

Principal's Message

May/Jun, 2024

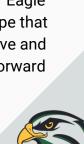
Happy Summer Eagles!!

As we head into the summer break, I would like to acknowledge the hard work, growth and resilience that was demonstrated by our Ernestown Secondary School community this past year. Our students and staff have shown dedication and enthusiasm in the face of challenges, given of themselves for the greater good and continually supported one another. This has made ESS **the small school with the big heart**; a place we are proud to come to each and every day. I also wish to acknowledge the unwavering support of our families; your involvement in your child's education is central to their success and we greatly appreciate your care and involvement. Thank you for being an important part of our school community, and for supporting our work with students.

No summer message would be complete without a huge congratulations to our graduates! We are so excited to see what the future holds for you and wish you the best of luck in your next steps. Your Eagle family is so proud of you! This has been an amazing year filled with many accomplishments. I hope that you spend the next few weeks relaxing and rejuvenating doing things you love, with people you love and finding joy in creating core memories. Thank you, for being such a wonderful community. I look forward to seeing you again in September to start another terrific year.

Have a fantastic summer!





Goodbye and Good Luck, Mr. Stiff!











In June, Ernestown bid farewell to one of it's most cherished longtime teachers, Mr. Stiff! Throughout his career, students, staff, and families benefited immensely from Mr. Stiff's care, compassion, humour, hard work, and incredible talents as a performing arts teacher. Mr. Stiff, you will be missed, but you will always be part of our Eagle family!



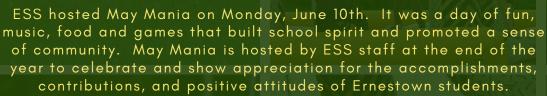




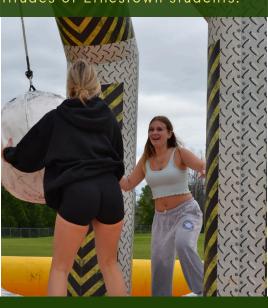
























The Wizard of OD(essa)!

ESS' proud presentation of "The Wizard of OD-essa" on May 24-25 was a roaring success! The story and score, written and composed by our own Mr. Tim Stiff, follows a young girl, Dotie, as she navigates her way through high school and the magical world of Odyssey - a fictional place that is remarkably like our own Odessa! Through her journey, 'step by step, day by day', Dotie finds her true potential and becomes all she knows she can be by pointing herself in the direction of her own tomorrow.

A huge thanks to the many staff & students who were involved in this production. We are so proud of all of you!

Congratulations to Ayesha Bukhari: Loyalist Township's *Junior Citizen of the Year!*



Loyalist Township Mayor Jim Hegadorn and Deputy Mayor Nathan Townend present Ayesha with her award

ESS Grade 11 student Ayesha Bukhari is a tireless advocate for social justice issues including antiracism, inclusion, women's rights and challenges impacting equity-seeking groups. On July 1st, Ayesha received Loyalist Township's 2024 Junior Citizen of the Year award at the annual Canada Day Pancake Breakfast in Bath. Ayesha was nominated for this award by ESS staff in recognition of her incredible equity work within the school and the broader community. In September, Ayesha will begin her new role as the 2024-2025 Rural Student Trustee for the Limestone District School Board. Congratulations, Ayesha - you are truly SOARing!

Equity and Diversity Matters

MAY

- Asian Heritage Month, Jewish Heritage Month, National Speech & Hearing Month, Vision Month
- May 5: National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited Individuals
- May 6-10: Mental Health Awareness Week
- May 6-10: Education Week
- May 12-17: Women's Health Week
- May 16: Moose Hide Campaign Day
- May 17: International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia
- May 21: World Day for Cultural Diversity
- May 27-31: National AccessAbility Week

JUNE

- Indigenous History Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month
- Pride Month (International)
- Deafblind Awareness Month (Canada)
- Filipino Heritage Month
- June 18: International Day for Countering Hate Speech
- June 20: Summer Solstice
- June 21: National Indigenous People's Day





Reed Anderson



What is your favourite memory at Ernestown?

Some of my favourite memories here are seeing the students that I teach grow and applying the things that I taught them about life.

