



Ernestown Secondary School

Principal's Message

May, 2023

Hello Eagle Families!

We are officially into the last quarter of the school year! Our Eagles have been busy this past month in many varied academic and extracurricular endeavours. I am pleased to share that our recent reporting period has shown a great deal of success from our students, and we are proud of the hard work and dedication they have shown in all areas.



This week marks Education Week and we want to recognize the critical role that Education workers play in making Ernestown a hopeful and inspiring place to work and learn. Thank you, for your efforts! This week is also Mental Health Awareness Week when we take time to highlight the importance of mental health and wellness and the resources that are available to help those who may be struggling. For all our students and their families, please prioritize your needs and remember: it is only when we care for ourselves that we are able to care for others.

I continue to be tremendously proud to be part of this wonderful school community. Thank you to students, parents, and guardians for their continued support. I encourage all of our students to embrace this Spring season of growth and to approach their studies with a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Shannon Tyner



Upcoming Events

MAY 3

- STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 5

- CINCO DE MAYO
- TOONIE SHAKES

MAY 8

- TEACHER CANDIDATES ARRIVE!

MAY 10

- STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 12

- TOONIE SHAKES

MAY 14

- MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 17

- INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, AND BIPHOBIA
- STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 19

- TOONIE SHAKES

MAY 22

- VICTORIA DAY (NO SCHOOL)

MAY 24

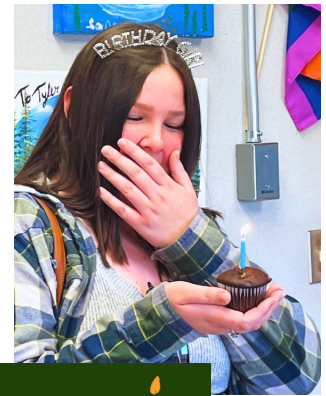
- STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 26

- TOONIE SHAKES

MAY 31

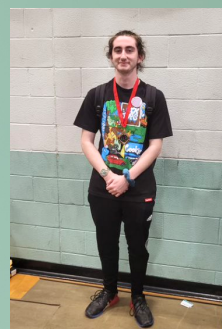
- STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING



Happy Birthday! 🍰

At Ernestown, we celebrate every student's birthday with a cupcake and a song from their classmates! Happy Birthday to Ella, Arlen and Emma (and so many more)!

Eastern Ontario Chess Competition



Ernestown brought home some hardware at the Eastern Ontario Chess Challenge! Gold for Luke Daigle and Bronze for Tyler Elliott, with Parker Wellman rounding out this powerhouse team! Super proud of these Eagles!

KNOCK OUT CHESS TOURNAMENT



13 student chess players recently participated in a two-month tournament for the opportunity to defeat our very own Mr. Wilson. Unfortunately, they will have to try again next year. Congrats, Mr. Wilson!

Semi-Formal Dance



Students had an incredible time at the semi-formal dance! Thank you to DJ Todd for the music, lights & photo booth!

Earth Day



We love the sense of comradarie and purpose we gain through teamwork as we clean up trash around the school. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Earth Day, 2023 clean up! Great work, Eagles!

