



Earl Kitchener Elementary School

Earl Kitchener Families

January 2022

Hello EK families and Happy (belated) New Year!

Not the return that we were hoping for, and, like the vast majority of you, we too would prefer to be 'in-person' and we look forward to this being the case once again as soon as is possible. In the meantime, whether you have chosen to have your child participate in online learning opportunities, to access available materials at your convenience, or some combination thereof, please do not hesitate to reach out directly to teaching staff with questions or for support.

A 'support guide' for trouble-shooting common issues as well as some reminders around Remote Learning etiquette have been uploaded to our EK website and of course the HWDSB website has significant information that is updated regularly.

Decision making regarding a return to in-person learning is made at the Provincial level and applies to all schools in Ontario. While we await to hear confirmation regarding the originally suggested date for transitioning back to schools on January 17th, please know that we do not receive advance notification but rather we learn of the direction by way of the same announcements that you have access to via media.

We look forward to seeing our students back here at EK sooner rather than later and please see several information items below.

School website ... please consider checking in on our website periodically as updates are posted regularly. If you '**subscribe**' to the site, you will also receive **notifications** alerting to you the fact that something new has been added.

January PA Day ... Friday, January 28th is a Board wide PA Day. While there is no school for students on this day, staff will be involved in professional learning and preparing Term 1 reports that will be sent home with students on February 18th.

School Council and Home and School Association ... these monthly meetings continue to be held 'virtually' on MS Teams. January meetings are scheduled to take place on the evening of Tuesday, January 18th (from 7:00 - 8:00 pm and 8:00 - 9:00 pm). If you would like additional information, or are interested in joining us to learn more about what's happening at EK, please reach out via email to;

earlkitchenerparentcouncil@gmail.com

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, Mrs. Macnab and the staff of Earl Kitchener School.