

FALL 2023

ELORA ROAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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BUILDING COMMUNITY AND FOSTERING FELLOWSHIP THROUGH SCHOOL SQUADS

We are thrilled to introduce an exciting initiative that has provided a great start to our new school year - School Squads! These squads enhance our sense of community, improve relationships between students of different grades, and instill valuable life skills like teamwork, perseverance, patience, cooperation, and collaboration. So far, we've had three fantastic events that have brought students closer together, and we can't wait to share the highlights with you.

The Birth of School Squads

The idea for School Squads emerged from a desire to create a stronger sense of togetherness and unity among our students. We believe that nurturing a supportive and friendly school environment fosters a

Upcoming Dates

Fri. Nov. 10 - Hot Dog Day
Tues. Nov. 14 - Midterm Progress Reports
Sat. Nov. 18 - Silent Auction
Tues. Nov. 21 - CAASO Volleyball
Nov. 21 - 23 - Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri. Nov. 24 - Skating Day
Wed. Dec. 6 - Parent Council
Fri. Dec. 8 - Hot Dog Day
Tues. Dec. 12 - Gr. 5/6 trip to River Run Centre
Fri. Dec. 15 - Skating Day
Wed. Dec. 20 - Christmas Program
Thurs. Dec. 21 - Dental Screening
Fri. Dec. 22 - Pizza Day
Dec. 26 - Jan. 5 - Christmas Holidays
Jan. 8 - Classes resume

sense of belonging and helps our students grow not only academically but also socially and emotionally. Each squad is comprised of 14 students from different grade levels and is led by a dedicated staff member who provides guidance and support.

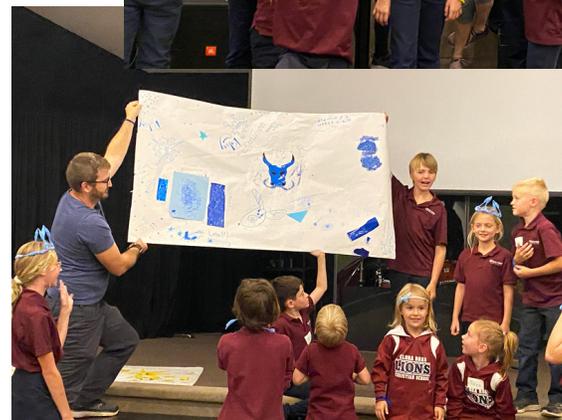
Unveiling Our Squads

During our initial event, students were assigned to squads with a specific color designation, and they had the opportunity to create a team name and cheer. This activity allowed our students to showcase their creativity, cooperation, and teamwork. The students enjoyed the creative process and developed unique team names.

1. Red Mustangs
2. Blue Bulls
3. Green Machine
4. Yellow Duckies
5. Orange Fire
6. Purple Panthers



In our subsequent squad days, students had an opportunity to create a team mural using a variety of craft supplies in their team colour. As part of our Thanksgiving Day celebrations, each squad created a scarecrow that showcased their team's colour. The creativity that students poured into these activities was exciting to watch. Each team worked hard to design products they were proud of and were excited to see what other teams had created.



Developing our School Community

These initial events have exceeded our expectations. Not only did they promote collaboration and unity among students, but they also helped to create a greater sense of belonging and community. One student shared, "Being part of a squad has made me feel closer to students from other grades. I now know students I might never have met otherwise!"

Squads and Christ-like Character Development

The success of our School Squads has left us eager to explore more opportunities for our students to bond and grow together. Our staff leaders are hard at work planning upcoming events, including team challenges, community service projects, and themed

spirit days. We can't wait to see how these activities will further strengthen the bonds within our squads and help to develop our Core Values: Act Respectfully, Accept Responsibility, Pursue Growth, and Serve Others in our school community.

We are committed to making our school an even more inclusive and supportive environment for all students, where they not only excel academically but also develop essential life skills and Christ-like character that will serve them well in the future.

As we move forward with these initiatives, we encourage students, parents, and teachers to continue to embrace the spirit of community and collaboration that School Squads have brought to our school. Together, we can foster a warm and inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported. In doing this we can reflect the love of God to each other.



with sporting events and teams, serving at hot dog days, and more.

We were able to offer in person volunteer training at our Back-to-School event in September. If you haven't had a chance to complete your volunteer training, it can also be completed online. See www.eloroad.ca/volunteers for details.

THANKSGIVING FUN



CAMP MEDEBA

The grade 7/8 class began the school year with a three day trip to Camp Medeba. This was a great opportunity to grow closer to each other and practice our Core Values. Special thank you to our chaperone and drivers, Leanne LeBlanc, Steve Massey and Jenn Venne.



Thank you to Andrew Dolderman and Red Excavation for donating new sand for our sandbox, and to Stumpf Bros. Excavating for donating stone dust for the gaga ball pit!



ERCS LIONS UPDATE



CAASO SOCCER

On Sept. 29th, our soccer team travelled to Brantford for the CAASO soccer tournament. Here's what our coach, Mrs. Bauman, had to say: "What a fantastic day we had together. I asked the athletes to try their best, have a great attitude on and off the field and encourage one another. They did all this and more. I was proud to represent ERCS with this group of students!"



CAASO CROSS COUNTRY

In October we hosted the CAASO Cross-Country meet. 14 schools and over 500 students participated. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and alumni who helped out for the day! Special mention to Malia Gordon who placed 3rd in Novice Girls, and Cade Martin who placed 9th in Junior Boys. Overall, our school placed 10th.



ERCS FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Silent Auction

You are invited to our silent auction on **Saturday, Nov. 18th at 6:00 pm**. There will be many great items to bid on, as well as a raffle, games for the kids, and free dessert!

Corporate Gift Card Orders

Are you a business owner who gives gift cards to your employees for Christmas? Order your gift cards through us! There is no extra cost to you, but the school receives a percentage back! Contact the office for details. Orders must be placed by Nov. 24th.

JD Sweid (Elmira Poultry)

Thank you to everyone who bought chicken from our JD Sweid fundraiser! We sold **379 boxes**, and raised **\$2,595!** Top sellers were Hazen Mousseau, Lucy and Ruby Walton, and Adelaide Stiller.



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School Donations

We have made some internal accounting changes. As a result, school donations should now be sent directly to the school instead of through the church.

- General donations to the school can be made by **e-transfer to school@ercf.ca** (one-time or monthly options available.) Please mark "Donation" in the memo. **Cheques** made out to Elora Road Christian School can be mailed or dropped off at the school office.
- Contact the school office to arrange **automatic monthly donations**.
- If you are interested in leaving a **legacy gift through your will**, the Christian School Foundation has some great resources to help walk you through this. Contact the school office for more information.

Silent Auction Fundraiser

6:00-BIDDING OPENS

7:15-LOT 1 BIDDING CLOSES

8:00-LOT 2 BIDDING CLOSES

8:15-RAFFLE CLOSSES



**Saturday Nov. 18, 2023
6:00 - 8:30 PM**

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**FREE DESSERT
RAFFLE TABLE
10 FOR \$10 OR 25 FOR \$20
KIDS GAMES
10 GAME TICKETS FOR \$5**