

SPRING 2025

ELORA ROAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE – LIVING OUT MATTHEW 5 AT ERCS

by Mrs. Westendorp

This winter, Elora Road Christian School has been learning about Jesus' words in Matthew 5:14-16, where He calls us to "let our light shine before others." This verse has not only shaped our school assembly times and classroom conversations—it's become something we strive to live out as a school family each day.

Miss Annette helped bring this message to life in a memorable way, teaching us that even a little bit of sin can affect the whole—just like a tiny bit of dog poo would ruin a whole batch of cookies! Her lesson reminded us that letting our light shine means being intentional about our choices and actions, no matter how small they may seem.

As a school, we've been on the lookout for students who are *shining their light*—through acts of kindness,

Upcoming Dates

Fri. April 18 - Good Friday
Mon. April 21 - Easter Monday
Wed. April 23 - Promoters' Reception, 7-8:30 pm
Thurs. April 23 - Pizza Day
Wed. April 30 - Tuition Assistance deadline
Sat. May 3 - Community Fun Day, 1-4 pm
Wed. May 7 - Parent Council
Fri. May 9 - Track & Field, Hot Dog Day
Mon. May 19 - Victoria Day
Tues. May 20 - CAASO Track & Field
Thurs. May 29 - Celebration of Learning
June 1 - 5 - Grade 8 Grad trip to Quebec City
Thurs. June 19 - Grad Banquet
Fri. June 20 - Last day of school

service, and love. When students notice someone doing something to reflect Christ's love, they tell a teacher, and that student's name is added to our **"Light Bringers" bulletin board**. It's been incredible to see how many students are looking for the light in others—and choosing to be the light themselves.

This ties directly into our **Core Values**, especially our desire to *Love God and Love Others*, which has been our theme throughout the school year. We've been putting that love into action:

- Our **Grade 7 and 8 students** made and served breakfast for the church's senior group.
- The **Grade 5/6 class** will be helping care for our community by picking up garbage at the Guelph Lake sports fields.
- Our **Grade 3/4's** help to put away the chairs after our assemblies and clean up toys after recess.
- The **Grade 1/2** students planted seeds as part of the Green Legacy project.
- Our **JK/SK** class sang songs and made cards for a Senior Ladies' group.

All of these acts—whether big or small—are examples of how God's love shines through us. As His children, we know that we are deeply loved. And when we live from that love, it naturally overflows to others. Just like moths are drawn to a flame, people are drawn to the light of Christ when they see it in us.

We are so thankful to be part of a school community where students are learning to shine—where faith becomes action, and where love leads the way.



Don't miss these upcoming events



Christian School Foundation

Avoid Common Mistakes When Preparing Your Will

- + Learn important steps to make a plan that protects your family
- + Discover resources that make planning your Will easy

Join us for a free webinar
Wednesday, April 23rd
7:00 ET / 8:00 AT
RSVP for this online event at christianschoolfoundation.ca/events

Featuring our partner:  Stewardship



Will planning webinar

Questions about making or updating your will? Join this webinar from our partner organization, Christian School Foundation, on Wed. April 23 @ 7 pm. Pre-register online.

You Are Invited To Our First

ERCS Promoters' Reception

We're so grateful for your support of our school!

Please join us for a relaxed evening of delicious dessert, meaningful connection, and helpful training as we equip you to share our school with others.

Let's celebrate what's happening and look ahead to how we can grow—together.

Wednesday, April 23
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Elora Road Christian School

Please RSVP by Fri. April 18th, and let us know if you require childcare.

ERCS Promoters' Reception

Word of mouth is our best advertising! If you love to tell people about our school, or if that's something you would like to do but don't know what to say, we'd love for you to come to the reception.

Please RSVP to school@ercs.cloud by Friday, April 18th so we know how many people to expect.

ERCS PRESENTS

A Celebration of Learning

OPEN HOUSE - MEET THE TEACHERS
SPECIAL PERFORMANCES - BAKE SALE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1 PM - CLASSROOMS OPEN - 6 PM
2 PM - PERFORMANCE - 7 PM
RECITATIONS, BAND, CHOIR, DRAMA

MATINEE **1 - 3:30 PM** | EVENING **6 - 8:30 PM**

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Celebration of Learning

Save the date for our Celebration of Learning, Thursday, May 29th. Join us in the afternoon from 1 - 3:30 pm, or for the evening from 6 - 8:30 pm, as we showcase what our students have accomplished this school year! All welcome.

