PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe spring is really here, especially with snow still on the ground. With the spring months, we are excited for many exciting events here at Ellwood. To kick off the season, we have our education week festivities next week from the 8th-12th. Please stop by at 9:30am or 2:00pm for our primary concert, or pop in on Wednesday the 10th from 9-10am for our STEAM open house.

Students will also be participating in an author visit on Thursday the 11th and electives for Grades 1-5 on Friday the 12th. To wrap up the week, our trip to see the Marlies takes place on Saturday the 13th.

With the spring weather, the field will be especially muddy. Please ensure your son/daughter has both outdoor and indoor footwear.

Early in May, on the 3rd, we have our annual family movie night. This night is a lot of fun and a great way to connect with other Ellwood families. Be sure to save the date for a great night out.

Andrew Greenhow
Principal
On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, Peel District School Board schools will recognize Day of Pink. Unlike Pink Shirt Day, which is meant to combat all forms of bullying, we celebrate Day of Pink in Peel to specifically combat homophobia, transphobia and biphobia.

“Equity and inclusion is something that all Peel schools teach throughout the year and discuss with students daily—it is embedded in everything we do,” says Peter Joshua, director of education. “Day of Pink is just one more way for us to ensure students and staff learn, work and develop in environments that are safe, equitable, inclusive, respectful and nurturing for all.”

Day of Pink began when a high school student in Cambridge, Nova Scotia, was bullied with homophobic language because he wore a pink shirt to school. The next day, hundreds of students at his school stood up to bullying and wore pink to school to show their support for equity and inclusion.

On this day, students, staff and families from across Peel may wear pink and participate in a number of activities.

Ellwood in Action

AFRICAN CODE MOBILE

PORAMOR

RECYCLED ART

LIKE OUR NEW FORMAT?


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Congratulations to our Eagle of the Month winners for the month of March. These students have stood out in terms of the character attributes by setting positive examples and showing a growth mindset.

### Kindergarten
- Emily
- Tristan
- Umut
- Jared
- Teagan
- Liam
- Michael
- Harjap
- Olivia

### Grade 1
- Maha
- Steven
- Omar
- Joseph
- Mason

### Grade 2
- Lulu
- Liam
- Chloe
- Tayler
- Alyssa

### Grade 3
- Aris
- Sentenet
- Jasnav
- Connor
- Adam

### Grade 4
- Jahtayah
- Daniel
- Jay
- Vincent
- Adrien
- Anthony
- Adrian
- Lee

### Grade 5
- Maya
- Lily
- Henry
- Sydney
- Shayson
- Miley
- Matthew
- Katarina

### French
- Riley
- Luci

### Music
- Liam
- Jaxson
- Alyssa
- Alice
- Eva

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FREE Dental Screening at School

A dental screening is a quick assessment by a Registered Dental Hygienist who will take a look inside the child's mouth. A separate, sterilized mouth mirror is used for each child. If a child is identified, a form will be sent home and the parent may be contacted by a dental staff member. A re-screening may be required.

Peel Public Health provides dental screening in select grades in Peel elementary schools as required by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

**Where:** Ellwood Memorial PS  
**When:** April 18, 2019  
**Grades:** JK, SK and 2

If you **DO NOT** want your child to be screened, please visit [www.peelregion.ca/dental/schoolscreening](http://www.peelregion.ca/dental/schoolscreening) or call 905-799-7700 extension 5622 by **April 17, 2019**
Earth Month encompasses the international celebration of Earth Day on April 22, 2019. This is the most celebrated environmental event worldwide. Initiated in 1970, this event has been considered the birth of the environmental movement.

Each year, more than 6 million Canadians join 500 million people in over 180 countries in staging events and projects to address local environmental issues. In Canada, Earth Day has grown into Earth Week and even Earth Month to accommodate the profusion of events and projects. Here are some ways that you can celebrate earth week with your family:

- create a backyard or schoolyard habitat
- plant a garden or tree
- start a recycling program at home
- organize a carpooling campaign in your neighbourhood to reduce air pollution
- pick up trash in your neighbourhood
- read a book about an endangered species
- make a visit to your local zoo, aquarium or museum
- visit a local park, wildlife area or farm to provide a fun opportunity to learn about the environment and life
Celebrate Administrative Professionals’ Day

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Peel schools will pay tribute to administrative professionals on Administrative Professionals’ Day on April 24, 2019. The day will be celebrated with special activities and events that provide teachers, students and parents an opportunity to thank the administrative staff who help support student success each and every day.

