



# Earl Kitchener Elementary School

*Earl Kitchener Families!*

October 2023

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Well, we're off to a great start for the 2023-2024 school year and we have definitely hit the ground running! Please read on for some updates and reminders ...

1. Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 have had the opportunity in recent weeks to come out for the school **Cross Country Club**. This is also an opportunity to try out for the EK team that will be competing at the upcoming HWDSB meet later this month. Thank you Mme McColman, Mr. Popek, Mr. Daniels, Mme McCluskey, Mme DiTomasso, Mr. MacNeil, Mme Schuler and several others for all the work in preparing students. Good luck to all of our competitors, we know that you'll represent the school well.

2. Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 have also had the opportunity to join the school **swim team** with Mrs. Walkinshaw, Mme. McCluskey, Mr. Daniels, and Mme Schuler. Information has been shared home with students and they already seem to be having plenty of fun!

3. **'Meet the Teacher' event with Book Fair and Food Truck!** Our night this year is planned for Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Once again, the **Book Fair** will be set up in the gym and this will be accessible for browsing/purchases as of 3:10 in the afternoon (dismissal). We are pleased also to be joined by folks from the Greenville Optimists Community and Youth Foundation who will be operating a **Food Truck** out back on the tarmac from (roughly) 4:30 – 6:00. From 5:00 - 6:30 pm (**NEW TIME**), families are welcome to come in, tour classrooms and meet staff so we hope to see you then (we recognize that parking is often an issue but please remember that the lot out back is reserved for staff).

*It is important to point out that, while this is an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet educators, it is not intended to be student progress updates. Such conversations can be arranged for another time in direct consultation with your child's teacher(s).*

**The food truck service accepts cash only and prices are;**

- drinks (water, pop, juice) ... \$1.00-\$2.00
- fresh cut fries ... \$4.00
- hot dogs ... \$5.00
- hamburgers ... \$6.00
- cheeseburgers ... \$7.00
- veggie burgers ... \$7.00

4. Also, and thanks to the efforts of our School Council and Home and School Association members, numerous parent volunteers are working to ensure that the long-standing tradition of '**Fright Night**' can resume at EK. A planning meeting is happening at the school on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. in the library for those interested in helping out and stay tuned for details.

5. Our next **School Council** and **Home and School meetings** are on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (7:00 - 8:00 / 8:00 - 9:00 pm respectively) in the school library for any interested caregivers who would like to come out and join us. Please consider coming out to learn more about what's happening here at EK and perhaps how to become involved.

6. **Safe Schools Policy** ... parents often have questions related to, or included in the Board's 'Safe School Policy'. A couple of reminders;

- ✓ Adults in schools ... **any adults entering the school are required to check in at the office and are not permitted to simply 'walk down to classrooms/lockers' and/or accompany children through the school.** Of course parents/guardians are welcome to assist their children with any needs (while at the office) and for our younger students, and/or if any assistance is required, we will always make arrangements for staff to help where necessary.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the school 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, Ms. Gerritsen and the staff of Earl Kitchener School.**