



ELIZABETH ZIEGLER  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

## February-March 2013

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### Planning for September 2013

This week, lots of eager 3 and 4 year olds will register for full day kindergarten in September. Children born in 2009 are eligible for JK and in 2008 for SK. Please encourage your neighbours to call the school at 519 742-4402 for information if they have not yet done so. (Students attending kindergarten this year are automatically enrolled. They do not need to be registered again.)

It is important for us to know the accurate number of students in all grades for next year. If you will be moving or plan to move prior to the start of the next school year please call the office or write a note in your child's planner to let us know.

### School Council Report

Good News! The junior climbing equipment will be installed and ready for use this spring! This is the final phase of School Council's greening initiative. We're pleased with all that has been accomplished. The school yard looks good.

Now that we've greened up the school yard, we invite you to beautify your own yard. We will be sending home Vesey's Seed Catalogues soon. Open your copy and dream about spring. This is a brand new fundraiser for School Council.

The Dance-a-thon will be held on April 12. Funds from this year's Dance-a-thon will be directed toward IT equipment for classrooms. EZ teachers have identified document cameras and data projectors as the most needed items. The equipment already in the school is shared between classes. However, these valuable teaching tools should be set up in every classroom where they will be in constant use every day.

If you have any questions or comments please contact the chair, Rebecca Guzar at [rguzar@yahoo.ca](mailto:rguzar@yahoo.ca) The next School Council meeting will be held on February 28 at 6:30 p.m.. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Words Out

The school has been buzzing with excitement about the EZ magazine to be published in April. The response has been overwhelming. Students, remember, articles can be written in French or English. Please begin working on your submissions if you haven't already started. Student editors have had an organizational meeting and are excited about getting to work.

French author, Mireille Messier, will give a presentation to French Immersion students on February 6. A grant from the School Board's French department is covering the cost of this event. Students can borrow Mme Messier's books from the school library. Graphic novelist, Scott Chantler will present on February 11 to students in grades 1-6. You may remember Mr. Chantler from the Family Literacy Evening last year.

## Skating

During the last week of February, classes will go to Moses Springer Arena to skate as part of their physical education curriculum. Teachers will send permission forms home listing the date and time your children will be skating. The bus company requires skates to be carried in a bag with blades covered so transportation to and from the rink is safe.

We have some skates and helmets available for students who need them; however, we could use more and would appreciate donations. We are especially in need of hockey and figure skates sizes 3,4,and 5 and figure skates size 13(youth) and size 1. Please drop off donations at the school office or in the gym with Mr. Day.

## Head Lice

Head lice is a common problem in elementary schools. There are a number of things we can do to keep their spread under control. At school: teachers have asked students to store their hats in their coat sleeves or backpacks during the school day. At home: parents please check children's hair at least once a week. If you find head lice, please report it to the school office. A staff member trained in lice management will check your child's hair to confirm he/she is ready to return to school. Students, check out February's *Odyssey* magazine, in the school library, if you want to know more about lice.

## EZ Electrical Safety Experts



In January, junior students took a tour through Hazard Hamlet. Nobody knew electrical safety rules in Hazard Hamlet, so EZ students had to teach the residents how to stay safe. During this humorous, interactive presentation by a hydro representative, students learned the rules and discovered what happens when you don't follow them. Students now know how to keep themselves safe: don't fly a kite around power lines, keep antennas away from power lines, stay away from transformers and mini power plants, electrical appliances and water don't mix...

If you have any question about electrical safety, ask the experts at Elizabeth Ziegler School.

## Too Many Cooks...?

Students in French Immersion junior classes celebrated 'Carnival' by feasting on French Canadian fare. The menu included tourtière, poutine and crepes. No one seemed to mind that they had to do the cooking and clean up afterwards. Thank you, parent volunteers. We couldn't have done it without your help!

## 10 Tips to Protect Your Privacy Online

Quoted from *Social Smarts: Privacy, The Internet, And You*; Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, 2012.

1. Think before you click!
2. Know who your friends are.
3. Tighten your privacy settings.
4. Avoid disclosing your location.
5. Don't share your password and change it regularly.
6. Trust your instincts.
7. Understand new features such as geo-tagging before you try them.
8. Be aware of your online reputation.
9. Protect your privacy, as well as that of your friends.
10. Be discreet.

You can get more information at [www.youthprivacy.ca](http://www.youthprivacy.ca)

## Elizabeth Ziegler Calendar of Events

Feb. 5	Mr. Knicker's golf program for gr. 1-3
Feb. 5	'Safer Internet' Day
Feb. 6	Mireille Messier Presentation to French Immersion
Feb. 6	KIN Ball program for gr. 4-6
Feb. 8	Free the Children Assembly for junior students
Feb. 11	Report Cards sent home
Feb. 11	Scott Chantler graphic novelist presentation
Feb. 18	Family Day, No School
Feb. 25	French Exchange Student visit
Feb. 28 6:30 pm	School Council Meeting
Mar. 11-15	March Break
Mar. 26	Assembly for Dance-a-thon
Mar. 29	Good Friday, No School
Apr. 1	Easter Monday, No School
Apr. 12	Dance-a-thon
Apr. 22	Earth Day

### Please Remember:

...not to send any foods containing nuts, peanuts or a nut byproduct to school.

...to refrain from using perfumes and scented aerosol sprays in school.

...to keep your dogs on the field and off the tarmac.

Thank you for your willingness to participate in creating a safe and comfortable learning environment.

Pizza orders can be made on-line at: [www.remembermeinc.com](http://www.remembermeinc.com)

Lunch Lady orders can be made at: [www.thelunchlady.ca](http://www.thelunchlady.ca)

### Community News

KW Counselling Services is now accepting registrations for their Winter **Parenting With Passion** programs.

Please check their website: [www.kwcounselling.com](http://www.kwcounselling.com) or phone 519 884-0000 extension 248 for information.

St. John Ambulance is offering **babysitting classes** for ages 11-14 and **Home Alone** classes for ages 9-11. Flyers are available in the school office.

The Waterloo Region Family Network presents: **A Parent's Guide to Bullying** with parenting expert Alyson Schafer of *Today's parent Magazine*. Please see the advertisement on the reverse of this page.



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