CREWS

At Christmas, our Crews competed to see which team would bring the most items for our Salvation Army food drive. Mrs. Butler's red crew brought the most items in, and we were able to donate a total of 234 non-perishable food items to the Guelph Salvation Army. In March, the crews got together to make three leaf clovers as we talked about how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three but one.



ERCS FUNDRAISING UPDATES

JD Sweid & MacMillans

Thank you to everyone who bought products from our winter fundraiser! We sold **188 items** from JD Sweid, and **118 items** from MacMillans, and raised a total of **\$1,818!** Top sellers were the **Walton and MacMurchy families**.

New spring fundraiser – Fresh Box

ERCS will not be selling chocolate bars this spring. Instead, we will be doing a Fresh Box fundraiser. You will be able to order boxes of fresh, local produce from mid-May through the end of the school year. Watch for more details soon!



GRADE 1&2 DR. SEUSS DAY



FAMILY SWIM

Thank you to everyone who came out for our family swim at the Centre Wellington Sportsplex, hosted by our Parent Council. It was a great afternoon!



WINTER FUN DAY

While the grade 5-8 students were on their ski trip, students in JK-grade 4 had Winter Fun Day. Teams rotated through fun outdoor challenges and activities.



ERCS LIONS UPDATE

CAASO BADMINTON



The badminton team travelled to Kitchener on Jan. 23rd. Our students represented our school with excellence both on the court and off. They put forth a great effort on the court and it was exciting to watch each one of them. Thank you to Coach Bauman for all of your work with the team, and to our parent drivers, Erica Martin and Laura Fehr. Congratulations to Reuben van de Pol, who received the sportsmanship award.

CAASO BASKETBALL

The CAASO basketball tournament was in Burlington on February 20th, and we had a great day. The students represented our school with excellent sportsmanship on and off the court. We won some and lost one in the round robin portion. We ended up making it to the finals and winning that game by one point to win the boys' B division. It was an exciting finish to our day! Samuel Oruchukwu won the sportsmanship award. Thank you to Leslie Bauman for coaching, and Romeo Corteza for driving.



CAASO FLOOR HOCKEY

For the first time in many years, we were able to send teams to the CAASO floor hockey tournament on April 8th. Thank you to our coaches, Leslie Bauman and Daycian Cecato, as well as our drivers, Sarah Gordon and Eunice Oruchukwu for making this possible. Our students tried hard, but neither team made it to the playoffs. Congratulations to Julianna Venne and Ethan Ogunyoye who received the sportsmanship awards.



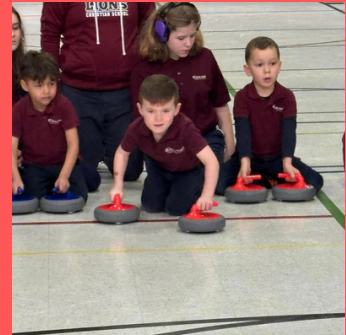
OTHER ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

IBSA WORKSHOP

In preparation for the tournament, International Basketball & Sports Academy came to ERCS to give our grade 3-8 students a basketball workshop. Our students enjoyed honing their skills.

CURLING

Rocks and Rings turned our gym into a curling arena for the day. Students had a great time trying out a new sport.



HOCKLEY VALLEY SKIING

Despite having to reschedule our ski day due to a winter storm, we had a wonderful day on the slopes. Students received ski lessons in the morning and then spent the afternoon practicing what they learned.



SKATING AT EXHIBITION ARENA

Our four skating days are always a highlight.



**FREE!
ALL WELCOME!**



COMMUNITY FUN DAY

**RAIN OR
SHINE!**

**SATURDAY
3 MAY
1PM TO 4PM**

ACTIVITIES:

- Bouncy Castle
- Sack Races
- Face Painting
- Adults vs. Kids Soccer
- Indulge Ice Cream Truck \$

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