



Errol Village Newsletter

October 2023



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School Goals and Resilience

Each elementary school is tasked to create specific school goals related to Anti-Oppressive Education, Attendance, Indigenous Education, Student Achievement, and Student Wellbeing.

The importance of our students learning to be resilient is woven throughout each of our school's goals. Our school has partnered with Dr. Jen and the Umbrella Project to help guide us through this process. Each month, our school hosts an Umbrella Project assembly where student leaders and staff members present information to our student body.

"This month our focus is on building **Empathy**. All the Umbrella Skills can be built with practice and this month we are working to build the empathy piece of your child's umbrella of wellbeing skills. What will empathy do for my child? Create strong social networks.

Empathy is the ability to put ourselves in someone else's shoes and understand what they may be feeling. It is a key ingredient to successful relationships with our friends and family. High levels of empathy result in lower levels of conflict and better problem solving. It also helps us make new friends, keep the ones we have and build a stronger social network". (Dr. Jen)

[Here is a resource that we encourage families to explore that includes strategies \(including one for use of technology\) related to developing empathy.](#)

Regards,
Mr. Coyle

Subway Day (Change of Date)

Thank you to School Council for organizing a Subway Day for our staff and students! It will be held on Wednesday, October 4th.

School Spirit wear

A big thank you to Mrs. Carruthers for working with Team Outfitters to set up our online school spirit wear store for Errol Village! [Here is the link if you would like to order anything.](#) The 'store' is open until Oct 9th at midnight and purchases will be delivered to the school for distribution.

Important Safety Reminders

Supervision at our school is not available for students until 8:50 a.m. at the beginning of the day. At the end of the day, there is no supervision available once busses have left the school. If/when students are noticed on the school yard prior to or after supervision is available, we will direct them to a safe place off school property.

Some of you may know that Lambton Rural Childcare runs a before and after school program at our school and that program has access to our yard. For the safety of all, it is important that students who are not in that program do not access the school yard during those times.

Kiss and Drop Update

This feature of our parking lot has improved safety for our students. However, we encourage families to use the entirety of the 'kiss and drop' lane which goes right back near the playground equipment. This should help prevent the congestion of cars at the beginning of the lane (near Egremont). Also, families who are exiting their cars are asked to please park in a parking spot.



Upcoming Dates

Oct. 4	Subway Day
Oct. 5	Optimist Cross Country Event (Petrolia)
Oct. 6	PD Day (no school for students)
Oct. 9	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 9	Deadline to Order Spirit Wear (midnight)
Oct. 10	Terry Fox Run at EVPS (2:15-3:15)
Oct. 16	Sarnia Cross Country Event
Oct. 19	School Council (6 p.m.)
Oct. 31	Black and Orange Day
Nov. 1	'Take Our Kids to Work Day'

Terry Fox Run at EVPS

Errol Village School is proud to support the Terry Fox Foundation and its work to fund innovative and progressive cancer research programs. This year, our school's run will occur on Tuesday, October 10th during the third block (2:15 – 3:15) on our back field. Pledge sheets will not be going home but donations can be made [by going to this website](#).

Families are welcome and encouraged to join us on Oct. 10th to continue the legacy of one of our greatest Canadian heroes.

School Council

October's School Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 19th at 6 p.m.** in our Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are always 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 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.

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.

Cross Country

Good luck to our students who are participating on the cross-country team when they participate in meets on:

Oct. 5: Optimist Club of Lambton Central-Petrolia Cross Country Run – Bridgeview Park, Petrolia

Oct. 16: Canatara Park Meet, Sarnia
Rain Date: Oct. 20

Oct. 24: District Meet at Canatara (for those who qualified)
Rain Date : Oct. 25

A big Eagle thanks to Coach Maddock for giving his time to coach our students!

Choirs

Two different choirs are in the process of getting up and running at EVPS! Auditions will be happening during the first week of October. The auditions will be divided by students in grades 1-3 and students in grades 4-8.

GSA Club

Based on student voice and initiative, our school will be offering an optional club currently called the Gender and Sexualities Alliance and offered to students in grades 6-8. Our school has been working with Board level personnel to learn about effective ways to support our students who have brought this idea forward to our staff.

This opportunity aligns with the LKDSB's Strategic Priorities, specifically related to Inclusive Diversity – Champion Anti-Oppressive Education. More details about the LKDSB's Strategic Priorities can be found at www.lkdsb.net

Recently, students created a bulletin board where people can contribute their thoughts related to "What Does Diversity Mean to You?"



Halloween

On Tuesday, October 31st, our school will recognize Halloween in the following ways:

- Students in junior or senior kindergarten may choose to dress up in costumes.
- Students in grades 1-8 may choose to dress in orange and black.
- Our students in Mr. Woolridge's class will create a 'Haunted House' for our students to walk through in the gym.
- Please remember that we need to ensure that we are 'nut aware' of any treats coming into the school. Connect with your child's homeroom teacher with any questions about this.

Eco Club

The Errol Village Eco Club has started again! Our school has a strong reputation for its work with environmental initiatives. This club meets on Thursdays in the 'Greenhouse' (AKA Ms. Feniak's Gr. 4 classroom). The club is organizing awareness work related to reducing single use plastics and strategies for effective recycling.

Volleyball

Preparations are being made for our Eagles to participate in the LKESSA Intermediate Volleyball League. This opportunity is available to all students in grades 7 and 8. Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Kerwin, Mrs. Kinney, and Mr. Woolridge.

IEPs

IEP's will go home, for parent consultation, on October 17th.

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.



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Student Transportation
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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 to log into the Parent Portal. **The student number can be found on your child's report card or by contacting Ms. Boersma.**

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



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@kdsb.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.

