



Earl Kitchener Elementary School

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Dear Earl Kitchener Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

RE: Reorganization at Earl Kitchener

As a result of unanticipated changes to student enrolment and in order to comply with provincial class size requirements, we have had to make some adjustments to our school classroom organizations. This is a process that occurs throughout the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board at this time of year, and it is a result of a system review of our class sizes in accordance with Ministry legislation. This is a common occurrence that is taking place in many elementary schools throughout HWDSB.

Specifically, at Earl Kitchener School, we will be creating a grade 1/2 Primary French Immersion class due to our increase in our school enrolment. This also means that in order to accommodate our growing number of classes there will be a portable added to our back playground. Mme Bakalar's grade 5 FI class will be moved to this portable and the primary class will be settled in the school. This portable will take approximately eight weeks to be delivered, so our library will be closed in order for it to become a grade 5 FI classroom until the portable arrives.

The teachers and I will be working together to build the new primary class and as soon as I know the teachers name I will let the Earl Kitchener community know. Our goal is to communicate with parents by phone if their child is being moved to our new class by the beginning of next week. The children will be in their new class starting Friday September 29th.

Remember we have Meet the Teacher scheduled for Thursday September 28th. Come for the Optimist BBQ from 5-6 pm on the back playground and 6-7 pm in the school. This will be your opportunity to visit your child's class and say hello to their teacher.



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We apologize in advance for any disruption this may cause and appreciate your understanding as we finalize class organizations for this school year. We have worked collaboratively with HWDSB staff to minimize disruption as much as possible for our students. As always, our team of dedicated professional educators will partner with you to ensure students are well cared for and experience educational success.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richelle Bratuz
Principal

A reminder to all of our E.K. families, Friday, September 22nd is a P.A. Day. There is no school for the students.

Enjoy your weekend!