



East St. Margaret's Elementary
School Newsletter
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Dear Families,

Well, it feels like Spring is in the air. It is such a beautiful drive along the coast to arrive at this wonderful little haven called ESM! Somehow, it all fits into the picture of why this school community is so very special. I feel it every day.

We have just received the best news! Mrs. Casey has received word that her pathology results are clear and she will not have to undergo any further treatment. Yahoo! She is doing so well in her recovery. She is constantly on our minds and in our "get-well" wishes. She is dearly missed by all of us! Mrs. Casey and I are in constant touch and I share with her all the great things that are happening daily at ESM. She loves to hear all about the children and school families.

Thank you for all of your support over these last few weeks. Please, know that I am only a call away if you have any questions or concerns.

Patty Hoskin

Important information for March:

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL: Communication between home and school is extremely important. Calls and emails sent to staff members will be returned within two business days.

HOME AND SCHOOL "SPRING DANCE": Unfortunately, our Valentine's Dance had to be cancelled because of the weather. I know how much we were all looking forward to the evening. A huge "Thank you" to The Home and School volunteers who have re-scheduled the dance! Our "Spring Dance" is going to be held on Thursday March 12th from 6:00 - 7:30pm. This is a free event for our families. There will be food and lots of fun available throughout the evening.

COINS FOR BOOKS CAMPAIGN: The "Coins for Books" campaign was a huge success. Thank you for your support for this fundraiser. The children had a great time with the spirit days throughout the month of February. Our school raised \$176.55. This amount will be matched by Tattletales Books and the money will be used to purchase new books for our Library.

MARCH BREAK: March Break will be from March 16th - March 20th this year. There is no school during this time. The students will return to school on Monday, March 23rd.

WALKING STUDENTS' DISMISSAL: Our parking lot is busy at the end of the day. For the safety of the students who do not travel on buses, we will be dismissing them after the buses leave.

MARCH LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY: Each month we come together as a whole school (Pre-primary to Grade 6) to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments and hard work of our students. We would like to invite our families and community members to come join us. For March, we will have our leadership assembly on **Tuesday, March 31st at 11:30am in the gym.**

ESM BREAKFAST PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS: We would like to thank our dedicated group of volunteers at ESM who come in to prepare a "grab and go" breakfast for our students. The breakfast program runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. If you would be interested in volunteering to help with this program please contact Trish Cuvelier (coordinator) at PCuvelier@hrce.ca or call the school. Please note that this volunteer position requires you to have a criminal records check and child abuse registry check. A school letter can be provided to you for the criminal records check.

SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL: If you are returning money to school for teachers, please put it in an envelope or plastic bag and write your child's name, grade and reason for the money on it.

VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are an important role of supporting students and events at the school. If you would like to help and volunteer at ESM please contact the office for further information regarding the paperwork required to volunteer (Criminal Records Check and Child Abuse Registry Form). Our swimming program is going to start the end of March and we will be looking for volunteers to help at the pool.

SWIMMING PROGRAM: ESM's swimming program is going to start on Friday, March 27th! How exciting! The program runs for six weeks (March 27th, April 3rd, April 17th, April 24th, May 1st and May 8th). We will need volunteers to help in at the BMO Centre when we arrive for our swim. The information for becoming a volunteer is contained in the message above.

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE: It is important for us to have current information for your child's safety in the case of an early dismissal. If your contact information has changed since the beginning of the year, please contact Ms. McDaniel with your new information. Thank you.

Parent - Teacher Interviews: Parent - Teacher Interviews for second term are going to be held on Wednesday, April 1st from 6-8pm and on Thursday, April 2nd from 1-3pm. The staff will be taking part in Professional Development on the morning of April 2nd. There will not be any school for the students on Thursday, April 2nd.

Have a wonderful last few weeks before Spring arrives!