

# William King Elementary School

## April 2022 News



### *Have you heard?*

- *Students have been busy solving fun math questions every day from the morning announcements. Ask them to share some of these at home (if they remember ...)*
- *This is a reminder that we are no longer serving hot lunch on Thursdays. Last Thursday some students did not have lunch despite messages sent in advance. If you did not receive a previous message regarding this, please let the school know so we can update your contact information. Thanks*

### **EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2022-2023:**

EXCEL Registration is divided into two periods: (1) Early Registration for families with a child(ren) currently enrolled in the 2021-22 EXCEL Program and (2) General Registration for families who **do not** have a child(ren) currently enrolled in the 2021-22 EXCEL Program. As in previous years, families may only submit an EXCEL application for the school(s) in which their child(ren) is registered for 2022-23. Applications are processed based on the date and time they are received.

### **EARLY REGISTRATION**

#### **Week of April 25, 2022**

In order to be eligible for Early registration, families must have children enrolled in a 2021-22 EXCEL program as of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Siblings of 2021-22 EXCEL participants who will be starting school in September 2022 are eligible to be enrolled during the Early Registration Period.

Using the most **updated version** of your web browser, please visit <https://ca.ezchildtrack.com/excel/parent>. Once you have reached the Parent Portal landing page, please enter your email address and password in the "Returning Parents Sign In" icon to access your account. If you do not remember your password or have not visited the parent portal, please click on the Sign UP

Remember to check the website at <https://wke.hrce.ca/> for this newsletter and the most up-to-date information

### **Reminders:**

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Parent/Teacher Interviews (1-3:30; 5-7:30 pm)

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button in the “Existing Parents Sign Up” icon and enter your Registered Email Address to receive a temporary password. Please do this prior to the Early Registration period to avoid a delay in the application process.

### **GENERAL REGISTRATION**

#### **Week of May 2, 2022**

Using the most **updated version** of your web browser, please visit <https://ca.ezchildtrack.com/excel/parent>. Once you have reached the Parent Portal landing page, click on the Register button in the “New Parents Open Account” icon to complete the online application.

#### **Please Note:**

**EXCEL 2022-23 registration will be conducted using a staggered approach based on Unit of Schools.**

Detailed information about EXCEL registration for the 2022-23 school year will be available at: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/excel-program> in early April.

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the EXCEL Registrar’s Office as follows:**

<b>Kimberly Lozon</b>	<b>902-464-2000 ext. 2787</b>	<a href="mailto:excelregistrar@hrce.ca">excelregistrar@hrce.ca</a>
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#### **New Primary Students**

Parents/guardians who have students ready to start Primary in September 2022 should contact the school to register their child. Parents and guardians are reminded that in order to be eligible to register your child for primary in September 2022, your son or daughter must be five years of age

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on or before December 31st, 2022. We ask that you pass this registration information on to neighbors and relatives who may not have children in school currently. If you currently have a preprimary student enrolled at William King, you do not need to complete the registration process again. We have all the information required.

### Report Cards/Parent Teacher Interviews

Report cards were distributed electronically on Monday, April 4. Please contact the office if you have trouble accessing the report card. Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled for Thursday, April 7. Teachers should have been in touch with you by now to organize meeting times. Please note, there are no classes for students on April 7 as PD is taking place in the morning.

### Help Wanted ...

We are currently recruiting for lunch monitors. Lunch monitors provide support and assistance to students during lunchtime activities under the direction of the school principal. The lunch monitor will oversee students in a variety of settings including the classroom, lunch area, and outside play areas and may be required to conduct a variety of indoor and outdoor games and activities. Lunch monitors are paid \$12.55 per hour plus 4% vacation pay and the work assignment can range from 1 to 3 hours per day depending on the duration of the school's lunch period. We often find ourselves in need of lunch coverage for our pre-primary classrooms as well, Please contact the school office if you or someone you know may be interested in a position.

**In Search of Community Members for School Advisory Council (SAC)**  
the SAC collaborates with the principal to contribute to the achievement and well-being of the students of William King.

What we discuss:

- student achievement
- safe and inclusive practices and initiatives
- communication with parents & community
- extra-curricular programming

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- special projects in the school

SAC members also act as a parent & community liaison between the school and both the HRCE and the Department of Education. Sometimes there are decisions to be made about how certain funds will be distributed. In recent years, funds have been used to purchase chrome books & tablets for online learning. Grants must be used for specific purposes including improving academic experience for math & literacy, supporting health & wellbeing of the students, guest speakers, school events, and field trips (especially funding low-income families). Currently we are seeking two community members to sit on our SAC Committee. We meet once a month and meetings are open (April 28, May 19, June 16). To qualify as a Community Member, you must not have a child currently enrolled in the school. Please pass this opportunity on to those you think would be interested. It is a great way to get people involved with the school.

### Paint Night

William King will be hosting a paint afternoon for students in grades 3-5. Permission forms have already gone home. This event is taking place on Thursday, April 14 from 3:00-4:30 pm.

### Home Alone Program

School's Plus will be offering a Home Alone Program to all of our grade 5 students, free of charge. School's Plus is a collaborative interagency approach supporting the whole child and their family with the school as the center of service delivery. The program will be delivered in the classroom with teacher participation and is designed to provide children 10 years of age and older with the necessary skills and knowledge to be safe and responsible when home alone for short periods of time. It will help them understand how to prevent problems, handle real-life situations, and keep them safe and constructively occupied. More information to follow.

### Mother's Day Basket

The PTA will soon be starting to sell tickets on a Mother's Day Basket. All fundraising money will go towards our new playground fund.



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