



EJPS Week at a Glance (Oct 12-16, 2026)

Chers parents,

The month of October is going by quickly and we have many things to look forward to. Days and times of happenings and clubs will be shared on the morning announcements. Speaking of clubs, our Cross Country team participated and did their best at the race in the Rockwood Conservation Area this past Wednesday. Thank you to Mme Prilesnik for helping prepare the team and for taking them to the meet along with some wonderful parent volunteers. Also, a big thanks to all who supported our Thanksgiving Food Drive this past week. We appreciate all the dry goods and donations collected.

In case you get some questions from your child around school lockdowns, I wanted to let you know that we had our lockdown drill this morning. Students were told in advance that morning on the announcements and were given instructions on how to perform the drill. To ease any anxieties, I used the hypothetical scenario of a scared baby skunk getting into the school and that we were going to practice staying clear and help keep the skunk calm until he/she can be rescued and taken back into their natural environment. The drill lasted about 3-5 minutes. Generally, students understand how this drill keeps everyone safe and it is a good idea to practice them regularly. Feel free to discuss with your children about the importance of safety drills and how they are helpful in keeping our community safe. Reassure them that participating in the drill is not a reason to be frightened but a reason to feel confident that we can all do our part to be as safe as possible.

Parents in the hallways and building student independence reminder:

As you can all appreciate, safety is our top priority in everything we do. With that, we will be placing a cart and signage at the front hallway of the school every morning as a reminder to parents and caregivers that they cannot freely walk through and linger in the hallways around drop off times. We've noticed that this habit of convenience is becoming more common lately at EJPS. Unfortunately, this practice is not compliant with our visitor and volunteer policies. **Parents, guardians, and visitors must report to the office before entering the building to attend meetings or presentations during school**

hours. Moreover, we cannot have adults accompany their children into the hallways and at their hooks to assist with transitioning into the classroom. If there is a need for assistance then we will have staff available to assist, otherwise, let's encourage independence in our youngsters as much as possible. Arriving on time and having your child join their class line every morning is the ideal way to foster that independence and keep our building safe. If your child is having difficulties with this procedure or with attendance then please contact your child's teacher or the office. As for our Kindergarten students in the pen area, let's start building that independence as well by saying goodbye at the gate and allowing our kindergarteners to engage in independent play supervised by our ECE and EA staff. You are welcome to stay on the other side of the pen area until the 8:30 bell or to leave as soon as your child enters the pen area. We appreciate everyone's support and cooperation to keep our building safe and to foster independence. If you have any question or concerns on this matter please feel free to email me at olivier.cutz@ugdsb.on.ca.

UGDSB October Communications Newsletter

The October Communications Newsletter is out!

In this month's issue:

- Cyber Awareness Month 2026
- Student and Family Support Office
- School Zone Safety

You can view the newsletter here: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/page/communications-newsletter>

UGDSB In House Job Fairs!

The UGDSB is happy to share that our human resources team will be hosting two job fairs focusing on EA Supply, ECE Supply and Noon Hour Supervisor recruitment!

October 21, 2026- Orangeville and area

October 28, 2026 - North Wellington area

You can view the job fair flyers below.

 [2026 In-House Job Fairs - Support Staff.png](#)

 [UGDSB Orangeville-Dufferin Job Fair - 21Oct26.png](#)

 [UGDSB North Wellington Job Fair -28Oct26.png](#)

Here are a few reminders and important dates:

- Oct 12 > Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct 20 > School Council in the library at 6:30 PM
- Oct 21 ECE Appreciation Day
- Oct 22 > River Run @ PM - 1A, 12B, 12C
- Oct 26 > PA Day [October 26, 2026 PA Day Description - poster for schools.pdf](#)

- Oct 27-30 Gr 3 CCAT practice
- Oct 30 > Spirit Day (Halloween/Black & Orange Day) details to follow
- Nov 2-6 CCAT Testing
- Nov 5 Eco Stars
- Nov 6 Picture Retake Day
- Nov 8 Indigenous Veterans Day
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day (details to follow)
- Nov 11 Progress Reports go home
- Nov 16-20 Anti-Bullying Week
- Nov 17 School Council in the library at 6:30 PM

Messages from the office:

- We have a GIANT mountain of Lost & Found at the front doors.....Please come and claim your items. Don't forget to Label, Label and Label all items.
- The Gingerbread House childcare across the street at Stevenson St N and Balsam Dr is having a playground reconstruction project scheduled to start this coming Tuesday, October.13th. As such, they are asking that their laneway parking be reserved for Gingerbread House families only. Sometimes, EJ families use their laneway to park for drop-off, and have asked that a message can go out to families as a reminder that it is reserved for their preschool.

On behalf of the EJPS staff, we'd like to express our gratitude and appreciation for our amazing partnership with you in your child's education. We wish all families a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend and a Happy Thanksgiving for those who observe this feastful day!

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