Are you currently working on any exciting projects?

The biggest project I am currently working on is with the Football Team at Queens University; we are trying to win a Vanier Cup! This has been something that we have been working on for a while now! On the homefront, I am refinishing two dressers and have been building my workshop (which is another never-ending project!).

What is at the top of your bucket list?

I would love to travel to Antarctica and Japan!

At a Glance...

Role: Teacher
Time at ESS: 3 Years
Favourite Band/Singer:
Eminem, The Lumineers, Mr.
Stiff & The Hip

Meet our staff!

Caroline Williams



May Mania, where Deanna Compton pied me in the face, the impromptu Tina Turner concert Mrs. Kehoe, Mrs. Tyner + I put on, and being introduced to Mr. Wilson's infamous quiche!

Are you currently working on any exciting projects?

Sous and I have been working on the Eagle Energy Smoothie Bar. I think we have perfected our recipes, although her mixed berry one has a bit more trial and error to go. You'll get there one day, Sous!

What is at the top of your bucket list?

I'm too young to have a bucket list!



At a Glance...

Role: Teacher
Time at ESS: Two Semesters
Favourite Band/Singer: I
recently saw Luke Combs live,
and he was the best!



E-TOWN SPORTS

In early June, we hosted our annual *Celebration of Athletics*! Throughout the evening, we presented awards to over 40 athletes!

Major Award Winners:

- Grade 9 Athlete: Landon Middleton
- Junior Athletes: Karlee Hickey & Garver Bradford
- Senior Athletes: Emma Rogers & Max Kardassis

Celebrating Ernestown Athletics!









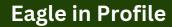














JOSH FLANK

Josh is a dedicated, hardworking and positive member of our Cross Country and Track teams. This spring, Josh was the KASSAA Champion in the 800M AMB. He followed that up with Silver Medal finishes at EOSSAA and East Regional Championships, finally capping off the season with a Silver Medal at the OFSAA track and Field Championship in London. Congratulations Josh!

Stay in the loop...



https://twitter.com/ESSRecLead



https://www.youtube.com/ @ernestownathletics3201

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER...











Ernestown Field Trips

May and June are peak months for field trips at Ernestown! Students complemented their in-class learning by visiting all sorts of amazing locations including Canada's Wonderland to learn about physics and kinematics, Long Road Eco Farm to learn about sustainable local farming, Stratford to learn about performing arts and the entertainment industry, and Gould Lake to learn about outdoor physical education activities!























Blood Donation Drive!

Students rolled up their sleeves once again for a great cause to donate blood! Every little bit counts, Eagles! Thank you, for making a difference, one drop at a time!









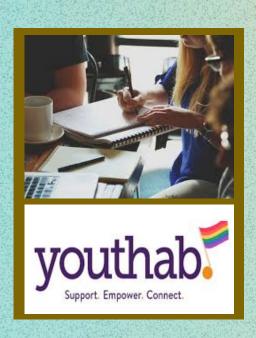


Summer Supports

Youthab

Youth Habilitation Quinte Inc. (Youthab), founded in 1984, is a community-based nonprofit in the Quinte area focused on providing young people with safe, affordable housing, good mental health, and employment opportunities. Annually assisting over 15,000 individuals with the help of more than 60 professional counselors, Youthab offers free and confidential services through various programs including Career Edge Employment, Community Mental Health Counseling, and housing initiatives like Transition Home, Cooperative Housing, and the Hastings Housing Resource Centre.

Committed to the principles of compassion, dignity, respect, and self-determination, Youthab ensures the highest quality service and advocates for the needs of its clients while upholding confidentiality and privacy standards.





Maltby Centre

The Maltby Centre, originally established as Pathways for Children & Youth in 1996, has been providing autism and children's & youth mental health services in Ontario for over 25 years. As the lead agency for these services in Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington, it operates with a comprehensive team of mental health professionals across five campuses in Kingston, Napanee, Northbrook, Sharbot Lake, and Sydenham. Maltby Centre delivers care at its campuses, in clients' homes, schools, and other community locations, and works closely with partner agencies to ensure successful service navigation.

There are a variety of summer support and skill-building groups for youth. Check them out at: https://maltbycentre.ca/





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