

Dear Ernestown Intermediate & Secondary School Community,

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we were navigating a district wide Cyber Event last week. We are pleased to report that Safe Arrival for reporting student absences, external email to and from LDSB addresses, and School Day for any permission forms or payments you may need to make. Please find below some important updates and upcoming events for May.

Volunteer Opportunity- 2025 Kingston-Belleville MS Walk, Sunday, May 25th, at Lake Ontario Park

MS Walk is a one-day, community-driven fundraising event for people living with multiple sclerosis (MS). Each year, over 50 locations across Canada to build awareness for MS and raise funds to support ground-breaking research and programming. Volunteers are vital to the success of our fundraising efforts, and volunteering at MS Walk is a great opportunity for students to build a strong network, gain valuable experience and skills, and give back to the community. MS Walk has a variety of roles that are perfect for groups of teens and young adults. Volunteer shifts range from 2-5 hours, and students are welcome to sign up for multiple roles if they wish to earn more volunteer hours. We are happy to issue Confirmation Letters upon successful completion of their shifts to be used toward your 40 hours! See [website](#) for more information.

Message from the Arts Department–You're Invited

Please join us for an Evening of the Arts in the EISS cafeteria at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 28th where you will be entertained with music, theatre and visual art, while supporting our arts department. At this time, graduating arts students will also be honoured. We hope to see you there!

Parent Council–You're Invited!

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Parent Council meeting on June 4 at 6:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get involved, share ideas, and help shape the future of our school community.

In addition to our regular agenda, we are also seeking volunteers to assist with decorating for the Grade 12 graduation ceremony. We are seeking support to help decorate the night before our graduation (Wednesday, June 25th). Your creativity and support will help make this a memorable event for our graduating students. To learn more about the Parent Council, please reach out to our Parent Council Chair, Marnie Chapman (marnie.chapman1@gmail.com), or alternatively just show up to our next meeting on June 4 at 6:30pm.

LDSB Summer School–Registration Information Below

We would like to inform you about the registration process for the upcoming LDSB Summer School Session. Here are the key details:

All LDSB students registering for LDSB courses must do so through **myBlueprint**. If your child is taking Civics and Careers, please ensure they register for both courses in myBlueprint. See the form for your convenience *****include form*****

Summer Session Co-op Registration: Registration for Summer Session co-op will be done through a specific form. You can access the form at the following [link](#).

Registration for Non-LDSB Courses: Courses not offered by LDSB will continue to be registered through Prism.

Travel Considerations: Please be aware that some school boards may not allow student access to courses from outside Canada. This is important for families planning to travel while their child completes their summer session course. Students enrolled in LDSB courses will need to be granted access through IT if they are travelling outside of Canada.

Registration Deadlines:

Registration for Summer Session closes on Thursday, June 26th at 12:00pm.

Registration for Co-op closes earlier, on Friday, June 20th.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Continuing Education department at their email address: summer912@limestone.on.ca.

Have You Rode the Loyalist Link Yet?

Do you know there's a new way to get around Loyalist Township? Take a ride on the Loyalist Link, connecting Bath, Odessa, Amherstview to Kingston! See [link](#) for more information.

Summer Camp Opportunity–IMPROV U! July 13–19, 2025

📍 Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, QC

Improv U is a week-long sleepaway camp open to all high school students—no improv experience required! Campers stay in university dorms, enjoy a beautiful academic environment, compete in a weeklong House Cup, and celebrate each night with epic House Parties. Daily improv workshops are led by Canada's top improv trainers and every evening features a live performance. It's the perfect way for students to level up their improv, gain leadership skills, and make friends from across the country.

💡 Prefer to head west? Check out Improv Camp! August 18–24, 2025

📍 Gambier Island, Vancouver, BC

Improv Camp is set on a stunning island, where campers stay in cozy cabins, take part in improv workshops and nightly shows, and spend their downtime swimming, hiking, or soaking in the gorgeous views. The vibe is outdoorsy, adventurous, and unforgettable.

👍 Both camps are open to all levels, offer an unforgettable experience, and are a great way to build skills and confidence in a fun, welcoming environment.

Feel free to forward this along to students, parents, or other teachers who might be interested! Head to improv.ca/camp to read more. Registration for both camps is open until June 1st, 2025, or while space is available. If you have any questions about camp, don't hesitate to reach out to operations@improv.ca. See attached flyer for more information. *****

Calling All Families - Host an International Student!

Have you ever considered welcoming a student from another country in your home? The Limestone DSB and Ernestown SS have a proud tradition of hosting students from other countries, and we are looking to continue this growth next year!

Hosting an international student is a highly rewarding experience! Limestone schools host more than 120 international students each year from countries such as Brazil, Italy, China, Germany, Czech

Republic, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Spain, Slovakia, Vietnam, Rwanda and others. Many life-long friendships have developed out of Limestone's international student homestay program. Some students come for one semester to improve their English and experience living in a new culture; others come for a longer period to prepare for entering a Canadian college or university. International students range in age from 12 to 17. We are currently looking for host families for all lengths of stay from four months to two years. Participating families are compensated with a tax-free monthly stipend of \$1,075/month (this amount will increase again in September 2026) at the beginning of each month. For more information please call (613) 544-7745 (ext. 290) or visit <https://internationalelimestone.on.ca> for application forms.

Reminders from Student Services–Get Your Hours in!!

All students are reminded to submit their community service hours to Student Services. Any graduates intending to return to school next year should go to Student Services to get a "Request to Return" form. As well, if you are planning not to complete an online course, please complete an e-learning waiver form replacing your e-learning grad requirement.

Washroom Update

In response to an increase in reports of vaping, socializing, and vandalism in school washrooms, EISS school administration recently undertook a series of steps aimed at promoting positive and responsible use of student bathrooms. The first of these steps was to solicit student voice by launching a listening campaign in which students gave feedback on areas for improvement in washrooms and provided insight into the reasons for concerning bathroom behaviours. Student responses were compiled and shared with students at the last secondary Grade Forums. Beyond sharing this student voice data, these Grade Forums were an opportunity to reiterate expectations for bathroom use, and to clarify consequences for students who are socializing or vaping in the washroom. These consequences will include detentions, and may include suspensions for students who are repeatedly in bathrooms for any reason other than to go to the washroom. School administration also shared news at Grade Forums of plans to create a future lounge area in the school, and to add activities/games to the cafeteria to provide a more appropriate place for students to congregate.

Student safety is paramount, and acceptable use of washrooms is necessary for this to occur. We appreciate your support in ensuring the safety of all students by finding time to connect with your student(s) to reiterate the sole and obvious purpose of using a washroom.

One Last Thing from KFL&A

Protect yourself from Lyme Disease ***include insert***

At a Glance–Events Coming up at Ernestown Intermediate & Secondary School

Tuesday, May 6: Grad Breakfast for all Graduating Students

Friday, May 9: Midterm Report Cards go Home

Monday, May 19: Victoria Day (no classes)

Friday, May 30: PA Day (no classes)

Wednesday, June 4: School Council Meeting tonight at 6:30 pm in the Commons

Thursday, June 12: Grade 7/8 Year End Trip

Tuesday, June 17-Wednesday June 18: Grade 12 Summative Evaluation Days

Wednesday, June 18: Last Day of Semester 2

Thursday, June 19-Wednesday, June 25: Semester Two Exams

Monday, June 23: Grade 8 Graduation (at 4pm) and Boat Cruise (6:30pm-9:00pm)
June 26: Secondary Graduation (Save the Date!!)

Kind regards,
Ms. Hamilton & Mr. Wilson