

The Edmison Heights Flyer

May 2024

"Where Learning Takes Flight!"

Principal's Message

Dear Edmison Heights Families,

At Edmison Heights, we continue to exemplify the importance of integrity as our actions and support for others and our world speak to our deep moral purpose. Learning to care for the Earth and how our actions affect the environment has been paramount for many students this month. This is a strength for Edmison Heights as we use the outdoors as a classroom to explore and investigate throughout the year.

There continues to be a great deal of activity at Edmison with breakdancing with Jimmy Chapman, Alice in Wonderland, grade 3 Soccer, Golf Club, Yearbook Club, Talen Show try outs, Ultimate Frisbee, and class trips. The School Nutrition Program always needs volunteers, so if you have a Police Record Check with a vulnerable sector check, please feel free to reach out to Samantha at <u>winterose2007@yahoo.com</u>. We wish to thank Samantha for running the School Nutrition Program and School Council for funding the workshops provided by Jimmy Chapman this year.

Grade three provincial assessments (EQAO) will take place on May 13, 14, 15 and 17. Students are encouraged to come on time in the morning and parents, to avoid any appointments during this time if possible. Students will write one assessment in Language and one in Math each day. They each take about half an hour to complete. If they do miss any part of the assessment, they start where they left off upon return and are permitted to complete it.

Edmison Heights' Track and Field Day takes place at Adam Scott on May 16^{th} . KPREAA Track and Field finals will be held on June 6^{th} at TASSS. This includes all grade 4 - 6 students. We thank Krista Lavery and Valerie Goodfellow for taking the lead on this large event for our school.

Alice in Wonderland will be performed May 29th, 30th, and 31st. Tickets are available for \$5.00 each until May 15th on School Cash Online. This year's performance will be on the Edmison Hights stage, starting at 6:30 p.m. Many of our students are involved, both onstage and behind the scenes. We wish to thank Robyn Smith for taking the lead on this tremendous opportunity for our students, as well as Amelia Merrill, Liz Maxwell, and Samantha Dennis on make-up.

This month there will be flurry of activity on the yard as we have had sand delivered for the Kindergarten sand boxes, a new long jump pit added and ground cover restored to be able to use the two climbers. We also have sod installed in the area of former portable 11 that will be fenced off to allow growth. The new playground has been delayed due to finishing a project at another site, but we are told they will be here the week of May 6th. The Month of May is dedicated to Optimism. We will be focussing on how we can look on the bright side of circumstances and contribute to solutions in a positive way. Our students are always invited to share their ideas and contribute to the change they wish to see in the world around them. For example, this month, grade two students contributed to announcements by writing about respect for others' differences. In many of our classes, there is a focus on Mindfulness and how this contributes to a sense of Optimism.

Ultimately, through all our collective activity, we learn that we are not alone. Our day-to-day lives have meaning and purpose. Make each day count, strive to be your best and be kind to one another.

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Character in our School



May Character Attribute - Optimism

I have a positive attitude. I see challenges as opportunities. I think, and act to make the world a better place. I have hope for the future.

School Council

The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Edmison Heights school library. Childcare is provided. All are welcome! If you wish to join us virtually, you may do so at: <u>https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/marylouise_heenan</u>

A big thank you goes out to Ashley Graham for coordinating the Cookie Dough fundraiser! Thank you to all who were able to support this initiative.

School Nutrition Program

Please be sure to check on your child's lunch. If they need more food and you can provide this, please send more food. Our students can be more active in the Spring and require more fuel for their body. We have learned that our School Nutrition Program will not qualify for funding next year in its existing model. We continue to provide nutritious food for all our students who need it, recognizing that some may have more needs than others.

If the model for funding does not change for the upcoming year, we expect that we will need to fundraise to support the program. We do have enough to support the program until the end of this year. We appreciate your understanding and support with our efforts to make our resources stretch as much as possible.

Alice in Wonderland Tickets

Edmison Heights Public School presents Alice in Wonderland! Performances will take place from 6:30 pm to approximately 8:00 pm in the gymnasium at Edmison Heights Public School on Wednesday May 29th, Thursday May 30th, and Friday May 31st.

