



# Earl Kitchener Elementary School

*Earl Kitchener Families!*

May 2023

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**Hello everyone,**

Once again, hoping this finds you well. Please note the following for your information and consideration and we encourage you to continue checking in with our EK website for ongoing updates (if you **subscribe** to our website, *you will receive email notifications regarding updates*);

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**An upcoming holiday this month to be aware of (no school);**

✓ **Victoria Day Holiday** ... Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Spring Open House and Book Fair** ... thank you to all of you who were able to make it over for our Spring Open House event last week. As is typically the case here at EK, a tremendous turn out with well over 1000 people made their way through. The turn out was so good actually that our Book Fair ran out of change and the Food Truck ran out of fries!

**Grade 5 High Flyers** ... a few months back, Mme McColman, Mme Kohler, Mrs. Gasparini and Mme Jovichevich organized a leadership group for interested Grade 5 students. This group decided to name themselves the 'Eagle High Flyers' and they have taken on numerous responsibilities here at the school. The Grade 5 Leaders run weekly Nutrition Break activities for Primary students and last week they helped run stations during our Jump Rope for Heart event that raised over \$2500.00 for the Heart and Stroke Association ... thank you Grade 5 leaders!

**Grade 5 extra-curricular Basketball league** ... thank you Mr. Minich and Mme McColman for organizing this opportunity for interested students. Teams having been playing before or after school for several weeks now and the league wraps up on Wednesday.

**The Wizard of Oz musical** ... Mme Prevec, Mr. Popek, and numerous other staff have been helping students prepare for this production for months. Tickets have been made available to families of cast members first and everyone else will have the opportunity to order this week (tickets are \$10). Please note;

- Shows are the evenings of Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>
- There are two shows each night (at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm)
- Ticket availability is limited, and sales are 'first come, first served' and order forms will be sent home this week
- **All students will see the dress rehearsal of the show** on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Junior Track and Field** ... club practices will begin this week for interested students in Grades 3, 4 and 5. During these practices, students will also 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 16<sup>th</sup> and additional information will be shared out with interested students today.

**Grade 3 EQAO** ... as you likely know, EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) assessments have returned and will happen over the course of several weeks from (roughly) May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>. Families of Grade 3 students will receive additional details in the coming days.

**Kindergarten orientation** ... our orientation program for families new to FDK will be on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. If you are aware of families intending to register children into our Kindergarten program for the fall, please encourage them to do so as more information will be shared out directly to those families registered.

**THANK YOU Home and School Association (caregiver volunteers)** ... We are so happy and thankful to share that through the fundraising efforts of our caregiver volunteers who make up the Earl Kitchener Home and School Association (and the generous contributions by the Earl Kitchener caregiver community), **over \$10,000 was contributed to cover the cost of numerous student experiences here (trips and presentations)**. This has impacted every student in the school by way of not just subsidizing but covering the entire cost of experiences for students in most cases. It is because of donations received through events like Fright Night, Milk days and Pizza days that this is possible. **We really can't thank these folks enough for their efforts and PLEASE consider joining us in the future (see below!).**

**Our LAST School Council and Home and School** meetings for this school year will be held the evening of Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm in our Learning Commons (library). Please consider joining us to learn more about what's happening here at EK and 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.**

