

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

It has been another busy season at ERCS! We have had CAASO badminton and basketball tournaments, skating days, a ski trip to Hockley Valley, a 100-day celebration, and sung at a Guelph Storm game. Our students have completed science projects, improved their math and reading skills, and continued to grow and develop in their social-emotional learning.

During our Friday assembly times, we focused on 1 Corinthians 13 and learning how to love each other better. Specifically, we have learned that:

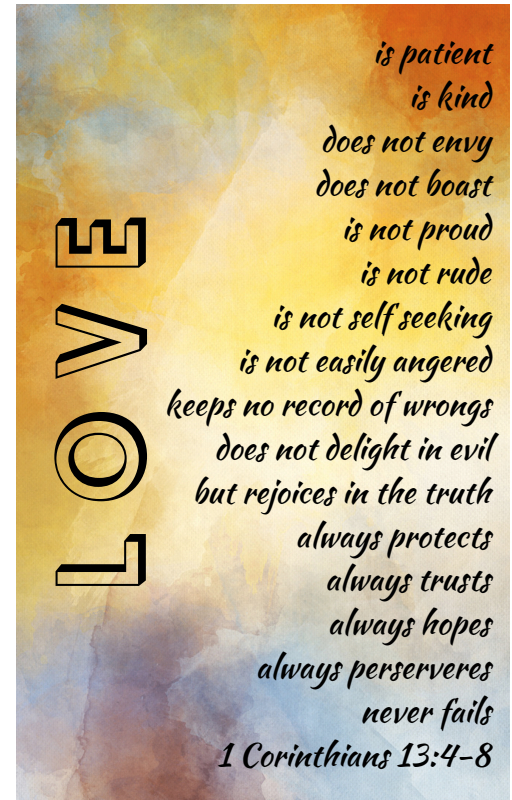
- ***If we do the right thing but for the wrong reason, it's not love (Verses 1-3).***
- ***Love is putting someone else's needs ahead of your own (Love is patient).***
- ***Saying something true in an unkind way isn't love (Love is kind).***
- ***Thankfulness is the antidote to envy (Love does not envy).***
- ***Loving others means taking an interest in them, not just talking about yourself (Love does not boast).***

As I prepared these lessons for our students, it struck me how simple these ideas seem on the surface and how hard they can be to put into daily practice. The Pharisees asked Jesus, what is the greatest commandment? He responded by saying, "Love God and love others."

When we love others and put their needs ahead of our own, we love them the way God would. There is no more extraordinary gift that we can bring to the world. As adults, we must demonstrate to our kids what Godly love looks like.

- ***How do you respond when something doesn't go your way?***
- ***Do you put the needs of others ahead of your own?***
- ***Do you consistently use kind words?***
- ***Is thankfulness part of your daily practice?***
- ***Do you demonstrate an interest in others?***

As busy adults, it can be easy to gloss over these words from the Bible. However, our children watch us to see how we respond to disappointment. They are listening to the words that come out of our mouths. They are taking note of how we deal with challenging people. My encouragement to you is to choose love each day. Living as Jesus lived is the best example that we can set for our children.





## CAASO Badminton

On Monday, January 30th, nine ERCS students traveled to the KW Badminton Club in Kitchener to compete in the CAASO Badminton tournament. Due to tournament restrictions, we could only enter one team in each division.

- **Girls Singles: Abbey Penteliuc**
- **Boys Singles: Logan van de Pol**
- **Girls Doubles: Madison Henry-Sired & Amy Katerberg**
- **Boys Doubles: Dominic Feenstra & Bo Martin**
- **Mixed Doubles: Claire van de Pol & Miracle Oruchukwu**
- **Sub: Brayden Gray**



Our teams competed well during their round-robin games. Each team won at least one game. After the round-robin, our mixed doubles team of Claire and Miracle was undefeated and had a bye to the semi-final round. After three challenging games, they were defeated and ended up in 6th place overall. Congratulations on a job well done!

## CAASO Basketball



Our senior boys basketball team travelled to Burlington to participate in the CAASO basketball tournament. The kids represented our school well both on and off the court. I was impressed with how they handled themselves all day. We played as a team and won every game. It was exciting to see so many players scoring a basket, passing to one another and encouraging each other. Everyone got a first place ribbon and the athletic award went to Miracle for his excellent defence, sportsmanship and many baskets scored.

It was a pleasure to coach them all!

- Coach Leslie

## Guelph Storm Game

ERCS students sang "O Canada" at the Guelph Storm game during March Break. They did a great job, and got to stay for an exciting game afterwards. Thank you, Ms. Mullett, for directing the choir, and Miss Annette and Mrs. Bauman for chaperoning!





# ESTATE PLANNING 101

Thank you to our Governance Committee for organizing this informative evening. Representatives from the Christian School Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services gave great presentations about planned giving and creating a will, and the free resources they have available to help. If this is something you would like more information about, please contact the office.

