



Errol Village Newsletter

September 2023



Principal: Mr. Chris Coyle

Secretary: Ms. Carolin Boersma

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Welcome Back!

On behalf of the entire Errol Village school community, I welcome everyone to the 2023-24 school year! We are so excited to start another school year of learning and look forward to seeing our students having a successful school year.

We will be welcoming a couple of new staff members to our school in September. A big Eagle welcome to Ms. Landon who will be joining us in her role as Educational Assistant (0.5) and to Mrs. Willsie who will take on the role of Prep. Teacher and System Operator (0.5). In schools, the System Operator helps facilitate the use of technology for educational purposes.

Regards,

Mr. C. Coyle, Principal

The Umbrella Project

Our school is a partner with the [Umbrella Project](#), led by Dr. Jen Forristal. They help guide us to present the skills to our students that will support them into the future.

During Term 1, we will be focused on the following skills:

- September: Umbrella Intro
- October: Empathy
- November: Growth Mindset
- December: Kindness

Assemblies will be used to introduce and reflect on the concepts and student leaders will help reinforce the skills through appropriate modeling. We would like to thank Mrs. Bedard and Mrs. Carruthers for their passion and dedication supporting this work in our school.

If you'd like to learn more about this program and what you can do as a parent/guardian, [you can click here for more information.](#)

Current Staff and Classroom Organization

Mrs. Giles	FDK Teacher
Mrs. Vergunst	Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Kinney	FDK Teacher
Mrs. Kreeft	Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Jeffrey	SK/Gr. 1 Teacher
Mrs. Armitage	Gr. 1/2 Teacher
Mrs. Paisley	Gr. 2/3 Teacher
Mrs. Burnley	Gr. 3/4 Teacher
Mr. Maddock	Gr. 3/4 Teacher
Ms. Feniak	Gr. 4/5 Teacher
Mrs. Newman-Campbell	Gr. 5/6 Teacher
Mrs. Kerwin	Gr. 6/7 Teacher
Mr. Woolridge	Gr. 7/8 Teacher and Guidance
Mrs. Bedard	Resource Teacher
Mrs. Carruthers	Prep. /Guidance (0.5)
Mrs. Cressman	Prep./Learning Commons (0.5)
Mrs. Willsie	Prep. /Sys. Op. (0.5)
Mr. Coqu	Core French
Ms. Theriault	Educational Assistant
Ms. Landon	Educational Assistant (0.5)
Ms. Genoway	Supervision Support
Ms. Boersma	Secretary
Mr. Ross	Custodian
Ms. Wylie	Custodian
Mr. Coyle	Principal

Student placements and classroom organizations are tentative at this time. Additional changes could occur over the next few weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Dates

September	14	School Council Meeting (6 p.m.)
September	15	PD Day (no school for students)
September	20	Picture Day
September	28	'Meet the Staff' Event (Time TBD)
September	29	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
October	6	PD Day (no school for students)
October	9	Thanksgiving

Daily Schedule

8:50 - 9:05 Morning Supervision
9:05 - 11:05 Instructional Time
11:05- 11:25 First Nutritional Break & Recess
11:25 -11:45 First Nutritional Break & Recess
11:45 - 1:45 Instructional Time
1:25 - 1:45 Second Nutritional Break & Recess
1:45 - 2:05 Second Nutritional Break & Recess
2:05 - 3:25 Instructional Time (80 minutes)
3:25 Dismissal

Supervision Before School

Please know that staff are not available to supervise students on the yard until 8:50 each morning. For the safety of our students, we please ask that students do not arrive to the school's property before 8:50 a.m.

Daily Student Absences

Families can use School Messenger or our telephone answering service to report if a child is or will be absent. 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. Lunches, books, projects, supplies, etc. should accompany the students when they leave for school each day.

Bus Application - MySBI

There is an upgraded version available of the application used to monitor weather cancellations and bus delays. Unfortunately, the app currently installed on phones will NOT automatically update to the new version, so all users must download the new app from the App/Google Play Store before September 29th to continue receiving school bus delay and cancellation notices. The current 'old' version of the app will no longer function after this date. [You can click on this link if you need instructions to update this app.](#)

School Council

The first meeting of our School Council for the 2023-24 school year will be held in our school's Learning Commons on Thursday, September 14th from 6 – 7 p.m. We welcome all parents and guardians to attend!

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.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Students and staff will be encouraged to wear orange shirts on September 29th for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

You can use this QR code if you are interested in ordering a shirt. The deadline for ordering is September 11th.



Nut Allergies

We have people in our school who have allergies to nuts. Please do not send your student with any nuts or peanut butter for either lunches or snacks.

Consent for Authorization of Medication

Please contact the school's office if your child needs to take medication at school. Then, we can help walk you through the paperwork that needs completing to ensure Board policy is being followed.

Plans of Care

To promote the safety and well-being of students, the Ministry of Education requires all school boards in Ontario to develop and maintain a policy or policies to support students in schools who have asthma, diabetes, and/or epilepsy, and/or are at risk for anaphylaxis. Parents/guardians are expected to inform the school of their child's medical condition(s) and, in turn, we will co-create a Plan of Care including emergency response for their child.

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Verification Forms

During the first week of school, we will be sending home some forms used to verify and update important information. Please keep an eye out for this paperwork to come home. Once signed, please send it back to the school. These documents allow us to have the most current and accurate information.

Share Your Concerns

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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@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.



Hosting International Students

If you've ever considered hosting an international student in your home, now is the time to apply!

International high-school students from Australia, Belgium, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, and Taiwan are excited to come to the Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) for our great education programs and dynamic outdoor life.

Homestay host families are needed for placements across the LKDSB, particularly in Petrolia, Forest, and Sarnia. Urgently needed are placements for male students. Hosts receive a generous allowance (\$850/month) to offset expenses, 24/7 support, and special health and safety training.

When you host international students your family benefits with lifelong friendships, global awareness, and stronger interpersonal skills. Children in families who host international students learn to meet inter-cultural challenges with open minds and learn to advocate for people who may be vulnerable.

If you have questions about the hosting experience, please contact the Canada Homestay Network at hostinfo@canadahomestaynetwork.ca or 1-877-441-4443 ext. 2176. To learn more and apply, visit <https://whyihost.canadahomestaynetwork.ca>.