Doors will open at 6:00 pm. The show will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Please no strollers or babes in laps and there are no assigned seats. In addition, no photos, or videos to be taken/recorded during performances.

School Cash Online is open until May 15th to purchase tickets. Please hang on to your School Cash Online receipt as it is your ticket to enter the performance.

We anticipate 3 sold-out performances so don't delay; get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Proceeds from ticket sales and merchandise sales will go towards covering the play costs. All additional funds will go towards school initiatives. Thank you for supporting our show!



Class Photos

Class photos for all grades will take place on May 9th. In addition, a group shot of all our grade 6 students will take place on May 9th to commemorate our graduating class.



Class Placements For 2024-2025

We have our preliminary staffing numbers for next year and are currently awaiting some information to determine all long-term occasional placements. Classes will be balanced by academic, social, peer compatibility,

number, and gender factors to ensure a balanced group. Using our professional judgment, these groupings will be decided by sending/receiving teachers and administration. Considering the above information and understanding there may be staffing changes (e.g., grade assignments and transfers) we will not be able to respond to parental requests for specific teachers. Most of these changes occur in late June, over the summer, or into the fall depending on when final staffing is in place.

School Registration

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year!

If you have a child or know of anyone that has a child who is eligible to attend either Junior or Senior Kindergarten for September 2024, please register online at www.kprschools.ca. If online registration is not an option for you, contact us at 705-745-0722 to make other arrangements.

The following information will assist you with the registration process: Junior Kindergarten students must be 4 as of December 31, 2024. Senior Kindergarten students must be 5 as of December 31, 2024. Proof of age by birth certificate or equivalent, proof of address, immunization, and Legal Custody Agreement, if applicable, must be provided. Accurate enrollment projections are key to acquiring funding from the Ministry of Education and to the Board's budget process. Please note that if your child is attending JK already, you do not need to re-register.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation will take place for any students entering JK (Year 1) for next year. Parents will receive an invitation to this event for Tuesday June 11, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. There will be a bus for students to ride at the end of the night for those who may need to practice.



Moving This Summer?



If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending Edmison Heights in September, please. notify the office as soon as possible, to help us better prepare for the new school year.



Nut Aware School



We have several students with life-threatening allergies. Please help us to keep our students safe by checking the ingredient list of any food items that are brought to school and avoiding all products that contain nuts or have been processed in a facility with nuts. Tim Hortons is not a nut-free facility, and we ask that you please check with teachers before sending any food in. Thank you!

Fire Drill and Lockdown Practices

Spring is also a time when we review our fire drill and lockdown procedures. If you visit the school during one of these practices, please be patient as they take only a few minutes to complete but they are very important to the overall safety of staff and students. **In the event of a lockdown practice, the secretary will not be at her desk to admit you to the building or answer the phone.** A notice informing visitors that we are practicing a lockdown will be posted on the front doors of the school.

Kiss and Ride & Dismissal

Kiss and Ride is open in the morning only, starting at 8:30 a.m. We thank parents for following the direction of our staff and keeping at a slow speed to keep everyone safe. All students should exit the left side only of the cars and we kindly ask that parents remain in their vehicles to speed up the process.

At the end of the day, we kindly ask parents to pick up their students in the Parent Zone in the yard at 3:15 pm and avoid parking at the front of the school. We thank you for following the arrows in the Kiss and Ride zone to travel in the accurate direction and please note that there is no parking on the right end side of the Kiss and Ride zone for the safety of all staff and students.

May 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 School Council @ 6:30 p.m. in Library	7	8	9 Gr. 6 and Class photos	10	11
12	13 Grade 3 EQAO	14 Grade 3 EQAO	15 Grade 3 EQAO	16 Track and Field Day for Grades 4-6 students at Adam Scott CVI	17 Grad 3 EQAO	18
19	20 Victoria Day - School is closed.	21	22 Est.19	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Alice in Wonderland 6:30 p.m.	30 North Cardinal Track and Field at TASSS Alice in Wonderland 6:30 p.m.	31 Alice in Wonderland 6:30 p.m.	