The Peel board appreciates the important job administrative staff do each school day and April 24 provides an opportunity to give these individuals the recognition they deserve.

What is Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is a legislated committee that makes recommendations to the board on matters affecting the education programs and services for students with special needs. SEAC meets monthly during the school year and consists of three trustees and representatives from organizations within Peel.

An important focus for SEAC members is to bring forward the views of their organizations and assist parents in navigating the school system. You can reach out to your trustees or the appropriate organization to discuss any matters regarding special education or join us at one of our monthly meetings. All meetings are open to the public and includes a set time for questions from the community.

For more information about SEAC and the meeting schedule visit, http://peelschools.org/parents/specialed/specedac/Pages/default.aspx

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Using Social Media Safely

With the growing number of social media sites, it is no surprise that social media is the most common form of communication for children and teenagers. Posts, status updates, comments, instant messages, video uploads, tweets and texts have become a regular part of their lives. While there are many positive benefits to using social media, including staying connected with friends and expressing your interests, students must be cautious in their use of these networks.

Among the most popular social media platforms used are Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube and Whatsapp Messenger. Many of these platforms are free and are available on smartphones and other electronic devices. These platforms are easy to navigate and often allow information to be shared instantly, not only with friends, but with strangers. On social media, it is important to remember that the world is watching.

Here are some tips, provided by the Canadian Safe School Network and GetSafeOnline.org, to keep your children safe and help them make smart choices when using social media:

· Set some boundaries for your child before they get their first ‘connected device’ (mobile, tablet, laptop or games console). Once they have it, it can be more difficult to change the way they use it or the settings.
· Have a conversation about what is appropriate online behaviour and what actions could have huge repercussions that could damage their reputation and be harmful to others.
· Talk to your child about the kind of websites they look at. Encourage them to speak to you if they come across something they find worrying or upsetting on websites, games or social media.
· Discuss with your child what is safe and appropriate to post and share online. Written comments, photos and videos all form part of their ‘digital footprint’ and could be seen by anyone and available on the internet forever, even if it is subsequently deleted.
· Explain to your child that being online doesn’t give them anonymity or protection, and that they shouldn’t do anything online that they wouldn’t do face-to-face. Users should only accept people they know in order to protect themselves from spammers, strangers and others who may be using social networking sites to commit crimes.
· Unlike when they’re meeting someone face-to-face, children don’t always know who they’re actually ‘talking’ to online, even if they think they do. Tell your children they must never email, chat, or text with strangers, and it’s never okay to meet a stranger in the real world.
· Ensure your children set their privacy settings appropriately. Take the time to learn how privacy settings work on your children’s favourite sites, and teach them how to control their privacy.
· Tell your children never to share personal and private information with anyone online. This includes, but is not limited to, his or her full name, age, birth date, address, phone number, social insurance number, credit card information and parents’ full names.
· Limit the amount of time that your children spend on social media platforms and talk about the importance of healthy and appropriate use of technology.
Peel Learning Foundation aims to create hopeful tomorrows for Peel board students

Peel Learning Foundation, a community-based, charitable organization, will officially introduce itself to the Peel community at a launch event on Friday, Feb. 22, 2019. In partnership with the Peel District School Board, the foundation was created to enable Peel board students to achieve personal excellence by providing resources to help them overcome barriers.

In its first year, the foundation will support Peel board students through:

- **Student Emergency Needs program**
  Depending on the need, the foundation will support individual students with food and clothing, medical supplies, eyeglasses and transportation costs, or where there is an emergency situation that requires a compassionate response.

- **Student Backpack program**
  The foundation will provide backpacks filled with school supplies that students need to fully participate in regular classroom work. The backpacks will be provided to students in need in a respectful and confidential manner. They are tailored for students in kindergarten to grade 3, grades 4 to 8, and grades 9 to 12.

