



Errol Village Newsletter

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Learning Can Happen in Many Ways!

Under the leadership of Mr. Coqu, we have been fortunate to have a mini-salmon hatchery in our school over the past couple years. It truly is amazing to witness all the learning associated with this program. The development of the fish has provoked student wonderings that have evolved into discussions far beyond the fish tank. Sometimes, early in the morning, when the 'before school' program is running, I often hear students asking each other questions related to the fish tank and looking to find out more (i.e. "I wonder why that fish seems to be all by itself?" or "Could a baby octopus live in there?").

In education, we call this inquiry-based learning. By providing experiences like the fish tank to students, we can promote the value of lifelong learning and help reinforce the idea that learning can happen anytime and anywhere. For instance, in the case of the mini-salmon hatchery, some students have challenged themselves to become better communicators and researchers and have connected learning from the tank into their classroom learning.

We were also excited to see an article co-written by two of our students (Carson and Riley) to be published in the Bluewater Anglers newsletter! [Click here if you'd like to read the article.](#)

Finally, [here is an update from our school's Salmon Squad](#) that tells us more about some of the learning that's happening at Errol Village P.S.



Regards,
Mr. C. Coyle

Upcoming Dates

March	10	Green and White (St. Patrick's) Spirit Day
March	13	March Break Begins (no school)
March	20	Students Return to School
March	27	Graduation Photo Retakes
April	7	Good Friday (No School)
April	10	Easter Monday (No School)
April	12	JK Registration
April	28	PA Day

Basketball

Both of our basketball teams finished their seasons with exciting games at Northern on the evening of March 1st. Interestingly, both games ended in a tie. In turn, our boys finished their season tied for 4th and 5th place while the girls' team finished in a tie for 3rd and 4th place. We want to congratulate the student athletes for all their dedication and hard work throughout the season. Both teams made great strides throughout the season and represented our school well. Thank you to Mrs. Bedard, Mr. Coqu, Ms. Feniak, and Mr. Woolridge for volunteering to coach the students.

Kindergarten Registration

Anyone wishing to register for next year can continue to contact the school. Families who are looking to register their child can find more information at the [following link](#). Our school will be holding events for families to visit the school with their children, tour the school, and meet some of our staff. Those dates and times are:

Wednesday, April 12th from 4 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31st from 4 – 7 p.m.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23rd at 6 p.m. in our Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend. [There is also a digital meeting link](#) for those who may wish to attend virtually.

Celebrating Cultures

Members of our Student Council brought forth the idea of finding a way to celebrate some cultures of families at our school. Please contact Mr. Coyle if your family would be interested in learning more about ways we can celebrate cultures in our school community.

Lambton County Science Fair

Each year, some of our students share their learning at Lambton County Science Fair. This year's event will happen from March 31st to April 1st. [Click here for more details.](#)

Student Action!

We are so proud of our grade 6 students in Mrs. Newman-Campbell's class. They have been learning more about the recent earthquakes and what they can do to help. The students have been in touch with the Red Cross to set up a way for members of our community to contribute to this cause on behalf of our school. More information about this initiative will be shared via school email when the details are finalized.

Environmental Initiatives at EVPS

Our school's Eco Club is comprised of student leaders who are passionate about sharing their learning regarding ways to support the environment.

Topics related to the environment are often discussed on morning announcements or during various activities within the school. These topics are meant to raise awareness and discussion about the environment (i.e. 'litterless lunch', use of plastics, role that food plays in our environment). Families are free to choose to support any of these initiatives in a way that they see fit for their household.

March 22nd is set aside as World Water Day and we will use our digital announcements to share learning with students about the role water plays in our lives.

As well, on March 24th, schools across the LKDSB are recognizing Earth Hour from 2-3 p.m. Schools are asked to reduce their electricity usage for one hour. During Earth Hour, our school will be using as little electricity as possible in the office, halls, classrooms, library, and the gym. Let's all try our best to reduce our electricity usage over the weekend.

Eagles in the Community

Our Errol Village Choir did an amazing job by singing (and signing) our national anthem at a Sarnia Sting game in February. Way to go Eagles! Special thanks to Mrs. Cressman, Mrs. Jeffrey, and Mrs. Kerwin for organizing this experience for our students.



C.L.A.S.S. on Twitter

As part of their social media presence, C.L.A.S.S., who among other things, manages our bus system, has added a Twitter account as an additional platform. This allows them to share news on another platform to reach an even wider audience.

We are welcome to follow them at : https://twitter.com/CLASS_ckla

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.