## Save the Date! *Celebration of Learning*

**Wednesday, April 26**  
**1:00 pm & 6:00 pm**

*Classroom open house  
& special performances*

## WINTER COMMUNITY EVENT

Thank you to our parent council for putting on a great community event at Riverside Park. While the weather did not cooperate for skating, everyone had a great time nonetheless.





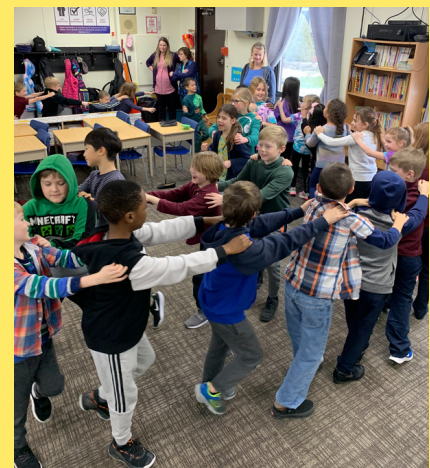
# JD Sweid & MacMillan's Fine Foods Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in our winter fundraiser. We sold 362 items and raised over **\$2100**. Congratulations to our top sellers, **Everly and Aspen Reinhart** and **Jocelyn, Wesley, and Miriam Vreman**.

## MOUNTSBERG CONSERVATION AREA

Our JK - grade 4 students spent a day at Mountsberg Conservation Area learning about maple syrup. They were also able to see the birds of prey, feed the wild chickadees, and more.

Thank you to all of the parents who came along. Despite the weather, we had a great time.







# Hockley Valley Ski Trip

Our grade 5 - 8 students spent the day learning to ski at Hockley Valley. Thank you to our parent volunteers Will Feenstra, Amanda van de Pol, Jeff Katerberg, Dylan Vanveen and John Martin.





## Celebrating 100 Days of School

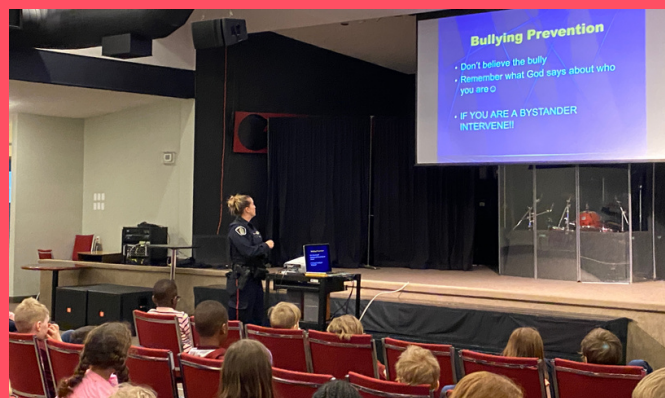


## Dr. Seuss Day



## Pink Shirt Day

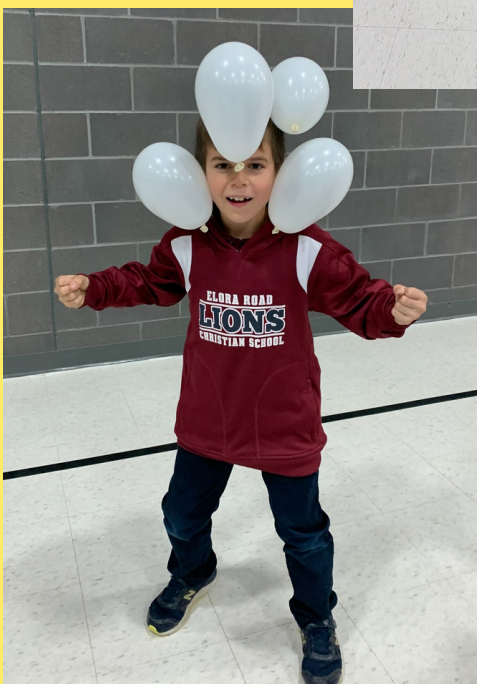
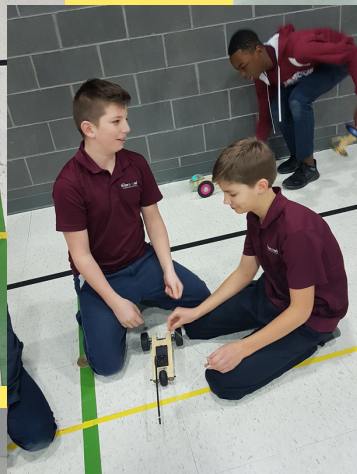
For Pink Shirt day, we had a special visit by a police officer (Sarah Gordon) to teach our kids how to prevent and respond to bullying.







Learning Can  
Be Fun!



ERCS PRESENTS

# *A Celebration of Learning*

**OPEN HOUSE - MEET THE TEACHERS**  
**SPECIAL PERFORMANCES - BAKE SALE**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**1 PM - CLASSROOMS OPEN - 6PM**

**2PM - PERFORMANCE - 7PM**

**RECITATIONS, BAND,  
CHOIR, DRAMA**

**MATINEE**

**1 - 3:30 PM**

**EVENING**

**6 - 8:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**