

March 2018 Newsletter



School Climate Survey

Your voice matters! Please complete our 2018 School Climate Survey at: <http://bit.ly/UGclimatesurvey2018> Check out this video to understand why your answers are important <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1066200581>. Don't delay, the survey closes on Friday, March 9th. The more people respond, the better decisions we can make about our schools! Thank you in advance.

Rainbow Hall Move

As you know, some of our classrooms from Rainbow Hall will be moving upstairs. When students return to school after March break, they will resume their studies in their new "home".

Ms. Lebon's class will be in	Room 28
Ms. Sowler-Price's class will be in	Room 29
Mrs. Barth's class will be in	Room 30
Mrs. Normore's class will be in	Room 32
Mr. Quick's classroom will be in	Room 33

Mrs. Turk's and Mrs. Hansen's classes will remain in Rainbow Hall.

*****As a result of, the drop-off and pick-up spots will change effective March 19th*****

All of the upstairs classrooms will line up by the Kindergarten Door, at the back of the school, on the South side of the door and will be picked up by the teacher at 8:45. Students will be dismissed at that location as well.

Mrs. Turk's and Mrs. Hansen's classes will enter at the middle door at the back of the school (opposite the small gym). These students will be dismissed at that location as well.

Hockey Tournament

Will take place on March 6th at Centre 2000. The event runs all day. Please come and cheer on the hockey players!

Field update

Work on the field is scheduled to commence in April-May, weather dependant. The track will be graded and the goal posts will be moved further up the field to allow for more play area closer to the school (in front of the climber).

A new irrigation system will be installed in order to maintain the grass, and the grass will be top dressed and over-seeded. This should take 2-3 weeks, weather permitting. The field will then be fenced off for the duration of the summer and opened for use in September or October 2018. Theoretically speaking, we should still be able to host the County Track and Field Meet in June. More information on that at a later date. There will also be an outdoor access washroom built in the storage room off of room 16 to be accessed from outside only.

Sara Westbrook Presentations

On Friday, March 2nd, we were very fortunate to listen to Sara Westbrook's presentations at our school: **'Healthy, Resilient Minds Matter' UPower Concert (grades 4 - 8)** and the **'Super Heroes for RESPECT' UPower Concert (K - grade 3)**. **If you didn't get a chance to see it, you can** watch her educational music video 'Doesn't Mean Much': <http://www.sarawestbrook.com/music/> This is one of the songs Sara performed during the UPower presentation for gr. 4-8. It promotes mental well-being and a positive approach to responding to negative social media comments. Sara's other music video 'I Am Somebody', promotes confidence and resilience <http://www.sarawestbrook.com/music/>.

From The Library

The Primary classes have each chosen an endangered animal stuffie (polar bear, lion, tortoise/turtle, penguin, wolf, orangutan). Each student in each class has a turn to take the animal home and discuss with their family what they (the family) are going to do to help the world environmentally (we have included some suggestions with the stuffie). They will then write this promise down and put it in the zippered ``cape`` that each animal is wearing and bring it back to school. Our teachers will keep a list of these promises and the students will study more about why these animals are at risk. After everyone has had a turn with the chosen stuffie they can swap with another class.

UGDSB Is Seeking Policy Feedback

We welcome your input and suggestions for improving new or revised policies and procedures. Policy 210, Environmental Education and Management, is currently under review. Please [read the draft policy and provide your feedback on the board website](#).

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Everyday Hero Awards.

Tireless school volunteers, dedicated teachers, school and board staff, bus drivers who dedicate their time for our kids, crossing guards who save lives – anyone who goes that extra mile is being sought by the board for honour as an Everyday Hero. Candidates can be an employee, volunteer, individual, or community group active in schools – anyone who has a relationship with the system across Dufferin and Wellington Counties and the City of Guelph. Nominations are from peers, students, parents and other system partners. Past recipients include an employee who worked tirelessly to ensure technology programs are available to all students, an inspiring teacher who was the driving force behind a massive collaborative fundraising drive, and staff and community members who quite literally saved lives in our communities. Nominations are open until **Friday April 13, 2018**.

For more information and to view the nomination criteria, please visit the board's website at www.ugdsb.ca/heroes or contact Mrs. Harrison at 519-833-9685.

Council Corner

Big Box Of Cards

If you are in need of birthday cards, look no further. The Big Box of Cards is for sale now! This is 33 cards for just \$33. Order forms were sent home but can also be found online at the EPS website. Support this cause to help pay for buses for school trips.

Looking for a fun family night out?

Council will be hosting a movie night at the school on Thursday March 22 at 6:30. Details coming soon!

Erin Parent Council meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the school Library. Anyone is welcome to attend at any time!

Monthly environmental activities to help celebrate our planet



March 24th is Earth Hour!

*This Earth Hour, help shine a light on climate change
Switch off your light and switch on your social power!*

Join the global Movement! Celebrate Earth Hour on March 24th 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 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.

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 24th 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!

(Select information taken from: www.earthhour.org)



Spring Break is March 12-16. School resumes Monday, March 19th. Enjoy the week!

