



ELIZABETH ZIEGLER
PUBLIC SCHOOL

September-October 2013

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Mrs. Peebles, Vice-Principal

Mrs. Cochrane: Secretary
Mrs. Italiano: Secretary
Mrs. Jenkins: Secretary

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Elizabeth Ziegler School - what a great place to grow!

This year Miss Lizzy Ziegler would notice that our Junior and Senior Kindergarten students are at school all day every day for the first time! Bravo to staff and families for making our transition to a Full Day Kindergarten school a success, even as we had to shift our class population and staff to accommodate for slightly smaller than expected enrolment numbers. We appreciate the hard work of the Kindergarten team: Mrs. Feere in Room 404; Ms.. Kezys, Mrs. Ducharme and Ms.. Fusick in Room 406; Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Roordink and Miss Piazza in Room 405; Mr. Weldon, Mrs. Van Ravenstein, Ms. Ellig and Ms. Vernon in Room 403. We appreciate the teamwork of our before school care team, Mrs. Van Ravenstein, Ms. Fusick and Mrs. Roordink and our after school care team, Ms. Ellig, Ms. Vernon and Miss Piazza. YWCA staff continue to run our junior extended day program.

Welcome to our many new staff: Mrs. Peebles, Vice-Principal; Mr. Connell, head custodian; Mrs. Weiler, library clerk; Ms. Jenkins and Mrs. Italiano, secretaries; Mlle Evans, planning time French teacher. Congratulations to Mme Kleinschmidt, who has started her maternity leave. We await her baby news! We welcome M. Quirion, who is now teaching Mme Kleinschmidt's Grade 2/3 French Immersion classes. Congratulations also to Mrs. Towns, EA, who starts her maternity leave right after Thanksgiving weekend. We will also be excited to hear her baby news in the near future. We welcome Mr. Woodfield, who will take over as the Educational Assistant for Mrs. Towns in Mrs. Bechtel's area class next week.

We enjoyed meeting many families at the *Fall Social and Meet the Teacher Night* on Wednesday, September 18th. Thank you to School Council and community members for running our hot dog and popcorn sales. Congratulations to our School Council executive: Chairperson Becky Guzar, Secretary Farah Jeevanjee-Boyes, Treasurer Adam Purkiss. For a full list of committees, chairpersons and the minutes from our September meeting, please check the website.

On behalf of the School Council Greening Committee, we would like to thank the volunteers who watered trees over the summer and to the group who gathered on Saturday, October 5th to work on some forest maintenance.

The School Council's Magazine fundraiser runs from October 1st to October 15th. You, your family and friends can order magazines at any time throughout the school year on-line at www.ccrp.ca . **Our school campaign code is ON2642.**

Finally, please try to check our school website regularly! The most current information will be posted regularly on the front page of our site and on the calendar. Check it out at www.elz.wrdsb.on.ca It has been a busy and productive first month as your new Principal. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

Lynne Green, Principal

How Can I Contact My Child's Teacher?

Teachers value communication with their students' families. When you have information to share or questions to ask, there are several ways to contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting time or phone conversation. You can write a note and put it in your child's planner or communication bag. You can call the school office (519 742-4402) and leave a message or you can leave a voice mail message at 519 570-8077 (a list of extensions follows). Teachers check their voicemail regularly. Elizabeth Ziegler staff understand the importance of parent communication in building partnerships with EZ families. We look forward to hearing from you.

Voice Mail Information

To reach a staff member's voicemail call **519 570-8077** and then punch in the extension.

Voice Mail Extensions:

Awad Lobe, T.	8404	Kezsy, J.	7332
Banks, P.	6393	Marteniuk, L.	9361
Barber, J.	6397	Mather, A.	8830
Bechtel, E.	8696	Matsuo, S.	6996
Buhler, S.	9887	Natter, T.	6944
Burden, B.	6452	Papadopoulos, A.	5805
Burns, S.	6562	Quirion, M.	9590
Calder, W.	5787	Reist, M.	7619
Day, C.	9848	Scott, C.	6388
Evans, S	9487	Snow, L.	6420
Feere, J.	7272	Struck, J.	9376
Gauthier D.	6782	Traverse, K.	9036
Giles, C.	6455	Trinca, A.	8234
Humphrys, A.	6667	Vos, D.	9363
Kennedy, S	6451	Weldon, S.	4041

Please remember to call the school office for all time sensitive and urgent messages. Office hours are 8:15-4:00 daily.

