

June, 2018

THE PHOENIX FIARE

ESSEX PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



From the Desk of the Principal:

Spring is the time of year when we begin planning for the next school year. Based upon the staff we have been given, we will tentatively organize the school and place teachers accordingly. We have several temporary staff who will be going to their assigned schools in September, the staff they are filling in for will return to EPS and through the staffing process, we expect to have some changes that we will share as information becomes available.

In addition to these changes, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell our school community that I have thoroughly enjoyed the past seven years at Essex Public School. Although I look forward to the opportunity for change and to work with the Queen Victoria Community, I will fondly remember and am truly grateful for having had the opportunity to be a Phoenix! I feel fortunate to have worked with the staff, students, School Council and parents at EPS. Thank you for seven amazing years!

I am very happy to announce that Mr. Pallotto will move into the Principal role here at EPS! It is a well-deserved promotion and know that the school community is in good hands. We also welcome Mrs. St. Germain to our school as the Vice-Principal. I know that she will embrace the Essex P.S. community and the school community will make her feel welcome in this new role. It is also at this time of year we bid farewell to staff members who will be moving on to new and exciting opportunities elsewhere within the system: Ms. Knight, Mr. Davison, Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Brown, Ms. Pettypiece, Mrs. Kerr, Mr. McLennan and Mr. Simone. We wish you the best as you move forward in your careers!

Online Directory:

Twitter feed: @EPSPhoenix

School website:

<https://publicboard.ca/schools/essexps/>

Hot lunches can only be ordered online.

For more details visit:

www.greenheartlunchclub.com

<http://harvestfresh.ca>

School-related purchases (pizza lunches, field trips) can also be made online at:

<https://qecdsb.schoolcashionline.com>



Student Council News

Student Council would like to thank everyone who donated money and participated in Hat Day during the month of May. We were able to donate \$250 to the W.E. Care for Kids Foundation.

Upcoming dates:

Please continue to show your generosity by donating non-perishable food and hygiene items to the Essex Food Bank for our June Generosity Day on June 13th. Superhero theme day will be Friday, June 22nd and Canada Day theme day will be Thursday June 28th.

An Ode to Track & Field

*It was the week before Regionals and all thru the school,
The athletes were training and breaking no rules.*

*The relays were busy practicing handoffs,
While jumpers were working on their take offs.
The runners were busy trying to improve their best times,
And the coaches gave tips of every kind.*

*An Demchuk with Shot putters working on form,
While Armstrong and RJ pushed the runners some more.
With Henze at the pits working for each centimeter,
The athletes worked hard to make them a winner.
Schmidt and Simone urged the athletes to dash,
And had them passing the batons in a flash.
The Phoenix were ready for the challenging task,
Of competing against others with a lot of class.*

*So off to Regionals we went with Phoenix pride standing tall,
To compete in events, over a hundred in all.*

*The team rallied around and cheered our athletes,
As they competed and raced through the entire Meet.*

*Demchuk and Sims manned the triple jump pits,
Barry on timing and Henze in the tent
We were ready to take on the challenge we'd been sent*

*Now Robby, now Jesse, now Seth and Roman
On Harley, on Paige, on Hailey and Teagan
From the top of the curve to the finish line
Our relays were fast, the fastest of kind.*

*Our team was amazing and made us so proud
Winning ribbons and medals and cheers from the crowd
Now to Districts we go for one more go round
Cheers for you all as your feet hit the ground.*

- Mrs. Barry

EPS Cares...

Thank you to those staff and students who supported our daffodil campaign. We are proud to announce that Essex Public School will be donating a total of \$775.19 to the Canadian Cancer Society! The Canadian Cancer Society is grateful for our continued support and generosity. Thank you so much for having such big hearts!

—Mrs. Diemer



School Advisory Council News

At May's meeting we agreed to fund the purchase of: 5 new tricycles for the kindergartens; 10 new laptops for the classrooms on the second floor; a new bat for the baseball team and we set aside \$3,000 for the future purchase of a new curtain for the gymnasium stage. Thank you to all those who sold and purchased Vesey's; we realized a \$3000 profit! As the school year draws to a close many people's thoughts turn to a gift for teacher. May I humbly suggest a gift card for a teacher resource (i.e. Scholar's Choice), book or office supply store? Many of our staff use their personal funds to purchase items for the classroom and these are good resource stores. This is also the time of year for yard sales and spring cleaning. Before donating your leftover items to charity please consider our school. We can always use cutlery, plates, bowls, dishcloths, tea towels, etc. for the kitchens. The kindergarten would appreciate doll houses and LEGO. If you think you have anything else your favourite teacher could use, don't hesitate to ask him/her.



