



The Edmison Heights Flyer

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“Where Learning Takes Flight!”

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Welcome everyone to February! I believe it is the longest short month of the year. January brought us some challenging weather, including slush, rain, freezing temperatures and ice. You just didn't know what outdoor gear was needed from day to day. It will be interesting to see if February follows suit – or if it provides us with a consistent month of snow and cold temperatures.

Here at Edmison Heights, students have been engaged in a number of varied extracurricular activities during their breaks, including basketball, games club, library helpers, social justice club and soccer club – just to name a few! In schools across the board this month, there will be a focus on bullying. What is it, what it is not and how do we support our friends and ourselves to not fall victim to it. Bullying can often be insidious and difficult for adults to see. At Edmison Heights, we encourage parents to contact their children's teacher or the office if there are concerns about bullying. We can address it if we are made aware of it!

The Board will highlight our efforts to support our antibullying stance with the annual Pink Shirt Day on February 28th. The school will be reminding students to wear pink on that day to show their support for kindness and respect, in our hope to end bullying in all of our schools, in all of its forms. In our efforts to be proactive around bullying in the school, teachers will continue to initiate conversations about bullying and the ways that we can address it when we see it. We have also booked a presentation for our junior students in February by a professional wrestler on the IMPACT wrestling tour. Chris Gray will share the lessons he has learned while pursuing his passions. Chris uses the power of storytelling to teach important life principles like developing grit, the power of perseverance and being a positive role model. We are also in the process of booking a presentation with the Peterborough Pete's to discuss the impact of bullying for our older students.

We thank our parents and guardians for their continued support as we strive to make Edmison Heights PS a most warm, welcoming, and safe place for kids to learn, grow and succeed.

Just a quick note that this will be my last full week as acting principal at Edmison Heights. I have loved being here and getting to know your children and the wonderful educators here. For the month of February, retired principal Brenda Foster will be acting principal. I will be covering a few days when she is unavailable. We thank you for your flexibility and patience as we continue to support Ms. Haley-Twiss and the school during her absence.

*Jen Massie – acting principal
Edmison Heights Public School*



Character in our School



January's Character Attribute – Empathy

Empathy is seeing with eyes of another, listening with the ears of another and feeling the heart of another – Aldred Adler

School Council

The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday February 26th 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 can do so at:

https://kprdsb.webex.com/meet/marylouise_heenan

The School Council Meetings for the remainder of the year will be held in the Edmison Heights library at 6:30 p.m. as per the schedule below:

March 18, 2024

April 15, 2024

May 27, 2024

No parking at Edmison Heights Baptist Church

The Edmison Heights Baptist Church that is located right beside our school will be changing their snowplowing route this winter. They will not be clearing the east lot (closest to our school) which is sometimes used by parents/guardians. There will be no access to this lot once the snow falls. The church is concerned that parents/guardians will then move to park in the west lot (closest to the mall), which is private parking, used for a private school that is housed in the church.



Be aware: they will be considering towing any cars that are parked in the west lot, that are not permitted to be there.

School Nutrition Program

Our Student Nutrition Program can always use volunteers! Duties include preparing food, stocking classroom food bins, and cleaning bins. If you would like to volunteer, please email Samantha at winterose2007@yahoo.com to sign up and discuss your availability.

Prior to volunteering in any capacity within our school, you will need to have a valid police record check on file at the office. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering and we will provide you with a letter for the city police or OPP. Thank you for your consideration of this important opportunity.

Black History Month

February is also Black History Month, which provides many opportunities for all Canadians to recognize and learn about the significant contributions individuals and groups continue to make to the life of Canada in education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic development, politics, human rights and more. We continue to build schools where all students feel represented and affirmed in their education experience. All students benefit from learning about Black Canadians.



The theme for **Black History Month** 2024 is Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build.

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.kprschoools.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 Registration



Friendly Reminders

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!



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.

Dog-free Yard



For the safety of our students please do not bring your dogs on school property, especially during entrance and dismissal times. We also continue to have students fall in excrement that is not picked up in the yard. New signs from the board have been posted around the yard.

Bell Times

8:30 AM
8:55 AM – 10:35 AM
10:35 AM – 11:15 AM
11:15 AM – 12:55 PM
12:55 PM – 1:35 PM
1:35 PM – 3:15 PM
3:15 PM

Schoolyard Supervision
Instructional Time
First Nutrition Break
Instructional Time
Second Nutrition Break
Instructional Time
Dismissal from School



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 PA Day – No classes for students	3
4	5	6	7 Pizza Lunch	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Pizza Lunch	15	16	17
18	19 Family Day – School closed	20 Term 1 Reports Go Home	21 Pizza Lunch	22	23	24
25	26 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm Edmison Heights Library	27	28 Pizza Lunch Pink Shirt Day	29		