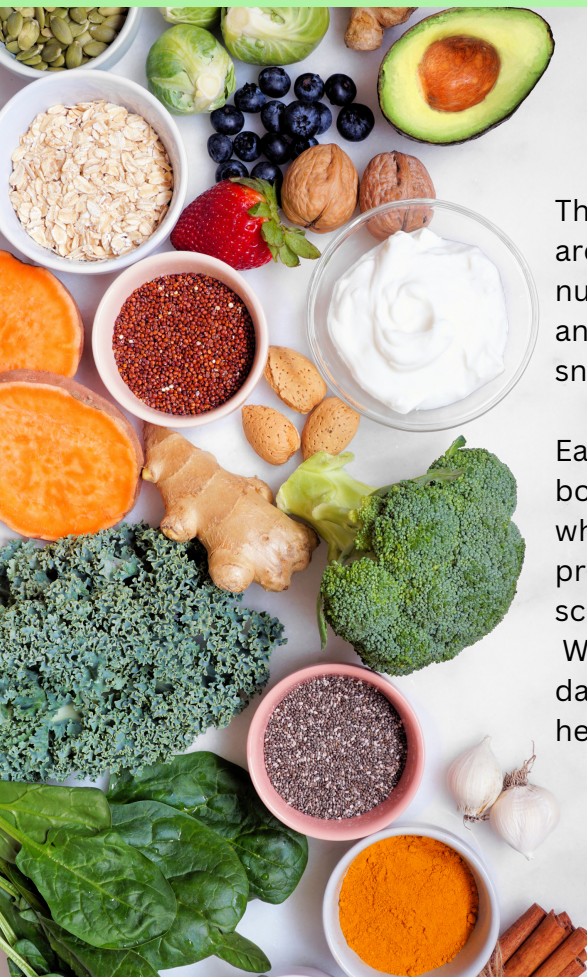
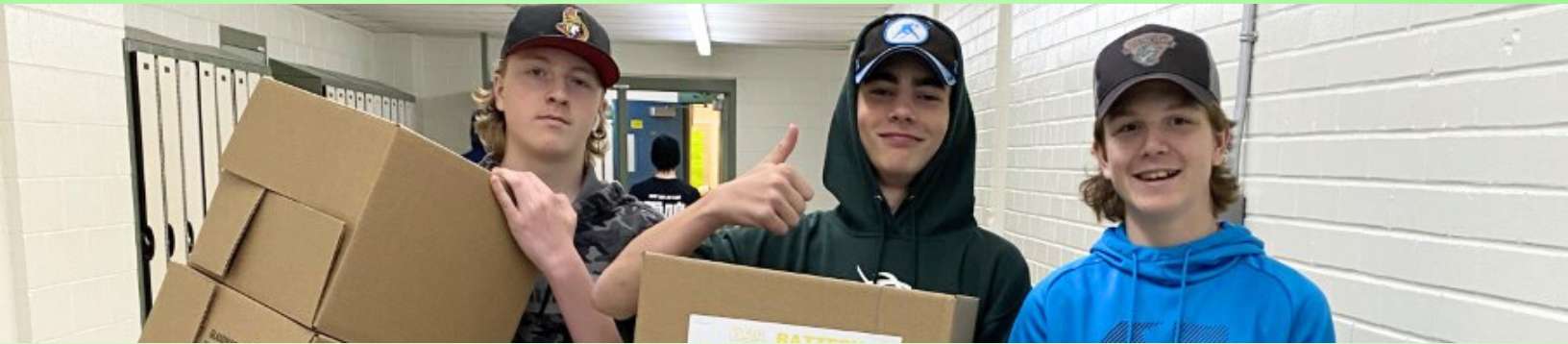


BATTERY BLITZ



IN SUPPORT OF
SickKids

Ernestown SS is participating in the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge. The OSBRC is a recycling competition between 200 elementary and secondary schools across ontario. Its purpose is to teach children and their families about the proper way to handle, store and dispose of batteries. We have already filled one large drum and are on to our second! Thank you, to all who have donated!



THE
FOOD SHARING
PROJECT

The Food Sharing Project is a registered charity that has been serving the area for almost 40 years. We are the organization which provides nutritious food and equipment to schools across Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington for their in-school breakfast, lunch and hearty snack programs.

Each week of the school year, our team of 12 volunteers pack about 450 boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables, whole grains, dairy and protein foods which are delivered to every school in KFL&A, including yours. In 2019, prior to the onset of COVID-19, we sent food with a value of \$12,000 to schools each week and in 2022, that amount rose to \$21,000 per week.

We need your help to ensure that students do not go through the school day hungry. Please consider making a donation to help us continue to get healthy food to students at your school.