A launch event will be held at the HJA Brown Education Centre, located at 5650 Hurontario St. in Mississauga, from 9 to 10 a.m. on Feb. 22. The foundation’s inaugural board of directors will be present as well as other guests. The event includes a performance by Mayfield Secondary School students and information booths. To RSVP for the launch event, visit [www.PeelLearningFoundation.org/launch](http://www.PeelLearningFoundation.org/launch).

Individuals or organizations who are interested in learning more about and supporting the foundation can visit [www.PeelLearningFoundation.org](http://www.PeelLearningFoundation.org). They can also follow the foundation on [Twitter](https://twitter.com) and [Facebook](https://facebook.com) and use the hashtag #CreateHope to join the conversation.
Last year, the Peel District School Board launched ParentConnect, an online parent portal to access important student information.

**What is ParentConnect?**

ParentConnect is a safe and secure website, created by the Peel District School Board, that acts as a single point to stay informed and to access all electronic services provided to Peel board parents and legal guardians.

The parent-friendly website will allow you to:

- view school-based alerts and information
- access real time absence reporting
- view current and historic elementary report card information
- get up-to-date busing information
- review secondary school credit history and diploma status
- and more

To learn more about the benefits of ParentConnect, visit our school website or www.peelschools.org/parentconnect
Peel board celebrates public education during Education Week – April 8 to 12

Peel public schools will host hundreds of special activities and events to celebrate Education Week 2019. To give schools plenty of time to hold activities, this celebration of education will be held from April 8 to 12. The theme for this year’s week-long focus on education is We Inspire.

In addition to inviting parents and community residents to visit their classrooms during the week, Peel schools are hosting open houses, plays/musicals, storytelling, environmental activities, awards assemblies, talent shows and much more.

One of the highlights of Education Week is the presentation of Awards of Excellence and Education Champion. The award recipients are students, volunteers, staff and community partners who have made outstanding contributions to public education in Peel. The awards will be presented to 34 deserving recipients at the Showcase of Excellence ceremony on Monday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the boardroom, HJA Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario St., Mississauga.

More than 1,000 individuals will also be honoured during Education Week with Awards of Distinction for their contributions to their school or workplace.

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This year we have:

Primary Concerts at 9:30 and 2 pm on Tuesday April the 9th.

A STEAM School Open house on Wednesday April 10th.

A celebration of International Day of Pink on April 10th.

An author visit from Elly Mackay on Thursday April 11th.

Electives for grades 1-5 on Friday April 12th from 2-3pm.

Each year, more than 50,000 parents and community members across Peel attend activities and events during Education Week. We are looking forward to an equally successful week this year.
Nutritious Lunches Help Children Learn

Use Canada’s Food Guide to help your child get nutrients and energy needed to have a successful school day.

- Try to give your child some choice about what to take for lunch. If possible, get your child involved in preparing meals.
- Give your child a variety of healthy choices. Keeping your child interested in lunch is the first step to making sure it is eaten.
- Make the food easy to eat. If it will take your child a few minutes to unwrap a sandwich, it may be skipped.
- Resist the temptation to routinely send sweets, pop, chips and cookies in your child’s lunch. Save treats for special occasions.
- Try to avoid fast food or pre-packaged, convenience lunches, which are often high in salt and fat.
- Do your best to role model healthy eating behaviours for your family.
- If your child’s school is on the Nutrition Break schedule, divide your child’s lunch into two separate segments (e.g. half a sandwich and half an apple x 2) to help your child save food for the second break as many children eat everything at first break.

To speak to a registered dietitian about healthy food choices, call EatRight Ontario at 1-877-510-5102.

For more information about the policy, visit http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools. If you have questions about how we are implementing the School Food and Beverage Policy, please call the school.
Rising and fast moving water in lakes, ponds and creeks is increasingly likely during spring. Children playing in and around storm sewers and watercourses, entering storm sewers through the outfalls, and entering storm sewers through access covers is dangerous. The following information will help keep children safe:

- water flows in storm sewers and watercourses are unpredictable and may change quickly
- toxic gases may be present in and around storm sewers and watercourses
- access is restricted, making rescue attempts are difficult
- tragic falls could take place

Please review this information with your children and let them know how dangerous storms sewers and waterways are.
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