



School Updates

Dear EGPS Families,

This week at Ethel Gardiner, students have been involved in many activities and learning about Remembrance Day, service and peace. From books, to discussions, writing, and art, students are learning about the importance of honouring past and present service and efforts towards peace.

Thank you to all of our Ethel Gardiner families for continuing to support your child(ren) with learning problem solving strategies when faced with peer conflict. Learning how to negotiate the rigours of play is an essential skill for building and maintaining friendships. We continue to coach, model and teach all of our students the important skills of collaboration. When conflict does arise, it is important for students to have some strategies that they can use to help them through these moments, including talking it out, walking away, changing your game, taking a break and asking an adult for help.

In Partnership,

Paddi Dewmyn, Principal, EGPS

Melanie Carr, Vice Principal, EGPS

Important Dates:

November 11th - Remembrance Day

November 11th - Last day to order Spirit and Grad Wear.

November 13-19 - Transgender Awareness Week

November 14th - World Diabetes Day

November 17th - Progress Report Cards go home

November 17th - Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

November 18th - Photo Retake Day

November 20th - Quincy Mack whole school Presentation

November 27th - Student-Led Conferences and Scholastic Book Fair (evening). More information to come.

November 28th - P.D Day. No classes for students.

December 11th - Save the date - **Arts Night and Student Market at EGPS** (evening).

[Click here for the Student Activities for the Week of November 10, 2025](#)

Get your EGPS Spirit and Grad Wear order in by November 11th!

We have Spirit Wear for sale until November 11th! This includes Grad wear for our Grade 8 students!

Order by November 11th and the items will be delivered by the holidays!

Go to www.lcms.ca/ethelgpsgrizzlies to see the options available.

Purchases are made directly from the vendor website and will be sent to the school for distribution to students from the school.

If you do not wish for the clothes to be sent home with your child (e.g., if they are to be a gift), please indicate that in the notes section of the purchase order and we will ensure that someone from the office contacts you for pick up.



Grade K-8 Student Led Conferences. Week of November 24th

Progress Reports and Communication of Learning will be sent home on **Monday, November 17th**. Please note that K-8 Student-Led Conference links will be sent out on **Monday, November 10th** to families via School Messenger. Choosing a conference time will be an online booking process. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please ensure that you are choosing a date and time that works for your family.

Conferences are an opportunity to discuss your child's progress during the first three months of school. The link to choose a conference date & time will also be available on the Google Classroom stream that you can access with your child. Please note that choosing a time will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

To book a conference time, follow these steps:

- Click the link
- Select an available interview time. Check both time and date carefully and only select one time slot.
- Enter your child's name in the selected available interview time.
- Make note of your interview date and time.

Remembrance Day and Veterans' Week November 5th - 11th

Canadian Veterans Week is a week-long national event that takes place each year from November 5th to November 11th, culminating with **Remembrance Day**.

During this time, Canadians come together to honor and remember the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served in Canada's Armed Forces. It is a time to reflect on the courage, dedication, and selflessness of our veterans, both past and present.

Various events and ceremonies are held across the country to pay tribute to those who have served, including wreath-laying ceremonies, parades, and moment of silence observances. Canadian Veterans Week serves as an important reminder of the importance of recognizing and appreciating the contributions of our military personnel and their families in protecting our

Indigenous Veterans Day November 8th

Indigenous Veterans Day, recognized on November 8th, we remember the contributions and sacrifices that thousands of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis soldiers have made throughout Canada's military history. Beaded poppies are also sometimes used as a symbol of remembrance and gratitude for our Indigenous Veterans. Originating from the tradition of recognizing First Nations, Métis, and Inuit veterans who served in various conflicts throughout Canadian history, this day highlights the unique experiences and challenges faced by Indigenous soldiers.

By commemorating this day with respect and gratitude, we not only pay homage to the past but also commit to working towards a more inclusive and equitable future for all veterans. Lest we forget our Indigenous soldiers.

Remembrance Day November 11th

Remembrance Day is observed on November 11th, originating from the armistice signed between the Allies and Germany in 1918, marking the end of World War I. It serves as a reminder of the devastating consequences of war while honoring those who fought or continue to fight for peace, with red poppies symbolizing remembrance, and moments of silence to pay tribute to fallen soldiers. Remembrance Day signifies gratitude towards those who have selflessly dedicated their lives to protect freedom, human rights and a time to remember the freedoms we enjoy today because of their sacrifice.

The Royal Canadian Legion has provided the school with Poppies for each student in the school for Remembrance Day. If you would like to make a donation to the Legion, please send loose change with your child and we will put it in our Poppy donation box in the office.

We will be observing Remembrance Day on Tuesday November 11th with a Remembrance Day Assembly. Unfortunately, due to space constraints in the gym, we are not able to accommodate guests during the assembly.

Photo Retake Day - November 18th.

Parents please send an email to your child's homeroom teacher if you would like them to have their photo retaken to ensure no students are missed.

EGPS Arts Night and Students' Market - Save the Date!

