



# NEWSLETTER

Elginburg & District P.S.  
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## Good News & Updates

- Junior Boys and Girls Basketball practices are underway, coached by Mrs. LaRochelle and Mrs. Mitchell and their assistant student coaches. Thank you coaches and good luck teams!
- Thanks to Mrs. Kennedy, our school Math Lead and her team for organizing a Math night for families, and to Queen's University for their support with this initiative. We enjoyed a good attendance for this event and everyone seemed to have a good time solving puzzles and problems together!
- Many Limestone schools, including Elginburg and District PS, participated in Earth Hour 2019 on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. By switching off the lights and computers, students and staff helped to raise awareness of climate change and the importance of energy conservation.



### Earth Day is Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Elginburg DPS will celebrate Earth Day on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Families are welcome to attend our Earth Day assembly at 2 pm in the gym. Our theme this year is Earth Heroes—positive projects around the world that are improving the welfare of our favourite planet. Artwork will fill the gym. Mrs. Guild's choir will present something beautiful, and there will be a slide show hosted by Ms. Jerreat's class. As well, a special guest speaker from Ottawa will address our students to tell us how their school initiative to help the environment fared.

Families, please consider signing Ms. Jerreat's 4/5 class petition in the front foyer to ban some single use plastics (for Kingston & Ontario) and/or go to our school/ LDSB website to print your own to complete and return to the school by April 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

- Congratulations to Chloe Pomeroy and Helena Tripp in grade 3 on the success of their Remembrance Day art at the District Level of the Legion contest. We wish Chloe well as her colour poster goes on to the provincial level of judging!
- If you would like to join the fun and support the Grand-friends fundraiser on April 13, please contact Mrs. Guild for tickets as availability is limited. **Much gratitude goes out to the Royal Canadian Legion 496 for donating \$1000 to this community partnership and the use of the facility for the event. Thank you!!!**

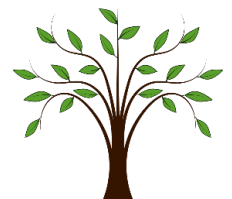
## Principal's Message

March was a quick month ~ it flew by with the March Break in the middle of it. I hope a rest and change of pace was enjoyed by all. I know we are all looking forward to some nice spring weather, more sunshine and ready to say goodbye to the snow, rain and strong winds.

We still have some puddles and thawing out to look forward to. It seems children of all ages enjoy playing in those watery and muddy spots, so please send a change of clothes, or extra socks to keep in your child's backpack and/or have a chat with them about your expectations. Yard supervisors discourage playing in puddles so students are comfortable learning after recess breaks, but it's not always possible to control especially since splashing around can be so much fun! I've become a master at making garbage bag dresses but not all students enjoy this fashion statement!

Caring and showing respect for your environment builds character and creates a positive and healthy school atmosphere. As we celebrate Earth Day this month, there will be several opportunities for students to become involved and show their commitment to the environment.

L. Ford



## School Council



**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.**  
*in the Resource Centre.*

***We welcome all parents to join us!***

Babysitting is available.  
**Please inform the office ahead of time.**

## Kindergarten Registration

Discover Kindergarten in Limestone! We are beginning to make plans for next year's full-day kindergarten program at Elginburg. If you have a child who is eligible to be enrolled in the Kindergarten program, please complete the online application for registration found on the Limestone Board website.

Children eligible for *Junior Kindergarten* must be four years old by December 31, 2019. Children eligible for *Senior Kindergarten* must be five years old by December 31, 2019. Those students already enrolled in Junior Kindergarten do not need to register.

The LDSB Kindergarten website has recently been updated to include information about the Kindergarten program, the four frames, and several links to the Ontario Ministry of Education publications for families. Please be sure to share this website and information with families:

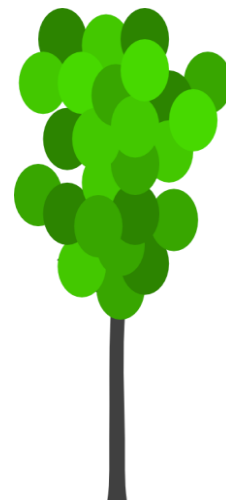
[https://www.limestone.on.ca/programming/kindergarten\\_early\\_learning/discover\\_kindergarten](https://www.limestone.on.ca/programming/kindergarten_early_learning/discover_kindergarten).

The Ontario Ministry of Education website also offers many resources for families:  
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/kindergarten/>

**Kindergarten is a wonderful experience and your child's first leg on their journey of learning. The Limestone Board and its staff are committed to ensuring that this is a great start to school.**

**Save the date: May 30<sup>st</sup> ~ 4:30 pm, Kindergarten Open House**

*... Play develops the foundation of intellectual, social, physical,  
and emotional skills necessary for success in school and in life. It "paves the way for learning."  
~ Canadian Council on Learning*



## No Scents is Good Sense

When choosing sunscreen for the upcoming spring and summer season, please remember that we need to use fragrance free products at school to keep everyone safe and well. We have discovered that "allergy free" or "all natural" products are not necessarily free of scent. If the product does not say "fragrance free", it probably isn't!



**Please remember that if you wear scented products, to refrain from entering the school to keep our students (and staff) safe.** Many people become ill from scented products. In our school, we have persons that will need to go home if there is a lingering scent in the school or worse, have a life-threatening allergic reaction to a strong scent.