



# Earl Kitchener Elementary School

*Earl Kitchener Families.*

April 2024

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**Hello everyone, hope this finds you well!**

*As always, 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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**World Autism Awareness Day (Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>)** ... held annually, this is a day to recognize and celebrate the neurodiverse minds that enrich our world!

**PA Day (Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>)** ... the PA Day originally planned for Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> was *moved* to Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> due to concerns regarding the solar eclipse. There will be no school for students on this day and staff will be participating in Professional Development.

**Free Family Movie Nights in April** ... thanks to the efforts of our dedicated caregivers involved with School Council and our Home and School Association, we will be holding two free movie nights after school in the gym on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> ('Migration' and 'Kung Fu Panda 4'). Information regarding how to participate has been shared home directly and any questions, please just contact the school.

**Jump Rope for Heart 2024** ... schools participate in this annual fundraiser in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. More information will be shared with families in the coming weeks and our event this year will be held at the school on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Engagement ('bEKind' Assemblies)** ... In recent months we have shared our plans around inviting caregivers into the school to see and/or be part of 'happenings' here at EK involving their children. For several years now, we have had an initiative in place that we refer to as 'bEKind' and we organize regular assemblies to recognize and celebrate 'kindness' as it pertains to students here at EK.

Hosting these assemblies has always been shared between combinations of Grades 1-5 classes and this will continue to be the case. We now invite caregivers of students in the participating 'host classes' to join us.

*Dates for 'bEKind' assemblies:*

- Thursday, January 25th (hosted by Mr. Minich, Mme Kohler, Mme Blais, Mme Sliwinska)
- Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> (hosted by Ms. Wahoush, Mrs. Bulloch, Mme. Cantagalli, Mme Long)
- Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (hosted by Miss Sampson, Mme Hall, Mme Schuler, Mme Ogilvie, Mme McClusky)
- **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (hosted by Mr. Daniels, Mme Jenkins, Mme Belforte, Mme DiTomasso, Mme Baker)**

*Caregivers of students in these 'hosting' classes receive 'invites' the week prior.*

**Our next School Council and Home and School Association** meetings will be held on the evening of Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 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](mailto:ekhomeandschool@gmail.com)

**Music @ EK** ... a reminder to all EK families that there is an online space dedicated to sharing the various music activities that are happening around Earl Kitchener School. From classroom learning to extracurricular opportunities such as Primary Choir, Junior Choir, and Grade 5 Band. Be sure to check it out! The website is accessible through the HWDSB commons at:

<https://cpopek.commonshwdsb.on.ca/>

**Spring Open House and Book Fair (heads up)** ... our 'Spring Open House' (combined with Scholastic Book Fair and Art Auction) will take place on **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will share additional information regarding this event closer to the date and once again we can all look forward to having the folks from the Greenville Optimists with their Food Truck/Trailer on site.

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. Ricci and the staff of Earl Kitchener School.**

