



Earl Kitchener Elementary School

Earl Kitchener Families!

November 2022

Another BUSY month ahead here at EK with winter slowly approaching!

Firstly, a huge THANK YOU for the incredible efforts of our School Council, Home and School Association, and numerous parent volunteers who put in SO much time organizing and facilitating another fantastic '**Fright Night**' event here at EK on Saturday, October 29th! Back for the first time since October 2019, this long-standing tradition has only been interrupted by COVID over the course of close to 40 years now. Not only is this event a tremendous fundraiser for the school, it is also absolutely LOVED by those who come out ... the young, as well as the young at heart.

On October 25th, we had roughly 70 students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 take part in the **HWDSB Swim Meet** at Jimmy Thompson Pool. Thank you to Mrs. Walkinshaw, Mme Hanna, Mme McCluskey and many others who helped with the training to prepare students for the event. Not only did EK students perform fantastically, the sportsmanship displayed by our team was pointed out by many at the event 😊

Please note that students will receive their '**Progress Reports**' (or 'Communication of Learning' for FDK students) to bring home on Friday, November 18th.

Our next **School Council** and **Home and School meetings** are on Tuesday, November 22nd (7:00 - 8:00 / 8:00 - 9:00 pm respectively). This takes place in the school library for any interested caregivers who would like to come out and join us and learn more about what's happening here at EK.

Potential job action ... as I'm sure you are aware, we are currently anticipating job action by the members of our Caretaking and Maintenance staff (CUPE Union members with HWDSB). Regardless as to what this looks like, the health and safety of students is paramount and we will do the best we can during the instructional day while staff continue to provide learning opportunities for students. We respect and value our CUPE members and the important work they do each and every day and you can stay informed through the School Board website and social media accounts.

Please check the EK website for additional information items.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out directly or make arrangements to come in and talk ... 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.