Every donation, regardless of the amount, will make a difference for students in your school. Please go to www.foodsharingproject.org and click on the **DONATE** button to make a secure online donation today.



Equity Matters at ESS

Proudly introducing...

Mosaic Group

At Ernestown Secondary School, we value equality, equity and the safety of all our students. We acknowledge that there is lots of work for us to do in this area, but without this hard work, there is no growth. To this end, students from ESS started a new affinity group for racialized and Indigenous students this year called the Mosaic group, led by Ayesha Bukhari (*pictured right*).



Members of this group have already worked to promote safety and equity by collecting student voice about the shared experiences of racialized and Indigenous students at Ernestown. This data was collected through surveys, meetings and workshops and later presented to staff to assist us in better understanding and respond to the needs of racialized and Indigenous students. A link to the survey is posted around the school and in classrooms so that everyone has a chance to share how they feel.

We truly value the experiences of all our students and aim to foster a supportive and inclusive school community. The ESS Mosaic group will play a significant role in achieving this goal.

LDSB Queer Sports and Social Club

The Club provides a fun, social, and safe place for all LDSB Grade 9-12 students to be active and build relationships.

Everyone is Welcome!
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Katarokwi Learning Centre
164 Van Order Drive

Please bring appropriate athletic clothing and footwear. Food will be provided! No fee required.

Students are required to bring a signed permission slip in order to participate:

bit.ly/QueerSportSocial



Dates of Significance

Asian Heritage Month



Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity for us to learn more about the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage who, throughout our history, have done so much to make Canada the country we know and love. The month of May in Ontario is dedicated to celebrating the contributions of Canadians from over 30 countries that make up the Asian and South Asian diaspora.

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month



"Jewish Canadians have made enormous contributions to the fabric of Canadian society, and regardless of their cultural background, all Canadians are rightly proud of the country we have built together. Understanding and appreciating the contribution different communities make to Canada brings us close together." (<https://jewishheritage.ca/>)

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia



May 17th marks the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia. We recognize human rights for all, irrespective of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. Students, staff, and families of gender identities and expressions should always feel safe, welcomed and accepted at school.

Better Speech & Hearing Month



Each year, Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) dedicates the month of May to raising public awareness about communication health. We work to highlight the importance of early detection and intervention of communication disorders and the role that our members and associates play in helping people communicate.



E-TOWN SPORTS

The Ernestown Badminton Team concluded their season with competitive days at the KASSAA Championship tournaments on April 13th and 19th! Well done, Eagles!



Eagle in Profile



ADA BEAL

Ada is a grade 12 student who has played both field hockey and soccer this year. She is currently the captain of the Girls' Soccer Team and is a leader for our Varsity team both on and off the field.

Congratulations Ada!




Spring Sports!

The Ernestown Soccer teams have opened their seasons. The teams have shown their heart while playing in all types of conditions.

The Track & Field team opened their season at the Limestone Legacy Meet and will continue competing on May 5th at TISS.

Stay in the loop...

 <https://twitter.com/ESSRecLead>

 <https://www.youtube.com/@ernestownathletics3201>

THE 2022-2023 CELEBRATION OF ATHLETICS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY JUNE 6TH - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

UP NEXT...



News from Student Services

Graduate BREAKFAST

At our annual Grad Breakfast, our Grade 12 students had a great time sharing a meal and making memories with their graduating class! Thank you to everyone who helped out!



Grade 12 midterm marks were uploaded to OCAS/OUAC accounts on April 28th. Please check your accounts to ensure there are no errors! :)

GOT 40 HOURS? 

Summer school registration opened May 1st. Register through myBlueprint.





A view from the classroom:



Automotive and Construction Tech are as popular as ever at Ernestown! Mr. P. and Mr. O'Coin offer students a fun way to learn practical skills they can use the rest of their lives!





ERNESTOWN EAGLES

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