



ELIZABETH ZIEGLER  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

**January 2013**

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### **Kindergarten Registration**

Starting September 2013, Elizabeth Ziegler will have all day, every day Kindergarten. Kindergarten Registration for the 2013/2014 school year will be held on the morning of February 6 and the afternoon of February 7 in the school library. If you have a child born in 2009, he or she is eligible for Junior Kindergarten. If your child was born in 2008 and is not already a student at the school, he or she can be registered for Senior Kindergarten. To make an appointment, please call the school office at 519 742-4402 or send in the form attached to the information letter sent home January 8. Your child's attendance at this registration appointment is optional.

### **Calling All 3-year Olds!**

Parents of 3-year olds are invited to attend an information night about Kindergarten, childcare and programs and services in the community. There will be a tour of a typical Kindergarten room and fun activities for your 3-year old.

- Waterloo: January 17 at Lincoln Heights Public School, 270 Quickfall Drive 6-7:30 pm or
- Kitchener: January 24 at Southridge Public School, 1425 Queens Blvd - 6-7:30 pm

### **Grade 1 Partial French Immersion Registration**

In order for your Senior Kindergarten child to be eligible for the grade 1 Partial French Immersion program, you are required to complete the registration information on the School Board Website starting January 10. Please go to [www.wrdsb.ca](http://www.wrdsb.ca). Click on 'Partial French Immersion Registration' where you will find a link to the registration page.

### **Full Day Kindergarten is Coming to Elizabeth Ziegler**

In September, 2013, the Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) will begin. This means that all Kindergarten students will attend all day, every day. Parents will see differences between the FDK program and teaching methods and the current program. Perhaps you have already seen changes that teachers have begun to implement.

Informative FDK newsletters will be sent home to Kindergarten parents over the next few months. If your child is in grades 1-6 and you would like a copy of the newsletter, please write a note in the planner or call the school office at 519 742-4402.

We are interested in input from parents of children in all grades in order to determine the kinds of information that would be helpful to include in the FDK newsletter. Therefore, please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return to school by Monday, January 21.

## New Resources at EZ

During this school year, teachers have concentrated on updating materials and equipment to complement the curriculum. We have lots of new equipment for phys. Ed. classes, new French and English books for Junior Literacy, core French books and materials and art equipment. School Council set aside money for home reading books last spring. Both French and English leveled books are being purchased for the Home Reading Library.

## Read All About It!

*Words Out* is publishing a magazine. Your child can contribute to the magazine and/or be on the magazine's staff. We are looking for English and French articles, crosswords, comics, illustrations and graphics. Please fill in the green sheet and return it by Friday, January 25. We expect to roll out the magazine in April.

## The Playground in Winter

Every student at EZ participates in outdoor play or activities each school day so please ensure that your children come to school prepared for the cold and snow.

During nutrition breaks students may use a crazy carpet brought from home or borrow a class crazy carpet for sliding on the hill at the back of the school. **Only crazy carpets are allowed on the hill during the breaks.**

To keep the hill a safe place, please follow these rules: Slide one at a time, sit down with feet first. Walk around and up the side of the hill to get to the top.

The large hill at the side of the school near the Kindergarten entrance is not available for student use before school or during nutrition breaks because that area is not supervised. This hill is used during some physical education periods when there is a teacher present.

The creative playground is closed for the winter because the frozen ground is a safety hazard.

We would like every class to have some crazy carpets available for students to use during breaks. If you have Canadian Tire money that you are willing to donate to help purchase more, please send it to school with your child.



## OLA Forest of Reading

The Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading program began the first week of January this year. There are four programs each with 10 titles:

- Grade K-2 Blue Spruce
- Grade 3/4 Silver Birch Express
- Grade 5/6 Silver Birch fiction
- Grade 5/6 Silver Birch non-fiction

Students are required to read a minimum of 5 titles from the Silver Birch categories or all 10 of the Blue Spruce titles to be eligible to vote. Voting takes place in late April. More information can be found in the library or online from the Ontario Library Association website [www.accessola.org](http://www.accessola.org). Students who do not choose to enroll in the program may borrow these titles after the voting has taken place. We have copies of previous nominated and winning books for all to enjoy! Thanks to School Council for your help with the book purchases. Last year's winners are:

