

EASTDALE NEWSLETTER

I CAN. YOU CAN. TOGETHER, WE CAN.



March 2024

Hello Eastdale families,

There certainly has been a lot happening in the Eagle's nest lately! I'm excited to share some of the things our students have been enjoying.

We held our first assembly for 2024 and were fortunate to have special guest Khadijah Haliru open with a message about Black History Month and the importance of taking an interest in the differences that make each of us special, no matter where our family tree is planted. We then presented the first of our new Principal's Awards recognizing students who have demonstrated a CAN-DO ATTITUDE. These students were nominated by their teachers for being considerate, or responsible, or persevering, or being optimistic, or not being afraid to make mistakes. We handed out 25 awards to deserving students and it was wonderful to have their parents attend to share in the celebration.

Eastdale hosted the Woodstock Police K9 Unit to meet their new service dog. Over 80 students and parents got to learn about police dog training and were encouraged to enter the contest to give the newest member of the force a name.

Lastly, congratulations to our floor hockey team who finished their season last week. Thank you to coaches Ms. Murray and Mr. Wereley for a fun season!

Sincerely, Steve Burroughs - Principal



PA DAY

A reminder the PA Day originally scheduled for April 19 has now been moved to April 8. The school will be closed to students this day while teachers focus on the school math action plan.



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REMEMBER TO



Friday
March 8

WEAR GREEN



MARCH BREAK 2024 (Mar 11 - 15)



DON'T MISS OUT!



Graduation
PHOTO DAY
is here!



Official School Photographer

**GRADE 8 GRAD
PHOTO DAY
MARCH 27**

Ontario Active School Travel encourages families to use human-powered methods to commute between home and school. This helps to make students healthier, reduces traffic and pollution, makes school zones safer and boost academic performance.

As the weather gets warmer, please consider walking or riding to school to enjoy the benefits of an active lifestyle. Go to ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca for more.

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Important Guidelines for Crossing Guard Support

#1 - Follow Instructions and Wait for the Whistle Signal:

Pedestrians must adhere to crossing guards' instructions. A crossing guard is always the first person to step onto the roadway once all motorists have stopped, ensuring safe crosswalk entry. They calculate safe crossing distances and signal pedestrians (by a show of palm of a hand) to stop if the traffic light timer is insufficient to cross for that particular interval. Patience is key, especially for young children's safe crossing.

#2 - Be Patient & Attentive:

Pedestrians should enter roadways only when the walking signal is on, remaining vigilant to traffic signs. Wait an additional 2 seconds after the signal to ensure all traffic has stopped. Observe crossing guards' signals (they WHISTLE pedestrians only when safe to do so), they always wear reflective clothing, and are equipped with a Stop Paddle and a Whistle. Do not walk ahead of or with guards; wait for their confirmation of a safe crosswalk.

#3 - Encourage Safe & Positive Behaviour:

Setting a positive example is vital. Encourage children to wait for crossing guards' signals, fostering positive behaviour. Discourage jaywalking and teach children about traffic signs and symbols. Schools are encouraged to educate students on road safety, emphasizing adherence to crossing guard instructions

#4 - Be Aware of Potential Risks:

Consider weather conditions and plan accordingly for slippery roads. Be cautious of poor visibility during rainy or foggy weather. Maintain a safe distance from moving vehicles, especially those turning right, please stay at the corner at all times. Walking bikes on crosswalks is essential and mandatory, and sports-related activities (such as bouncing balls) are strictly prohibited for safety while crossing.

#5 - Express Gratitude, Exchange Smiles:

Acknowledging crossing guards with a smile and a 'thank you' enhances community connection. Crossing guards play a crucial role in safeguarding pedestrians. They are present even in inclement weather, so expressing gratitude supports these dedicated professionals in their community-driven role in the city of London.