



# Tiger Tales

ELIZABETH ZIEGLER  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

## November-December 2013

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If you are in the habit of checking our school website on a regular basis, you will have seen posts about the great range of events and learning opportunities that our students experience. Elizabeth Ziegler School is a busy and exciting place to be, thanks to our passionate and involved staff and our enthusiastic and energetic students! Here's a few of November's activities:

- 'Words Out' sponsored visiting authors, Deborah Ellis and Nan Forler.
- To acknowledge Bullying Prevention Week everyone wore pink for a day and the 'Kids' on the Block' puppet troupe performed for the school.
- Students participated in the 'Big Shot basketball challenge' to raise money for families in need.
- The Boys and Girls Volleyball teams played a full schedule against teams from a number of different schools.
- A group of EZ students who are part of the EZ Union of Youth group participated in the WE DAY event.

Sign onto the School website at <http://elz.wrdsb.on.ca/> to view daily posts and to open the calendar so you can keep up-to-date with school activities. Later in this newsletter, special events planned for December are listed.

*Lynne Green, Principal.*

**We wish you and your family a safe  
and enjoyable holiday season!**



## School Council Fundraising

Each year the School Council runs a number of fundraisers to pay for school initiatives such as the 'Words Out' program; trees on the schoolyard, an outdoor classroom and climber; equipment for Phys. Ed classes; transportation for school trips and electronic equipment for classrooms.

This year's fundraisers are:

- Friday Pizza lunch - October to June
- Magazine fundraiser - October (on-line purchasing available at any time)
- Cookie dough sales- November
- Dance-a-thon - February
- Vesey's bulbs sales- April
- Mabel's labels - on-line purchasing available at any time

The EZ staff appreciate the work of the School Council and its fundraising committee. Thank you, parents and students for supporting these projects.

## Field Trips: What are they for?

A class trip takes lots of planning and organization. The objective must fit one or more areas of the curriculum, it must be enjoyable, safe and age appropriate, the cost must be reasonable and dates and buses must be coordinated. Oktoberfest at the Alpine Club, the Rockton World's Fair, the Stratford Festival and Nauman Farm were a few of this fall's destinations.

Everyone looks forward to visiting outdoor education centres such as Camp Heidelberg, Huron Natural Area and Laurelwood. Teachers request a visit months in advance and only a few classes are given the opportunity to visit. To see an example of a class visit, check out the blog at <http://outdooredguys.wordpress.com>.

Later in the school year classes will attend a live performance at Centre in the Square to discover elements of music. Members of the KW Symphony will visit the school as well.

## Battery Recycling is NOW at Elizabeth Ziegler!

Elizabeth Ziegler P.S is excited to participate in our first battery recycling program. Hopefully this opportunity can benefit our community and environment in several ways.

By recycling batteries Elizabeth Ziegler P.S can help our environment by:

- diverting hazardous materials from our landfills
- preserving our natural resources by reducing the need to mine these precious materials from ore.

This is a great opportunity to give back to our environment. Students are asked to bring in their spent (dead) batteries and place them in the bin outside the office starting NOW!



### Acceptable Batteries:

- \* Single use (non-rechargeable) batteries (AAA, AA, 9-volt, D and C)
- \* Lithium batteries (place in plastic bag or tape both ends before placing into container to prevent short-circuiting)
- \* Button cell batteries - tape both ends before putting in container
- \* Corroded or leaking batteries (place in plastic bag before placing in container)

## **Parking lot – staff only please**

With the addition of over 10 new staff positions this year due to the Full Day Kindergarten program and growth in our student population, the parking lot is regularly more than full. On a daily basis we have itinerant staff who need short term parking as well.

## **Traffic Safety on Moore Avenue**

The roadway in front of the school is a busy place at the beginning of the school day and at 3:30 dismissal because of the number of buses we have picking up students. Please do not stop or park your car across from the buses as buses require extra room to maneuver.

Modeling traffic safety rules is a good way to teach your children how to stay safe. Please remember:

- Cross at the stop lights
- Do not walk between buses or cars
- Use the pathways in the schoolyard rather than walking through the parking lot

Thank you for doing your part to keep EZ students safe.

## **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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and running until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Please go to [www.wrdsb.ca/french](http://www.wrdsb.ca/french) A registration flyer is attached to Senior Kindergarten students' newsletters. Please call 519 570-0003 extension 4277 for more information.

## **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)

**CKBT The Beat FM 91.5**

**KOOL FM FM105.3**

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

**FAITH FM FM 94.3**

**Magic FM FM106.1**

**News570 AM570**

**CHYM FM 96.7**

**KICX FM106.7**

**CJOY AM1460**

**CKWR FM98.5**

**DAVE FM FM107.5**

**CTV TV 12**

**KFUN FM99.5**

## **Winter Wonderland**

Students are expected to come to school each day prepared to be outside 20 minutes during each Nutrition Break. We ask that students bring layers of clothing, including hats, mitts, boots and snowsuits so that they can play actively in the fresh air and sunshine (when available!). Please label all outdoor clothing. We encourage students to check the lost and found bins regularly for misplaced items.



You're invited  
to an evening of

## CELEBRATING THE SEASON

Tuesday, December 17  
6:00 p.m.  
Elizabeth Ziegler School

- music
- dance
- crafts

Lots of fun  
for the whole  
family!



## Five Days of Giving

Union of Youth invites you to be a part of 'Five Days of Giving'. Each day from December 9 to 13, we will focus our collection on a specific need. You can choose to donate on one, two or all five days. The areas of need outside KW were chosen based on personal connections with families in our school.

Day 1 Dec. 9	French Books	For an orphanage in Benin, Africa
Day 2 Dec. 10	School Supplies	For an Ontario First Nations School
Day 3 Dec. 11	Hats and Mitts	For 'Out of the Cold' in KW
Day 4 Dec. 12	Money	To Uganda to purchase shoes
Day 5 Dec. 13	Baby Items	For a local Womens' Shelter



## Upcoming Events

December 6		There will be no Pizza today
December 6	10:20 am	Empathy Assembly
December 9-13		Five Days of Giving
December 17	6-7:30 pm	Seasonal Celebration
December 19		Pajama Day
December 19	10:10 am	Spirit Assembly
December 20		PD Day - no school
December 21-January 5		Holidays
January 6, 2014		Back to School
January 17		PD Day - no school

