



June 2020 Year End Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

Well-WHAT A YEAR we have had! If we were to describe the 2020 year end, we would say it was a VIRTUAL whirlwind as our staff worked tirelessly to serve our families, stay connected with our students and learn how to re-invent our programming from a distance. Although we had a few glitches at the beginning of this virtual adventure, the words of encouragement, the generous support and the patience our community was really encouraging. We surveyed all our families to ensure that they had devices in their home to access their classroom and then we handed out close to 100 Chromebooks, SEA laptops and devices to families with limited internet so that all students would have an equal opportunity to participate. Students and parents did their best to engage with the demands of learning from home and many chose to continue their studies right to the end of June.

We are very proud of our school community for the perseverance, patience and commitment that has been demonstrated as we made our way through the many challenges we faced this year. Together, we made the best of each situation and have shown that no matter what circumstances life gives us, we triumph when we choose love over fear, acceptance over resistance and joy over frustration. Our children have taught us these invaluable lessons and with them as our guides, we will go into the next school year reflective and open to making this school an even better place to learn and grow.

We had many wonderful things to celebrate this school year. Our students participated in a LETTERS OF LOVE campaign where they wrote letters of encouragement for seniors and essential workers during the shutdown. This was really well received and demonstrated the kindness of Kettle Creek students and families. Our Kindergarten Orientation was rescheduled to a virtual format and our team is hoping to be able to host a live welcome event at the beginning of September if restrictions allow. The spring weather has been great and under the leadership of Ms. Basson and many volunteers, were able to get our garden planted. Our Grade 8 Graduation trip had to be cancelled and our Graduation ceremony was postponed until the fall but despite that disappointment, our Grad committee, under the leadership of Sarita Vandernault, organized an amazing celebration where families were invited to drive by and receive a special gift to celebrate the closing of each student's Elementary Learning experience. Thank you to all the staff, students and volunteers who supported us with these and many other events happening throughout this school year. We are so very proud of the efforts put forth by our entire school community because we made lemonade out of the lemons proving that we are resilient, strong and working together, our school community will continue to thrive.

Our staffing for the 2020-2021 school year is complete however, with all the new building and new registrations, we may face a reorganization in the fall and will roll with those changes if/as they come-we'll wait to see. What we do know for sure is that we will need our community volunteers back to work with our students in the fall because they impact student learning in a powerful way. If you or someone you know would like to work with students or volunteer in some way at our school, please give us a call. We would love to have you help out in whatever capacity you are comfortable with and really need and appreciate all the help we can get!

In terms of the renovation updates, we are ahead of schedule and are soooooo excited to have our project completed by the beginning of September. Quite honestly-we are all done with the dust and mess and are looking forward to getting on with fun of working and learning in a clean and beautifully renovated new school.

Details about what the learning will look like in September will be developing over the summer so we would ask all families to keep an eye on your School Messenger so you are in the loop about latest information. We are really hoping to be back to "normal" learning but we are ready to face whatever the new normal may be. As long as we have the support of our amazing families at Kettle Creek and the members of this wonderful community, we are confident that we will be able to do anything! Thank you for your positive and ongoing support-we really do appreciate it!

Ms. Wendel-Caraher & Mr. Ritter

Kettle Creek P.S. 2020-2021 Staff

If we do not have a reorganization in the fall or other unforeseen changes, our staffing organization will be as follows:

Kindergarten A-	Ms. Hayslip, Ms. Oegema
Kindergarten B-	Ms. Mahovich, Ms. McPherson
Kindergarten C -	Ms. Howie, Ms. Topping
Grade 1 -	Ms. Moyes
Grade 1/2 -	Ms. Johnson
Grade 1/2 -	LTO/Ms. James (Jan 2021)
Grade 3 -	Ms. Smith
Grade 3/4 A -	Ms. Doupe
Grade 3/4 B -	Ms. Ewaskiw
Grade 4 -	Mr. Bevan
Grade 5 -	LTO/Ms. Robbins (Jan 2021)
Grade 5/6 -	Ms. Steele
Grade 6 -	Ms. Kelders
Grade 7 -	Ms. Rooke
Grade 7 -	Mr. Mc Curdy
Grade 8 -	Ms. Basson
Grade 8 -	Mr. Anderson
Learning Support -	Mr. Jamieson
Library/Prep -	Mr. Durston
Music -	Mr. Murray
French/Prep -	Mr. Roy
Prep -	Ms. Ambrose
EA – 1.0-	Ms. Williams
EA – 0.5-	TBA

First Day of School

We are very excited to begin the new 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday September 8th. We are not entirely sure of what that morning will look like, whether we will all be here together or not but we will be excited about welcoming your child back to our learning community and will keep you posted on the details about what that will look like through the School Messenger.

