



## Weekly Update November 15-19, 2021



### Earl Kitchener / Board Updates

Please ensure that you are checking the EK, along with the Board websites on a regular basis for updates. We have heard from some families that they are not receiving the notifications when a new item is posted, so we are relying on families to check on their own while we investigate. There is often important information that gets posted throughout the week. Monthly School Calendars are now being posted on EK site.



### Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Earl Kitchener's virtual book fair will go from Monday November 8 -19th. The link provided will be LIVE on Monday morning. You can click on it ahead of time to browse some of the great titles available. This year books will be delivered to your child at EK. Book fair sales help fund new reading material for EK! Happy shopping!

LINK: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5166975>



### Picture Day

Picture day has been confirmed for Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

### Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be going home with students on Friday, November 19, 2021. Please returned the signed copy to your child's teacher.



### Upcoming Spirit Day

Our first Spirit Day will be on **Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup>**, and our theme will be 'EK Wellness'. We are hoping that students/staff will come to school in 'something cozy' (could be pyjamas, jogging pants, something they simply 'like', or whatever they find comfortable) and be prepared to practice some mindfulness activities and take part in a 'virtual' assembly.

### School Council / Home & School

The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00pm.

## **P.A. Day**

Friday, November 26, 2021 is a P.A. Day. There will be no school for students.

## **Dress for the Weather**



The weather is changing! Please ensure students arrive with all they will need to keep them warm for the day (hats, coats, mitts etc). It is better to have these items, and not need them, as we never know how the weather will change during the day.

## **Parent Portal Forms**

Please ensure that you have gone on the Parent Portal and completed all forms. These need to be up-to-date so that we have accurate information in case of emergency.

Should you be updating the verification form, please note that your preferred contact number **MUST** be listed as “Daytime” number, whether it is a home number or cell number, as this is how the system pulls numbers for students. Should you be changing your preferred number, please ensure it is listed as the daytime number. Please also understand that any changes on this form are not automatic. The changes are reviewed by the school prior to the final change, so may take some time to show.

If you have any questions, or are unsure as to what is required, please feel free to contact the school, and we will be happy to assist you.



## **Masking**

All students are required to wear non-medical or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes, as well as on school vehicles. Where physical distancing cannot be maintained, students are required to wear masks outdoors unless within their own cohort. Masks must cover the nose, mouth and chin without gaping. Bandanas, gators and face shields are not a replacement for masks.

## **Dropping Items Off**

At this time, we are unable to accept items being dropped off late. Please ensure that your child has everything they need prior to dropping them off at school (water bottle, lunch, backpack etc). A check list for the student is a great way to help them learn to gather their items up. Any items dropped off would result in multiple people touching the item, which increases exposure. We thank you for your assistance and understanding with this.

## **Illness at School**

We take illness very seriously at the school, so if a student says they are not feeling well, we will call for them to be picked up, and all Covid protocols must be followed. Please encourage your child to speak up if they are not feeling well. With this in mind, we are also asking parents to talk to their children about the ramifications for saying they are sick when they are not. These instances must be treated like all other illnesses, however, it puts unnecessary burden on the school if they are not really ill, and just want to go home.



## **Parking During Drop-Off/Pick-Up**

Please ensure that you are **NOT** blocking **ANY** driveways during pick-up and drop-off. Many residents have called the school complaining that they cannot get in and out of their own driveways. Several neighbours have called the city, and parking enforcement will be monitoring and ticketing as needed. Please be respectful, and if necessary, park further away, and walk to the school.