- Jan Andrews; *When Apples Grew Noses and White Horses Flew: Tales of Ti-Jean*
- David Skuy; *Undergrounders*
- Catherine Rondina; *Don't Touch That Toad and Other Strange Things Adults Tell You*
- Rebecca Bender; *Giraffe and Bird*
- Karine Gottot; *Les Dragouilles: Les Rouges de Tokyo*
- Sylvie Marcoux, *Secrets de Famille*

## Elizabeth Ziegler Calendar of Events

Jan. 10	French Immersion On-Line Registration begins
Jan. 17 6-7:30 pm	Kindergarten Info meeting at Lincoln Hts. P.S.
Jan. 18	PA Day - no school
Jan. 24 6:30 pm	School Council
Jan. 24 6-7:30	Kindergarten Info meeting at Southridge P.S.
Feb. 6 8:30-12:30	Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 7 12:00-4:00	Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 6	French Author, Mireille Messier Presentations
Feb. 11	Report Cards sent home
Feb. 18	Family Day, No School
Mar. 11-15	March Break

### Please Remember:

- Return Full Day Kindergarten Is Coming to EZ Questionnaire by Monday, January 21. (one per family)
- Return Words Out Read All About It! green form by Friday, January 25
- Canadian Tire Money donations for crazy carpets

### Inclement Weather and School Closures

Severe winter weather can lead to bus cancellations and/or school closures in the Region of Waterloo. A public announcement will be made if a decision is made to do so. Please listen carefully as these announcements will give one of a number of different scenarios such as:

1. All schools are closed.
2. All school buses and taxis are cancelled; however, schools are still open.
3. School buses and taxis in specific areas are cancelled.

Weather cancellations announcements can be seen or heard on the following:

[www.wrdsb.on.ca](http://www.wrdsb.on.ca)

FAITH FM FM 94.3

KOOL FM FM105.3

News570 AM570

[www.therecord.com](http://www.therecord.com)

CHYM FM 96.7

Magic FM FM106.1

CTV TV 12

CKBT The Beat FM 91.5

CKWR FM98.5

KICX FM106.7

CJOY AM1460

KFUN FM99.5

DAVE FM FM107.5

### Get a Grip on Snow and Ice

The Region of Waterloo is aware of the damage winter salt causes and have initiated the 'Get a Grip' campaign to make us all more aware of what we can do to protect our environment. The following information is from [www.smartaboutsalt.com](http://www.smartaboutsalt.com)

While salt can make winter safer, it's only part of the answer.

1. **Wear sturdy footwear** designed for snow and ice to help protect yourself from slips and falls.  
Boots should have a good tread for traction with low, wide heels.
2. **Put snow tires on your car.** Slow down on the road. Give yourself extra time to arrive at your destination. Drive for the conditions. And make sure you give plow drivers plenty of space to do their work.
3. Use a traction aid like kitty litter or sand to reduce the potential to slip.



To keep your driveway and sidewalk clear of snow and ice:

1. **Shovel first.** When you remove snow and ice by shovelling, you'll need less salt, and it can be more effective. Get out there as early as you can and keep up with storms. You may even decide that salt isn't needed.
2. **For icy patches:**
  1. Use a traction aid like kitty litter or sand to reduce the potential to slip.
  2. Sprinkle de-icing material on icy areas only, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for working temperatures and application rates.
  3. Give de-icing material time to do its work.
3. **Prevent future icy buildups:**
  1. Redirect downspouts away from walkways and driveway.
  2. Shovel unsalted snow to lower areas or onto lawns to direct melting snow away from paved areas.
4. If hiring a snow removal contractor to clear driveways or lots, use *certified Smart about Salt* Contractors. They're trained in reducing salt use while maximizing effectiveness and safety.

## 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.

## Foster Parent Information Night

Did you know there are children in your community who need a safe home? Family and Children's Services is hosting a Foster Parent Information Night on Wednesday February 6, 2013 at 7-8:30 pm at The Family Centre in Kitchener. This is a terrific opportunity to learn about becoming a Foster Parent to give a child in need a nurturing home. Please call to register 519.576.0540. For information visit [www.FosteringKids.ca](http://www.FosteringKids.ca).

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