



Earl Kitchener Elementary School

Re: Student Dismissal plan as of Monday, May 31st, 2022.

Hello Earl Kitchener families!

With the continued relaxing of Public Health safety measures, we will be returning to our past practice for end of day dismissal as of next week. Families are once again welcome to come onto the playground to gather up students end of day, and also stay to use the playground should you wish! **Many of you will be familiar with the way in which this has worked but as a refresher:**

- Caregivers are to wait on either Stanley Street or Homewood Avenue until invited in by staff (at roughly 3:00 p.m.)
- Kindergarten staff (all classes) will be bringing children onto the playground beginning at 3:00 p.m. and at this time, caregivers will be waved in
- Pylons will be set out near the center stairs to establish a 'buffer zone' and caregivers are asked NOT to enter this area
- We ask that those folks picking up Grade 1 – 3 students be 'at the back' to allow for K children to be picked up and disperse first
- Students in Grades 1-3 are dismissed when caregivers make visual contact with staff (it is a good idea to establish a consistent spot where you can be quickly and easily seen)
- There is no change to dismissal for Grade 4 and 5 students
- The morning routine also remains unchanged (caregivers do not enter onto the playground before school in order for us to better manage supervision and enhance safety)

While this may seem somewhat confusing to those families new to EK, not to worry! We will have staff out to provide direction and guidance and the routine will be picked up quickly. Should you have any questions, please reach out directly to your child's teacher and thank you in advance for your support! We are excited to make this adjustment now and in preparation for the fall. It's one more example of returning to the past that we all long for.

Thank you.

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