



Earl Kitchener Elementary School

Earl Kitchener Families!

October 2019

We're off to a great start here at EK for 2019/2020 and we have definitely hit the ground running! Please read on for some updates and reminders ...

1. Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 have had the opportunity in recent weeks to try out for the school **Cross Country** team that will be competing at the upcoming HWDSB meet on Thursday, October 3rd. Thank you Mrs. McColman, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Sargant, Mr. Popek, Mr. Daniels, Mrs. Ogilvie and several other folks on staff for all your hard work in preparing students. Good luck to all of our competitors, we know that you'll represent the school well!
2. Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 also have the opportunity to join the school **swim team** with Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Walkinshaw. Information has been shared home with students.
3. Also, and thanks to the efforts of our School Council and Home and School members, numerous parent volunteers are working to ensure that the long standing tradition of '**Fright Night**' can continue at EK. Planning is underway and our event is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th ... stay tuned for details!
4. A special thank you also goes out to parent volunteer Mrs. Nock for taking on the 'weeding' of the various **garden beds** in front of the school ... looks great and very much appreciated!
5. Our next **School Council and Home and School meetings** are on Tuesday, October 15th (7:00 - 8:00 / 8:00 - 9:00 pm respectively) in the school library for any interested caregivers who would like to come out and join us. Please consider coming out to learn more about what's happening here at EK and perhaps how to become involved!
6. Please do your part to help the school and office run efficiently by ensuring that students **arrive on time**. If students are late for any reason, they are to check in at the office for the purpose of accurate attendance tracking and safety.
7. If for any reason you need to pick your child up early, **PLEASE jot a note** in the agenda (or 'important bag') in order that we can be prepared and thank you in advance!

8. **Safe Schools Policy** ... parents often have questions related to, or included in the Board's 'Safe School Policy'. A couple of reminders;

- ✓ **Adults in schools** ... **any adults entering the school are required to check in at the office and are not permitted to simply 'walk down to classrooms/lockers' and/or accompany children through the school.** Of course parents/guardians are welcome to assist their children with any needs (while at the office) and for our younger students, and/or if any assistance is required, we will always make arrangements for staff to help where necessary.

9. And finally a reminder that the **parking lot** behind the school is reserved for school staff. If you are dropping off and/or picking up (even for the Before or After school programs), PLEASE make your stop on Stanley Avenue or Dundurn.

Please check the EK website for additional events and dates to remember.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the school directly or make arrangements to come in and talk ... thank you for the continued help and support in making Earl Kitchener School a safe and great place to be!

Mr. Thorne, Mrs. Kucic and the staff of Earl Kitchener School.