



Earl Kitchener Elementary School

Earl Kitchener Families!

April 2021

Hello everyone,

Hope you're well and already enjoying what looks to be the start of a beautiful spring. Some items for your information and consideration;

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair ... thank you to our EK Home and School Association for organizing the first ever 'virtual' Book Fair for the school. As has previously been shared, any revenue earned is returned to the school by way of purchasing additional resources to support literacy programming and to keep kids reading. Over \$700 was raised this time around so thank you also EK families for participating and once again making this annual event a success!

Welcome Mme Tiz Penney ... please join me in welcoming Mme Tiz Penney as the (half time) VP for Earl Kitchener School. Mme Penney is a recently retired HWDSB Principal and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience, much of which was in French immersion schools. I look forward to working alongside Mme Penney through to the end of June.

Learn. Disrupt. Rebuild @ HWDSB: Building a Community of Care ... last year the Ministry of Education tasked all Ontario School Boards with having a plan in place to ensure inclusive environments in classrooms and in schools, free from discrimination. The 'LDR' initiative was created in response and has been in place since the start of the current school year. A significant amount of Professional Development continues to take place for staff and there are modules of age-appropriate instruction for students. Please ask your child's teacher for additional details if you are interested.

Pick up and Drop off (Stanley Avenue and Homewood Avenue) ... recently we've had neighbours of the school communicate their ongoing frustration with vehicles left blocking their driveways while caregivers presumably walk children to and from the playground. This may seem insignificant however we must remember that for homes along either side of the school, this is a twice daily concern for people getting into or out of their driveways. If you have to drive to the school, PLEASE do not block driveways as a courtesy to our EK neighbours.

Remember that the Winter Break has been delayed! I'm sure everyone is aware and yet perhaps it bears repeating that the winter break has been pushed from the week of March 15th to the week of April 12th. Schools will be closed from Monday, April 12th – Friday, April 16th.

Our next **School Council** *and* **Home and School** meetings will be held 'virtually' on MS Teams the evening of Tuesday, May 18th beginning at 7:00 pm. Please consider joining us to learn more about what's happening here at EK, and if you haven't already shared your email contact information for an invite to participate, please email;

earlkitchenerparentcouncil@gmail.com

Please continue to check the EK website (calendar) from time to time for additional events/dates to remember and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out ... thank you for the continued help and support in making Earl Kitchener School a safe and great place to be!

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