



News and Events

February 24, 2017

Friday, March 3rd is Live Free Day.

What is Live Free?

Every day, many children in our community live without the basic necessities that many of us take for granted. They lack warm homes, food to eat or a caring person to ensure they have what they need to grow and achieve a bright future. Often these children are sent to school without the proper nutrition to allow them to focus in their classes. Put simply, they are too hungry to learn. But this can change and you can make a difference. By raising funds for the Children's Foundation Food & Friends Program through the Live Free Campaign, you can help provide a healthy start to the day for any child in Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph who needs it.

Can you Live Free for those that live without?

You can contribute by taking the challenge to Live Free of something you take for granted every day. Maybe it's a regular treat that you give yourself or it's something that you love to do each day. Can you give that up for one day to show support for those who live without each and everyday? See if you can challenge your friends and family too. Get sponsors to provide support for you in your effort to Live Free. Or Live Free for the whole day and donate the money you would normally spend on yourself to help us raise funds to support children who are your neighbours. Click on the link to go to the donation page. Click on Erin PS to make sure that your donation goes directly to our school. <http://www.livefreewdg.ca/donate>



Thank You.

- On February 6, our students had the pleasure of a conference call with Mr. Chris Hadfield. Our students prepared some questions for the Canadian astronaut and were able to ask him directly, via a Skype call. Mr. Hadfield left our students with some very good messages: set your mind on some goals and pursue them, take care of your body and find some activities you truly enjoy and do them! Thank you Mr. Hadfield for taking the time to speak with our students and thank you Mrs. Edwards for arranging this opportunity!
- On February 15th, EPS hosted a Junior Volleyball tournament for students in our area. It was fun to watch our budding athletes play. Thank you Mrs. Normore and Mr. Wain for organizing.
- Our Intermediate students participated in a Basketball Tournament at the University of Guelph on Friday, February 24. We are proud of you no matter the score!
- Our Cardboard Boat Racing Team is off to the provincial competition in Waterloo on March 2. Thank you Mr. Nethery for spearheading this event!
- Erin PS will be hosting a grade 7/8 basketball tournament on Friday, March 3. Sir Isaac Brock School, East Garafraxa, and some other UGDSB and a private school will be joining us. Come and cheer the kids on!
- On March 6, some of our teachers will be attending a math workshop in order to facilitate an after school program for parents and students. The workshop will run after March and the dates will be announced in the near future.
- EPS is hosting an in-service for UGDSB K-2 Music teachers on March 7 after school. Thank you Mr. Snowball for hosting!
- March 7th EPS will be hosting the Dufferin Family of Schools Hockey Tournament at Centre 2000. First game is at 9 am. We hope to see many of you there! Thank you so very much to Ms. Waddell who has been coaching our team!
- March 9th our Primary students will be planting some tree seeds to help Green Legacy in raising new tree saplings.
- Pizza orders for the April 3- June 19 hot lunch cycle are due March 20th. Please note that ***the new cycle does not start until April 3.***

- EPS will also be hosting a Junior Floor Hockey Tournament at our school with the area schools that we do sports events. This takes place March 27th.
- March 30 our grade 1 students are off to the Maple Syrup farm to learn about how this tasty all-Canadian delicacy is made and no doubt, taste some! Yum! Thank you Ms. Lebon!
- April 1st is the deadline to submit immunization records To Public Health.
- The Dufferin Joint Council is sponsoring a seminar on Social Media Responsibility and Internet Safety on April 8th. The seminar will focus on getting up to speed on what's happening in the world of Social Media, how we can make sure our kids are safe while online and discovering some wonderful learning tools for your kids. Registration is now open.
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/are-you-as-social-as-your-kids-tickets-31522877776>
- **Parents are invited to share feedback on secondary French language instruction**
Do you have a child enrolled in high school? Parents/guardians with children in a UGDSB secondary school are asked to complete a short, confidential survey on French language instruction at the high school level, in both Core French and French Immersion. For more information and to complete the survey, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/secondaryFSLsurvey.

**MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP
CELEBRATE OUR PLANET
March 25th is Earth Hour!**

It is vital to teach our children to respect and take care of the environment.

**Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 25th at
8:30pm.**

Earth Hour's mission is uniting people to protect the planet by raising awareness of about climate change and encouraging positive action.

"Earth Hour was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 172 countries and territories worldwide." Earth Hour is more than an event. It is a movement that has achieved massive environmental impact, including legislation changes by harnessing the power of the crowd."

Click [here](#) to see a short video clip of Earth Hour's story around the world and click [here](#) for highlights of 2015

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

Earth Hour belongs to you. Celebrate your commitment to the planet with your friends, family, community or at work - in your own way.

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 25th from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet. To celebrate, you can:

- *prepare a candle lit dinner,*
- *talk to your neighbours, or invite people over*
- *stargaze, or go camping in your backyard*
- *play board games, or charades*
- *host a concert, or a sing-a-long*
- *create or join your own community event*
- *have an Earth Hour every month*

The possibilities are endless!

Quotes and information taken from: <https://www.earthhour.org/>