ARTS NIGHT - December 11th from 5:30 pm-8 pm

SAVE THE DATE - December 11th is our Annual Arts Night. This is a magical night where our students have an opportunity to share their incredible talents with our community. This year, there will be 3 shows in the gym, including the return of Creating a Scene, the primary choir, the band, and the junior dance team. We are excited to add a primary dance team this year! All students at EGPS will have their art on display in the hallways for our art show, and this year, we welcome back the EGPS Students' Market!

EGPS Students' Market

Our Students' Market will take place during Arts Night on December 11th. This is an opportunity for students to sell goods they create at home (they will not be making these goods at school). Our students are incredibly talented, from candles to cards, slime, and jewelry! Spots will be

assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. To join the fun, sign your child up by filling out this Google Form.

*A note to student vendors: No food or drink items can be sold at this market.

**If you are a performer in the gym, you can not be selling items

[Click here for the GOOGLE FORM to sign up for the EGPS Students' Market:](#)

Any questions can be forwarded to Laurie Thibaudeau at thibaudeaul@hdsb.ca

Transgender Awareness Week November 13th-19th.

This week is Transgender Awareness Week. We will continue to work on affirming all aspects of student identity as we work towards ensuring our school community is one where all students feel seen, safe, and valued.

The HDSB recognizes Transgender Awareness Week (Nov. 13-19). *Egale's recent report, "[Still in Every Class in Every School](#)", revealed that homophobia, biphobia and transphobia remain rampant in Canadian schools (Peter et al., 2021).*

This week and throughout the school year, we celebrate and honour the lives of transgender and nonbinary people. We raise awareness around the continued discrimination that transgender people face, and we commit to creating an equitable and affirming environment for all. We are grateful to the members of our school's Safe Space group for preparing some learning for our students to help us honour this week. - HDSB

World Diabetes Day November 14th

World Diabetes Day—provides a day that unites the global diabetes community to raise awareness, acknowledge what needs to be done for prevention, diagnosis and diabetes management. The date was chosen in honour of the birthday of Canadian Sir Frederick G. Banting, who, along with Dr. Charles Best (founder of the Canadian Diabetes Association now known as Diabetes Canada), is credited with the discovery of insulin. - www.diabetes.ca

Kindergarten Registration for the 2026 - 2027 School Year is open at EGPS!

Do you have a child starting school in September 2026? Do you know someone in our community who turns 4 before December 31, 2026?

Registration is underway for Kindergarten in the HDSB!

The HDSB's Kindergarten program provides children with a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success by developing curiosity, problem-solving and early literacy and math skills in a welcoming environment.

Parents/guardians can register online or in-person.

Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/8wnn9uv9>

Days of Significance

[Calendar](#)

[Recognition of Heritage and History Months](#)

Community News:

Halton Hills:

[Click here for activities happening in our beautiful town of Halton Hills](#)

With Glowing Hearts Musical Tribute to the Armed Forces

The Halton Hills Concert Band is excited to present its annual **"With Glowing Hearts Musical Tribute to the Armed Forces"** Sat., November 8, 7:30 at Holy Cross Parish, Georgetown.

To honour the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, the band will cast a spotlight on the music during WWII. Joining us this year are noted guest performers the Lorne Scots Pipes & Drums and multi-faceted artist, composer, conductor, adjudicator, producer, Brad Barnham.

Enjoy a variety of music, including classic swing tunes, movie music and popular music, all performed against the backdrop of powerful visuals designed to remember and celebrate the Armed Forces.

Come out and enjoy the unique show and concert setting with the Colour Guard of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 and the 756 Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, 10+ tickets for \$15 each, and children 18 and under are free.

Tickets are available online at www.haltonhillsconcertband.com, evenbrite.ca and at the door.



St. Andrew's United Church 11th Annual Christmas Craft Show

November 8th from 9am to 2pm.

St. Andrew's United Church Christmas Craft Show. Complete all your Christmas Shopping in one place!

Visit with Santa! Lots of vendors! Homemade Baked goods! Silent Auction and Raffle.

Café will be available for lunch including homemade soups, bunwiches, hot dogs and beverages.

\$2.00 Adult Admission fee (children free) will be donated to Cancer Assistance Halton Hills.

Contact

St. Andrew's United Church

905-877-4482

Email

[Website](#)

Halton Hills Public Library

[Click here for activities happening at the Halton Hills Public Library](#)

Stay in touch!

- Our school website and calendar at gps.hdsb.ca
- your child(ren)'s Google Classroom
- www.hdsb.ca
- **Instagram:** egpssocial
- School Council Facebook - Ethel Gardiner Public School Council Page
- Contact: ethelgardinerparentcouncil@gmail.com

The Grizzly Way Statement

Grizzlies treat each other with kindness and respect.

Grizzlies try their best, ask questions, make mistakes, and
are creative learners.

Grizzlies believe in themselves and encourage each other.

Grizzlies listen to each other and share their ideas.

Grizzlies are responsible for themselves, their school, and
their world.

Grizzlies include everyone and celebrate diversity.

#thegrizzlyway