

Earl Kitchener's School Council & Home and School Association

Are you interested in becoming involved in the E.K. community? Join one (or both!) of our parent organizations!

What is School Council?

School Council acts as a parental advisory group that:

- Represents the parents' interests to the principal and school board
- Makes recommendations in its advisory role
- Includes parent, teacher, and staff representation
- Is required by provincial law

Why join?

School Council is a great way to keep on top of what's going on at Earl Kitchener and across the HWDSB. It also gives you the opportunity to have your say regarding school matters. In the past, these discussions have included playground revitalization, parent engagement activities, traffic calming measures, and student achievement. If interested in joining this group, please email ekschoolcouncil@gmail.com

What is the Home and School Association?

The role of the Home and School Association is to promote parent engagement and community participation in the school. It's the fun stuff!

The Home and School Association works independently to:

- Organize events and activities to enrich the school community and provide additional funds for the school
- Foster communication between the school and the parent community
- Determine how fundraising dollars are spent

Where do you see Home and School Association activity around Earl Kitchener?

Although this year looks quite different due to the pandemic and additional safety measures in place (which may delay the start of or cancel some of these programs altogether), the past years have included the following fundraising and/or E.K. community initiatives:

- Pizza and Milk Program
- Nutrition Program
- Fright Night
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Art Auction
- Teacher Appreciation
- Book Swap

How can you get involved?

All of these programs run only with the help of parent volunteers. You can find out about volunteer opportunities in the following ways:

- Join us at meetings – this year we've gone "virtual" via Teams (usually the 3rd Tuesday of each month)
- Sign up for the E.K. weekly reminders (via <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/earlkitchener/>)
- Follow our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/EKHomeandSchool
- Watch for paper bulletins in your child's backpack
- Email us at ekhmeanschool@gmail.com to join our distribution list