



Earl Kitchener Elementary School

Earl Kitchener Families

February 2023

Hello everyone,

Hoping that everyone is keeping well (and warm)! Some items for your information and consideration;

February is Black History Month ... In February, we acknowledge Black History Month in schools and in communities across Canada. It is important for us to understand the long history and importance of the Black community to the development and enrichment of Canadian society. Black Canadians from many different cultural backgrounds have made important contributions to the development of education, medicine, culture and human rights throughout Canada's history. As well, we need to recognize how systemic oppression continues to create challenges and barriers. We traditionally celebrate Black culture and history while applauding the achievements and significant contributions Black Canadians have made to build Canada, helping to make this country the diverse and strong nation it is today. Teachers have access to a variety of supports and resources to facilitate age-appropriate conversations and learning with students.

SK Vision screening ... families have already received information regarding this as it was originally scheduled for last week. Our 'rescheduled' date is this Friday, February 3rd.

Cozy Up and Read Day ... our plan was to celebrate Family Literacy day (Saturday, January 28th) with activities planned in classrooms here last week prior to the PA Day. With the 'snow day' on Thursday, we have rescheduled for this Friday, February 3rd and teachers will share out any information around their plans directly.

Dental Care presentation ... on Friday, February 10th, students in FDK to Grade 2 will be participating in a session where proper tooth brushing and overall dental care will be presented.

Family Day Holiday ... there will be no school on Monday, February 20th as this is a designated holiday.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2023 ... registration for the fall begins ONLINE on Monday, February 6th. Please visit the Earl Kitchener (or HWDSB) website for additional details and information. We will be holding our FDK Orientation here at the school the evening of Wednesday, May 10th (time TBD).

Our next **School Council** *and* **Home and School Association** meetings will be held the evening of Tuesday, February 21st starting at 7:00 pm in the library. Please consider joining us to learn more about what's happening here at EK.

Pink Shirt (anti-bullying) Day will be recognized at the school on Wednesday, February 22nd. Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink *anything* to show support for the ongoing battle against bullying behaviour.

February Pizza day ... thanks to the efforts of numerous parent volunteers, our next EK Pizza Day is on Friday, February 24th for anyone interested.

Please continue 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. Johnson and the staff of Earl Kitchener School.