



# Earl Kitchener Elementary School

*Earl Kitchener Families.*

April 2023

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Hello everyone, hope this finds you well!

Please consider subscribing to our school website for regular updates and please note the following items for your information and consideration;

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

- ✓ **Good Friday** ... this Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ **Easter Monday** ... next Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring Open House and Book Fair** ... our 'Spring Open House' (combined with Scholastic Book Fair) will take place a little earlier this year on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will share additional information regarding this event in the coming weeks and once again we can all look forward to having the folks from the Greenville Optimists with their Food Truck/Trailer on site.

**Primary Choir** ... Mr. Popek and Mme Prevec have been practicing with Grade 1 and 2 students who make up our School Primary Choir. Rehearsals happen during Nutrition Breaks and children have been thrilled to participate!

**Wizard of Oz musical** ... staff have been preparing students with daily rehearsals and things are coming along nicely! Tickets will become available for families of students in the cast first (later in April) and for all others early May (more info to come).

- Tickets are \$10.00 per person
- Performances are the evenings of Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>
- There are two shows each night (one at 4:00 pm and one at 7:00 pm)

**Parking Lot reminder** ... please be mindful that there are two spots in our lot designated for use by vehicles displaying a 'handicap parking permit'. There is signage in place and it is important to note that we have several caregivers, and at times staff, who require these and our reminder is that no other vehicle should park/stop there.

**Special Enforcement Area (Parking Bylaw)** ... we have done our best to forewarn EK families about an additional bylaw measure that is now in place around the school. Our understanding is that any illegally parked and/or stopped vehicles will be ticketed (\$250) and questions/concerns must be directed to the City of Hamilton Bylaw Enforcement department.

**MCYU and LEGO Creator events** ... thanks to the efforts of several dedicated EK caregivers who make up our School Council and Home and School Association, we have been able to host four evenings of events in recent weeks (two Lego Creator family engagement math nights and two evenings of interactive sessions with McMaster Child and Youth University groups). We had close to 500 participants in all and the kids had fun, so it was a great success! A HUGE thank you to our caregiver volunteers who made it all possible.

**Our next School Council and Home and School Association** meetings will be held on the evening of Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm in our Learning Commons. Please consider joining us to learn more about what's happening here at EK. 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, Ms. Swan and the staff of Earl Kitchener School.**