PHOENIX GOARS AT SKIPPING

A big congratulations goes out to all members of the Essex Skipping Team as they competed in the District Competition on April 21st. Broken ropes and tough competition couldn't keep our Phoenix down! We had 21 personal best performances in the speed and power events. Congratulations to Haily for her 2nd place finish in singles speed and to Molly and Pellar for their 5th place finish in power and 3rd in speed. Madison and Haily in grade 7 earned 4th place for their speed and the Grade 8 skippers, Lauren, Mikayla and Alyssa, received a 4th place ribbon in double Dutch speed. We had two 5th place finishes in freestyle, Haily in singles and Keira and Grace in pairs. Hard work by the group routine crew paid off with an amazing 2nd place earning us a pennant!!!! The coaches are so proud of all of you! You represented Essex well! Way to go Skippers!!!



KNOWLEDGE HOOK update!

Essex Phoenix Students have been working very hard on Knowledge Hook (Math Program) missions and skills.

The following students, as of June 1, have earned a Full Mathalon (250 Stars):

- 8B: Andrew T, Brody S, Tyler L, Terra H, Charlie C, Emma K, Lubna A, Jonathon H, Cameron D, Zoe R, Sarah I, Jordan C, Owen P.
- 8D: Alex D, Sarah L, Connor S, Jack J.
- 6D: Colin P.
- 5A : Reese F, Haiden S, Brooke O, Tayler D, Steven K.
- 4/5S: Owen B. 5P: Kale D, Ethan F.

Trimathalon (375 Stars):

- 8B: Emma K, Andrew T, Charlie C.
- 6D: Ben M.
- 5A: Carter S, Steven K, Gavin C.
- 5P: Kale D.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

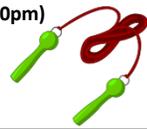
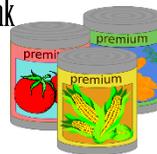


Wednesday, June 6th is our Jump Rope for Heart Event Day! Students from JK-8 will be participating in a variety of activities that will benefit their overall health. The path to a healthy life should include exercise and the best way to do that is skipping. All you need to do is find your trusty skipping rope and skip for 15 minutes every day. Here are some of the benefits of skipping. Most importantly your heart rate improves, your muscles get stronger, and it helps you attain coordination, agility, and balance. The benefits are endless and will make you a healthier, better you!



Monthly Growth Mindset Message

“You can throw in the towel, or use it to wipe the sweat off your face and keep going.”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 (Day 4) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH Gr.5 trip to "On the Green" (9:00-11:00am) 	2 Nancy Karetak-Lindell became Canada's first Inuit MP, 1997 
3 The name "Island of St. John" was changed to Prince Edward Island, 1799 	4 (Day 5)  PIZZA LUNCH JSK to Colasanti's (9:00-12:30pm) Jump Rope For Heart pledge sheets due	5 (Day 1) JSK to Colasanti's (9:00-12:30pm) 1B, 1S, 1DR Community walk (12:00-1:30pm)	6 (Day 2) Jump Rope For Heart (10:55-2:30pm) 	7 (Day 3) Green Heart Lunch CWATS Community Walk, Gr.4-8 & GAINS (EPS track, 2:00pm)  Rain Date for JR4H	8 PA DAY (No school for students)	9
10 	11 (Day 4)  PIZZA LUNCH	12 (Day 5)	13 (Day 1) Generosity Day for Essex Food Bank 	14 (Day 2) Green Heart Lunch	15 (Day 3) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH Gr.6 VIP Day Camp @ Gesstwood (9:00-2:30pm) DISTRICT TRACK MEET	16 <i>Boys Baseball Tournament</i> 
17	18 (Day 4)  Gr.1S, 1B & 1DR to Pt. Pelee (8:45-2:45pm) Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (5:30pm) School Council Meeting (6:30pm)	19 (Day 5) JSK Water Day (all day) 	20 (Day 1) 6D & 6M to Adventure Bay (9:15-2:40pm) Bus Patrol Appreciation (all day) 	21 (Day 2)  Grad Trip (5:45am departure) 1S, 1B, 1DR to Rose City Gymnastics (9:30-2:45pm) Green Heart Lunch	22 (Day 3) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH SUPERHERO SPIRIT DAY  Character Counts Assembly (10:55am)	23
24 O'Canada was performed for the first time, 1880 	25 (Day 4)  PIZZA LUNCH Grad Luncheon (12:00-1:30) 	26 (Day 5) Graduation (Doors open at 6:00pm; everyone requires a ticket) 	27 (Day 1) The federal government passed legislation that allowed women to enlist in the armed forces, 1941 	28 (Day 2)  CANADA COLOURS SPIRIT DAY Year-End Assembly (8:45am) Last Day of School / Report Cards go home	29 PA DAY	30 