Emergency School Evacuation

Schools remain open for the full school day unless very unusual circumstances occur. For city schools like Elizabeth Ziegler, these rare circumstances would include power failure, heating failure or water main breaks. The evacuation site for Elizabeth Ziegler School is St. John's Lutheran church, 22 Willow Street, Waterloo, 519 886-1880.

In order to inform parents of a school evacuation, an announcement will be made as soon as possible prior to the evacuation on radio stations CHYM 96.7 FM, CKKW 1090 AM, CFCA 105.3 KOOL FM and the WRDSB website. School will resume the following day unless a further closing is announced on the WRDSB website (www.wrdsb.on.ca), the Elizabeth Ziegler website (www.elz.wrdsb.on.ca) and radio.

Library Learning Commons Website

Please visit the WRDSB library online with your children at <http://library.wrdsb.ca> for a great place to start research for a school project, find a book, listen to a story and lots more. Save this address in your *favourites* so you and your children can use this resource throughout the year.

Facebook and Computer Use at home

Please monitor your child's computer usage at home in order to keep them safe from online dangers. A good strategy is to place the computer in a common area where the screen is readily visible by an adult rather than in a child's bedroom or other private space.

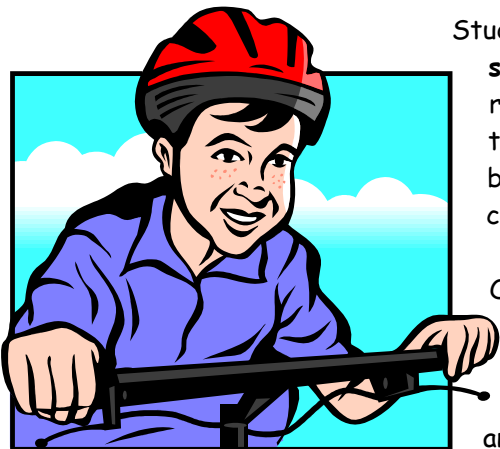
Facebook is not to be accessed by children under the age of 13. The following is the statement is taken from the Facebook homepage.

No information from children under age 13. If you are under age 13, please do not attempt to register for Facebook or provide any personal information from a child under age 13, we will delete that information as quickly as possible. If you believe that we might have any information from a child under age 13, please contact through our help page.

Safety Reminders

Unless students are part of the before and after care program, students should not be on the school yard in the mornings before 8:55 am. There are no adult supervisors until this time. As well, the adult supervision after the school day ends at 3:45 pm. Children left on the yard at 3:45 pm, will be brought to the school office to wait as we attempt to contact their parents.

Bicycles, Rollerblades, Skateboards and Scooters



Students may bring 'wheels' to school, however, **students must walk them on school property to maintain a safe play area**. It is your child's responsibility to lock his or her bicycle to the bike rack which is located at the back of the school. Roller blades, skateboards and scooters may be brought into the school but must be properly stored as directed by the classroom teacher.

Please ensure that your children know how to use their 'wheels' safely. Ontario law states that a helmet must be worn when riding a bicycle. Helmets are a good idea for skateboards, rollerblades and scooters, as well.

We wish to remind you that the school cannot accept responsibility for any of these items should they be lost, stolen or damaged.

Dogs on the Yard



For the safety and comfort of our students please maintain control of your dog when walking to and from school. **When you arrive at the school, please remain on the grass area with your dog close by you and on its leash.** This gives students who are nervous or anxious around dogs a safe area on the entire tarmac to wait for the school bell. **Please pick up any waste left behind by your pet to keep the yard safe and clean for outdoor play times and physical education each day.** If you are not able to meet these guidelines, then you will need to leave your pet at home. We thank you for your co-operation in creating a safe and inviting school environment for our students!

Upcoming Events



October 11	P.D. Day - no school
October 14	Thanksgiving Day - no school
October 24	School Council Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm
October 31-November 8	Halloween for Hunger Food Drive
November 4	Gr 1-6 Progress Reports sent home
November 7	Author Visit for Juniors
November 21	School Council Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm
December 20	PD Day No - School
December 23-January 6	Christmas Break - No School

Community News

- Parent workshops and discussion groups begin in October at KW Counselling. Please see www.kwcounselling.com/parenting-with-passion for detailed course information.
- KidsLink 'helps children, youth and their families to overcome social, emotional and behavioural challenges through innovative and effective solutions.' You can find out more at www.kidslinkcares.com.
- Firefly Therapy Services, sponsored by Kidsability, offers fall group programs for school age children. Please see www.kidsability.ca for more information.
- St. John Ambulance is offering Babysitting Class for ages 11-14 and Home Alone Class for ages 9-11 at their Gage Street location. For more information, please email training@kwsja.com or phone 519 579-6285.

