

February, 2022

# PHOENIX FLARE

ESSEX PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## February At A Glance

### Kiss & Ride Safety and Reminders

In order to keep things running smoothly in our Kiss & Ride lane, it is important for all parents to follow proper procedures to ensure safe arrival for all our students. There are many parents that utilize this drop off process, especially during the winter season. Please follow these important rules to ensure a safe arrival for ALL our students:

1. Pull up as far as you can in the Kiss & Ride lane (all the way up to the main entrance) to maximize the number of cars unloading at once. This is especially important as many cars are backed up on the street blocking the bus traffic and flow.
2. Be ready to exit the vehicle to ensure disembarking is quick and safe. If your child requires assistance, please park and walk your child to the sidewalk via a crosswalk. Never drop off your child(ren) on the parking lot side of Kiss & Ride. All students should be escorted by an adult or use the crosswalks in front of the main entrance or at the bus bay area.
3. Be patient and kind. Students of all ages utilize the Kiss & Ride area and everyone's time is equally important. Drive carefully through the lane, do not block the intersection and allow yourself some extra time to ensure safety for all.

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for September 2022 is happening during the month of February! We encourage families to register their child early by going online to: [Register.Publicboard.ca](https://register.publicboard.ca)

Please call the main office (519-776-9676) to arrange a Virtual Tour of Essex Public School and meet our caring dedicated staff! We would love to have you see firsthand the wonderful learning happening at Essex PS and experience the positive school culture! Once online registration is complete, our caring office staff will call you directly to complete the registration seeking the child's birth certificate, immunization record and two items which display your address.

### Kindergarten Virtual Open House

On Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7pm, Essex PS will be hosting a Kindergarten Virtual Open House. Please contact the main office to provide us with your email address, so we may invite you to the Virtual Open House, provide you with important information and meet our staff. We look forward to meeting our newest Phoenix Family Members to our welcoming school! #PhoenixProud

In a few months, we will be sharing "Welcome to Kindergarten" resources with your family – more details will be shared at a later date. In addition, at the end of August, you will personally be notified by mail of a date and time to meet your child's teacher and early childhood educator. These meetings will take place during the first week of school in September 2022.



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup> is Kindergarten Registration  
Register for Kindergarten Early at:  
<https://register.publicboard.ca>

### Child Care Options

Below is the most current list of childcare providers servicing Essex Public School. Please contact the providers for more information as to your childcare needs during this time.

#### Story Book Early Learning Centre

Essex Public School (on-site)

<http://www.storybookelc.ca>

519-776-5044

#### First Steps Child Care

Essex (off-site) 169 Irwin Avenue, Essex

519-776-8699

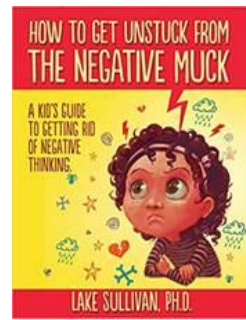
#### Once Upon a Time

Essex (off-site) 200 Fairview Ave West, Essex

519-776-6555

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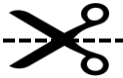
We look forward to another School Council meeting to wrap up the month of January. Our school council has been approved for a Parent Reaching Out Grant. Our plan is to use this money to purchase books and journals for any families that are interested in joining the book talk. One of the books that we are considering is "How to Get Unstuck From the Negative Muck". This inspirational book that would be read by parents and students together,



promotes positivity and strategies for overcoming life's obstacles. Thank you to our school council and especially Rosa Richardson (school council chair) for your leadership in this initiative.

# POSITIVE MESSAGES ABOUT EPS

With kindergarten registration around the corner, we are asking for your help in promoting Essex PS. Word of mouth is our best way of promoting the school. Please communicate with family and friends who have children that will be starting school in September about all of the things that make EPS a great place. We will be sending out more information about the school over the next month to the parents of our prospective students as well. One way that I have communicated this to families in the past is through parent messages. Feel free to send back the speech bubble below with your own messages about what makes Essex PS a great place. You may also send these messages to Mr. Oldridge in an Edsby message. These will be shared with anyone considering our school for their child. Your feedback as a parent to other parents sends a powerful message.



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EPS WILL BE HOSTING A VACCINE CLINIC IN THE GYM ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23 <sup>RD</sup> FROM 3-6 PM.		<b>1</b> (Day 3) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH 	<b>2</b> (Day 4)	<b>3</b> (Day 5) Green Heart Lunch	<b>4</b> (Day 1) 	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> (Day 2) PIZZA DAY	<b>8</b> (Day 3) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH	<b>9</b> (Day 4)	<b>10</b> (Day 5) Green Heart Lunch 	<b>11</b> (Day 1)	<b>12</b> 	
<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> (Day 2) PIZZA DAY Report cards sent home	<b>15</b> (Day 3) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH 	<b>16</b> (Day 4)	<b>17</b> (Day 5) Green Heart Lunch Parent-teacher conferences (4:00-7:00pm)	<b>18</b> <b>PA DAY</b> (No school for students)	<b>19</b> 	
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Family Day</b>	<b>22</b> (Day 1) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH	<b>23</b> (Day 2) <b>PINK SHIRT DAY</b> Kindergarten Open House (5:00-7:00pm)	<b>24</b> (Day 3) Green Heart Lunch	<b>25</b> (Day 4) Trustworthiness Virtual Assembly <b>JERSEY DAY</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> (Day 5) PIZZA DAY	<i>February 2022</i>				 Register at <a href="http://publicboard.ca">publicboard.ca</a>	