



Earl Kitchener Elementary School

Earl Kitchener Families!

January 2020

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone was able to enjoy some time relaxing with friends and family over the holidays and also that 2020 is your best year ever!

Some upcoming dates to remember;

- **Home and School (7:00 – 8:00) and School Council (8:00 – 9:00) meetings** ... all are welcome on Tuesday, January 21st.
- **PD Day** ... Friday, January 24th (no school for students).
- Please also check the EK website (calendar) for additional events and dates.

Also;

Gym shoes ... with the arrival of winter, it is important to remind students and families that wet shoes and boots cannot be worn in the gym (safety). Please remember to send your child to school with running shoes in order to ensure that they are able to actively participate in Phys-Ed class and/or DPA each day. If possible, students are also welcome to leave an 'extra pair' at school.

Speaking of shoes, do you have any GENTLY USED SHOES kicking about? We are putting together a bin of 'loaner gym shoes' for students and are asking for donations of gently used shoes in sizes for children from JK to Grade 5. If you are able to help, please drop off any athletic shoes to the office and thank you in advance for any support!

LOST AND FOUND ... it is incredible how many items are added to our 'lost and found' daily! If you are able to add your child's name to any garments, we will always do our best to make sure that any items are returned.

Encourage Your Children to Use Active Travel to Get to School! Walking and wheeling are healthy ways to get to and from school. Replacing car travel for more ACTIVE TRAVEL (bike/walk) can help children meet the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Trips powered by ACTIVE TRAVEL, rather than vehicles, can help to improve air quality, reduce your carbon footprint, and make neighbourhoods friendlier places. Commit to walking or wheeling to or from school even once, then build from there.

Finally, **if your child is going to be away from school for any reason, PLEASE let us know (for each day absent)!** This can be done easily using the 'School Messenger' System. To learn more, simply go onto the HWDSB website and choose 'Elementary', then 'Supports' and scroll down to student attendance. 'School Messenger' is a free app available for download on your mobile device.

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!

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