Office Staff

Mrs. Sutherland, Ms. W-C and Mr. Ritter will be back in the school starting Monday August 31st. If you know anyone who needs to register, please ask them to register online ASAP so we can make staffing adjustments before our school year begins.

School Supplies for September

The only thing needed for school are INDOOR SHOES to be kept at school. ALL other classroom supplies will be provided at our school so there is no need to go out and purchase things beyond personal preference pencil cases and such. If there are additional items required to be purchased, classroom teachers will inform their students and parents on the first day of school with information in their welcome package. Please SAVE YOUR MONEY and don't go out and buy unnecessary supplies for school. If you or anyone you know is in need of a backpack or lunchpail for school, please give us a call at the school and we will provide that.

GREEN TEAM

Our GREEN TEAM members were diligent in their efforts this year. We will continue on with our environmental initiatives in the next school year so we ask that families continue to use litterless lunches whenever possible, avoid over packaged lunch foods, (they are expensive and usually not very healthy) and reinforce environmental stewardship practices at home. ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!

Mark your Calendars

Week of September 1st

- Hopeful-live Kindergarten Meet & Greet

Wednesday, September 2

Thursday, September 3

- PD Days

Tuesday, September 8

- Classes Resume

End of September

- Hopeful meet the family night (TBA)

Communication

We will continue to keep families informed about all school related activities and Board updates through School Messenger, Facebook and our School Website. It will be very important to keep an eye on those this summer because all information and updates about the coming school year format will be shared using those platforms.

Thank You!

Dear Home and School & School Council,
Thank you for all the time you volunteer to provide many great learning opportunities and extras like hot food days, fundraisers and classrooms supports. You are so very much appreciated by all of us!

Sincerely,
The staff, students and parents at Kettle Creek Public School!

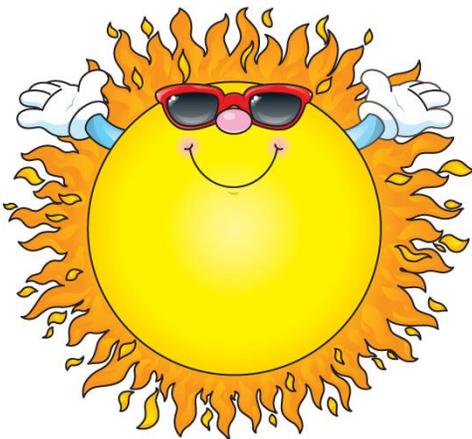
Kettle Creek PS School Council/Home and School Corner

The Home and School along with the School Council members continue to work tirelessly to support our efforts at Kettle Creek. Along with organizing and supporting many family and student activities, they also organize our hot lunch and milk program. We would like to invite everyone to come out and participate next year and with only 5 meetings a year, it is an easy way to stay informed and get as involved as little or as much as you want. Our first meeting date will be near the end of September and we invite you to come on out and join us!

Want to volunteer?

We are always looking for more volunteers to support our efforts at Kettle Creek. If you are interested in helping us out next year, please give us a call at the school so we can get you setup. THANKS!

**We wish everyone a safe,
relaxing and enjoyable
summer!**



Parent Portal

Your child's Report Card will be sent electronically through the Parent Portal on June 26th. Please use the OEN number (located on the top of previous report cards) to access that information. As well, please remember to complete an IPOC if your child has a medical condition (Allergies, Asthma, etc.). Print the IPOC, sign and return to the school in September.

Kettle Creek P.S. IS NUT SAFE

Due to students with allergies, Kettle Creek Public School is nut safe. To look for safe lunch ideas that do not contain or indicate "may contain" these products, please check out this website: www.snacksafely.com. Please do not send any nut products (or may contain) to school with your child.

Please note that items from bulk food locations often come into contact with nuts.

Please check their safety before sending them to school.

Per Thames Valley's Policy, please do not send **Wow butter** or any items made with Wow Butter to school. Thank you for helping us to ensure the safety of each of our students.

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

