

EPS News and Events

November 28, 2016

- Our new transformer is up and running! I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who worked on the project. I have to say the board staff worked efficiently and expediently. This was not a simple matter and everyone was great about it. I also want to thank the school staff, students and parents for their patience with the few glitches that could not have been avoided in a project this size.
- Our Parent/Teacher Interviews on November 24 and 25 were well attended. Thank you to all who took the time to come in and discuss the students' progress thus far.
- Math kits for student/parent math night have been ordered for the primary and junior ages. We have not yet received the kits, but are looking forward to starting the programs come January.
- Reading Tutor program is well under way. We are very fortunate to have a tutor work 10 hours per week with our students who need a little help to get them going in reading. This program is sponsored by the Program Department at UGDSB.
- Mr. Nethery has started working with our Intermediate students on preparation for the Skills Canada cardboard boat racing competition. We will have 2 teams going this year and are looking forward to beating our 5th place standing last year. Go team EPS!
- Four of our students went to Orillia as part of the STAR project. Our students chose the topic of Student Engagement, in order to research and implement ways to connect all students at school. Stay tuned for more details about this exciting project.
- **Donations needed!** We are hosting a Christmas Bazaar at our school to raise money for the Humane Society. Looking for small items children would be proud to buy for their loved ones. Ideas include: books, movies, candles, frames, crafts, small toys etc. We also need gift bags, wrapping paper and tape - this is a good chance to clean house before Christmas! Items can be handed into the EPS library before December 21st if you're in town, or we can arrange for a pick up. Thank you in advance for your support!
- Our school had collected a whole lot of non-perishable food items for the EWCS food bank. Here is the note from them:
"Thank you so much for the very generous donation provided by the students of Erin Public School to the East Wellington Community Services food bank. I was completely amazed by the large quantity waiting for me when I arrived at your lobby and was very appreciative of the assistance from the helpful students who carried all the boxes into the EWCS van!
As you may be aware, we provide food to individuals and families in our community who, for various reasons, may be facing difficulty providing food for themselves. Your donation will go a long way in assisting these people and comes at a time of year when our food bank shelves are quite low. The items that Erin Public School provided were much needed and helped to fill our shelves!
East Wellington Community Services would be unable to provide this service without the support of local schools, churches, businesses and individuals. Together as a

community, we are all making a difference.

On behalf of our clients, the staff at EWCS, thank you so much for your generosity! Best wishes to the entire staff and families of Erin Public School!"

- Students in grades 6-8 are doing a gift card fundraiser to raise money for the Mansfield and Grade 8 trips. Students in grade 7 can fundraise as well and count that toward their trip next year.
- On December 13th, our staff will be listening to a presenter, Mary Cunningham, speak about learning and behavior strategies for children with FASD, many of which are applicable to a variety of different situations. We have invited staff from both Brisbane and Ross R. McKay schools to join us for this practical and informative presentation.
- December 1st, author Kevin Sylvester (author, cartoonist and sportscaster at CBC) will come speak with a group of kids in the Rainbow Hall. This will be a particularly good fit for our junior students who are soon to start creating graphic novel chapters and K. Sylvester will include drawing in his presentation.
- The end of year grade 8 trip is currently being planned. Parent information night is tentatively scheduled for December. Stay tuned.
- January 10th, our grade 8 students will be listening to a Take Tech presentation before they select their courses for grade 9
- January 11th, the grade 8s will be listening to a presentation from high school teachers/guidance counselors about options, course selections and graduation requirements.
- "Ready Set Go" is BACK!!
RSG is a program designed for children who are enrolled to attend Junior Kindergarten at this school in September 2017.
This free program is ideal for children who are anxious about starting school or separating from their parents.
To register your child in the Ready Set Go program, you must first register him/her for Junior Kindergarten in the school they will attend and then you must call Angela Mathers at East Wellington Community, 519-833-9696 ext. 227. We anticipate the program will fill up quickly and space is limited. The program will start April 4 and runs for 8 weeks at our school from 9-10am.
- On December 21, Intermediate EPS students will have an opportunity to see and hear Joe Roberts. Joe Roberts is travelling across Canada, pushing a shopping cart to bring awareness about and to create change for homeless youth.
This is a national campaign with many different events happening in Guelph and Wellington between December 20 and 23. Joe has already walked over 3000 kilometers and will be making his way across Canada to Vancouver over the next year. This is a broad community initiative with the Guelph Police, OPP, Wyndham House, The Poverty Task Force, The Quality Control Council of Canada, WCDSB, UGDSB, Letter M Marketing, City of Guelph, Delta Hotels and many other local businesses.
- December 14th is the deadline for pizza orders.