Chores Really Build Authenticity?](#)

[What We Say Matters](#)

[Blog](#)

Upcoming Dates

Jan.	8	First day of classes for 2024
Jan.	18	School Council (6 p.m.)
Jan.	26	Orange Shirt Day
Feb.	1	Kindergarten Registration (4 -7 p.m.)
Feb.	2	Kindergarten Registration (9 – 3 p.m.)
Feb.	2	PD Day (no school for students)
Feb.	19	Family Day

'On Demand' Spirit Wear

We have learned that Team Outfitters in Sarnia are piloting a process where people can connect with them for any 'on demand' spirit wear for schools. We're being told that Errol Village cotton t-shirts and hoodies can now be ordered through them at any time throughout the school year.

Collaborative Art Activity

Some members of our School Council took the initiative to organize a collaborative art activity for students leading up to the break. A big thank you to this group for helping create a 'living' project that can be used to welcome new Eagles into our school by allowing them to contribute their own section to the art.

'Movement Wednesdays'

An opportunity has been organized separately from the school where families of children in grades JK-2 are welcome to join a program being held in our school's gym for some fun movement activities. Thank you to the Pilkey family for taking the initiative in creating and organizing this idea. Here are the details:

Movement Wednesdays:

What - Warm Up, Skill Work, Games

Who - Players - JK to Gr. 2

Coaches - Parent with four high schoolers (1-5 ratio)

When - Jan 24th - Feb 28th

Wednesdays 5:30pm JK/SK, 6:30pm Gr 1-2

Where - Errol Village School Gym

How Much - \$30/child

Why - For fun!

Please email john.pilkey@sunlife.com if interested.

There are limited spots available.

'The Giving Train'

The students in Mrs. Burnley's class organized a 'Giving Train' prior to the break. We are happy to report that each homeroom contributed a large bag of winter clothing items that have been donated to the Inn of the Good Shepherd in Sarnia. Way to go Eagles!



Basketball

The process has begun to get the boys' and girls' basketball teams up and running for their seasons. A big thanks to Mr. Coqu who will coach the boys' team and to Mrs. Bedard and Ms. Feniak for coaching the girls' team.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, Jan. 18th at 6 p.m.** in our Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

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 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.

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.

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 519-326-1500 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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