



Earl Kitchener Elementary School

Earl Kitchener Families!

April 2022

Hello everyone,

Hope this finds you well and please note the following items for your information and consideration;

Some holidays this month to be aware of (no school);

- ✓ **Good Friday** ... Friday, April 15th.
- ✓ **Easter Monday** ... Monday, April 18th.

Public Health Safety measures ... as restrictions related to Public Health measures continue to be lifted, please access either the School Website or HWDSB Public website for the most up to date information.

Upcoming events ... as a result of 'lifting measures', we have been advised that we can begin considering plans for some 'in-person' events at the school. *As a staff, we are sorting through logistics and possible dates for later this spring to hold a 'Spring Open House' / 'Scholastic Book Fair' here at EK once again, as well as the annual 'Grade 5 Celebration' (much more to share in the coming weeks).*

In conjunction with EK School Council, we also have the following events that interested families may choose to participate in (dates 'to be determined' and details to come);

- Telling Tales (author/illustrator Debbie Redpath Ohi) ... VIRTUAL presentation May 19th.
- MCYU (MacMaster Child and Youth University) ... (likely) in-person event (Date TBD)

HWDSB Track and Field meet ... after two years of cancellation, this event is also resuming and students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to 'try out' in order to be considered for the EK Track and Field Team. The Board wide meet is scheduled for Friday, June 17th and additional information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Choir ... Mr. Popek and Mme Prevec have begun once again to recruit and practice with students interested in being part of the EK school choir. Rehearsals happen during Nutrition Breaks and some could potentially be slated for before school as well.

Parking Lot reminder ... please be mindful that there is one spot in our lot designated for use by vehicles displaying a 'handicap parking permit'. There is signage in place and the parking space essentially abuts the gate leading to the blacktop from the lot. We have several caregivers who require the location and our reminder is that no other vehicle should park/stop there.

EK Readathon ... a charity Readathon in support of 'Neighbour 2 Neighbour' was organized and facilitated by our EK Home and School Association in the weeks leading up to the March Break. The initiative was a tremendous success with almost \$10,000 raised for a wonderful charity organization ... THANK YOU! Many have celebrated achievements and successes in classes and four students were chosen to be 'Acting Principal' for a time on Friday, April 1st (no joke!) ... congratulations to Max, Isobel, Donna and Forrest 😊

Our next **School Council and Home and School** meetings will be held IN-PERSON the evening of Tuesday, April 19th beginning at 7:00 pm in our Learning Commons. Please consider joining us to learn more about what's happening here at EK. There is the possibility for a 'hybrid model' whereby virtual attendance could be an option. Please consider reaching out for details if you are interested to either of the following;

EK School Council: earlkitchenerSC@hwdsb.on.ca

EK Home and School Association: ekhomeandschool@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, Mrs. Macnab and the staff of Earl Kitchener School.

