



Earl Kitchener Elementary School

Earl Kitchener Families!

May 2024

Hi 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*);

Upcoming holiday this month to be aware of (no school);

- ✓ **Victoria Day Holiday** ... Monday, May 20th.

Spring Open House and Book Fair ... our '*Spring Open House*' (combined with Scholastic Book Fair) will take place on Thursday, May 9th. Once again, as part of our event, the Greensville Optimists Community and Youth Foundation will be operating a **Food Trailer** out back on the tarmac from shortly before **4:30 – 6:00**. The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be set up in the gym and this will be accessible for browsing/purchases as of 3:10 in the afternoon (upon dismissal). *Any proceeds/profit from the sale of items comes back to the school by way of books for classrooms as well as for our school library.*

From 5:00 - 6:30 pm, the doors out back will be opened for access to the school and families are welcome to come on in and tour (this time is not intended to be for student progress updates).

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

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

Grade 5 Helpful Eagles ... Mme McColman, Mme Kohler and Mrs. Gasparini facilitate this leadership opportunity for interested Grade 5 students. This group takes on numerous responsibilities here at the school such as Nutrition Break activities for Primary students as but one example. 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!

Earl Kitchener's **Spring Concert** will be happening on **Wednesday May 15th** (rain date Thursday, May 16th) here on the back playground. The concert will feature performances by the Primary and Junior Choirs, as well as

the Grade 5 Band. This outdoor concert will begin at 2:00 p.m. and run for approximately 40 minutes. Playground gates will open at 1:50 p.m. (which is AFTER recess has ended). BYOLC (bring your own lawn chair) and hope to see you here!

Junior Choir students are also attending two trips in May. On **Wednesday May 8th**, our Junior Choir is participating in *HWDSB's Choirfest*, which takes place Churchill Secondary School. The following week, on **Friday May 17th**, our group will attend Theatre Ancaster's production of *Glee: The Musical*. Thank you to all of the volunteers accompanying our Junior Choir for these trips.

Junior Track and Field ... club practices begin this week for all interested students in Grades 3, 4 and 5. During these practices, students 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 21st and additional information has been shared out with interested students.

Grade 3 EQAO ... EK students in Grade 3 will participate in the EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) assessments over the course of several weeks from (roughly) May 8th to June 12th. 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 Thursday, May 16th 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 and/or subsidize the cost of numerous student experiences here (trips and presentations)**. *This also meant offering two absolutely free 'Family Movie Nights' in April which were a tremendous hit.* 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 28th beginning at 6:30 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. Ricci, and the staff of Earl Kitchener School.