



May 2025 NEWSLETTER

Administrative Team Message

As we enter the sunny, warm, and event-filled final months of school, there is a lot to look forward to! May not only brings beautiful weather, but it also brings many various activities. From thrilling field trips to fun-filled play days, from kindergarten orientation to sports events. There seems to be something for everyone. Be sure to check the important dates below for more information.

With the arrival of the warm, sunny days, many students are changing their end-of-day plans to walking or biking home. Please remember to send a note to the office if your child's plans change, so we can ensure their safety.

Along with the arrival of some beautiful, warm weather, we've already noticed a large increase in ticks. While we do our best to keep students away from tick-friendly areas, we ask that you remain vigilant at home as well. A quick check when students arrive home might be a good habit to get into. For more information about ticks, please visit the Southwestern Public Health Unit website.

As always, please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes at school. These are essential for gym classes and help keep our school clean.

We can't wait to see what the month of May brings!

Ms. Holborn & Mrs. Ivins

IMPORTANT DATES!

May 2 – Family Dance

May 5-9 – Book Fair

and After school Book Fair from 5-7

May 7 – Track and Field

May 9 – Pizza Day

May 13-15 – EQAO Grade 3 (first block)

May 19 – Holiday No School

May 21 - Regional Track & Field at PCI

May 22 – Eco Class Plant Sale

May 23 - Pizza Day

May 28-29, June 2 – EQAO Grade 6 (first block)

May 29 – Jump Rope for Heart

May 30 – P.A. Day No School

Student Information & Attendance

Do you have the School Messenger App for reporting absences? Available for iPhone and Android to make your life easier and reporting much more efficient.

Contact the school office for assistance with any of our programs at kettlecreek@tvdsb.ca

POPCORN THURSDAYS CONTINUE!

Popcorn will be sold during second nutrition break every Thursday

A Toonie (\$2) will get you a bag!

Butter & Salt, Dill Pickle, White Cheddar, Salt & Vinegar and Sweet & Salty are the flavours available.

Proceeds go directly to support our Athletics Department

EQAO

EQAO Webinar for Parents/Guardians of Elementary Students – Hosted by EQAO (May 6, 2025)

Register for this free live webinar by calling the school and learn about EQAO's primary and junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Participants will learn about the purpose of Ontario's large-scale assessments. EQAO staff will explain the assessment format, highlight resources to support students, and answer questions from participants. The session will be approximately 45 minutes, followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.

Additional Math Supports at Home

Visit the Math Community Connections page on the TVDSB website for information about math supports available at home, including free 1:1 online math tutoring. In the month of May, Grade 3 and Grade 6 children will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. These assessments, developed by Ontario teachers and assessment experts, are administered to all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

To help us with this process, we ask families to avoid scheduling appointments on these days and to ensure that your child(ren) are well rested and nourished when they come to school. In terms of support for your child(ren), please remind them that they just need to try their best. The less anxiety students have around this process, the smoother things go and the easier it will be for them to demonstrate their learning. Thank you for all you do to support our efforts here. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

ATHLETICS

Badminton – Mr. Keays and Ms. Johnson took a team all the way to the TVDSB Finals for a Second place finish. A great season was had by everyone.

Wrestling – Mr. Anderson and the team went to the final tournament and ended up with 2 Golds, 6 Silvers and 5 Bronze. Well done wrestlers!!

Jr Boys' Basketball – Mr. Keays and Mr. Christian coached a fun-filled season where our boys learned a lot and played with heart!

Jr Girls' Basketball – Mr. Roy and Mr. Christian coached the girls through a great season with lots of progress to show for it! Nice job Captains!

Up Coming:

Track & Field – will be held at our school on Wednesday May 7, 2025. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate spectators at Kettle Creek.

Regional Track and Field Meet will be on Wednesday, May 21st at Parkside. Only those students who qualify will receive additional information about the meet.

Girls and Boys Baseball - Baseball season has begun at Kettle Creek. Mrs. Robbins, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Keays and Mr. Roy are our coaches as we begin the pre-season with many exhibition games scheduled before the big tournament.

Kettle Creek Home & School

This month began with a very successful Spring Family Dance on Friday the 2nd. Many thanks to all the volunteers for their time in making this event so special.

The Year End Talent Show filming will continue on Tuesday May 20th and a family viewing night will take place in June. Details to come.

Gratitude

Many thanks to the Port Stanley Lionness Club and the Port Stanley Optimist Club for their recent donations to our snack program and to Thunder in the Valley (Yarmouth Metal) for their very generous donation to student activities here in the Creek!

Thank you also to our Home and School for their donation of our Silverbirch Book Program at the school and Outdoor backpacks full of equipment for our classes to enjoy at recess.

Congratulations to Mrs. Basson and our Eco Class(es) for the recognition that they have received for all of their hard work over the past 7 years.

Their efforts were recognized by Carolinian Canada and they received an award – way to go.

And well done Captains on achieving Platinum status (once again) with EcoSchools Canada – Be Keen Go Green!