



February 2025 NEWSLETTER

Administrative Team Message

Happy February Kettle Creek families! January was a busy month, we have settled back into our classroom routines and gotten used to the winter wonderland we find ourselves in. Our Grade 3 and 4 students had a great time skating at the arena throughout this past month. Our Grade 8s were busy choosing their secondary schools and courses for September. Dental Screening was a success for our K-2 grades and grade 7s, and our Kindergarten classes completed Early ID and have been enjoying all the snow.

January brought us freezing temperatures, snow and ice. Our messaging has stayed consistent throughout the cold months about staying off the icy patches during recess. As the days slowly but surely get longer the sun will soon return which means slightly warmer weather and in turn, muddy snow. Please make sure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes here at school. With students outside in the snow at recess, boots and shoes are getting wet and dirty. Students will need clean shoes for all classes as we can keep our floors as clean as possible. As we continue to enjoy the winter weather, please ensure that your student is dressed appropriately for the day. Hats, mittens, scarves, boots, etc. are encouraged for all grades. Recess time can seem very long if you're 'underdressed' and cold.

We are still experiencing a number of illnesses and sick children. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are feeling better. The public health unit recommends 24 – 48 hours before a return to school. Please help us keep our school community, students and staff, healthy and safe.

Ms. Holborn & Mrs. Ivins

ATHLETICS

Our volleyball teams are having a great season full of amazing skill and fun.

Mr. Keays, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Christian, and the boys' team are working hard developing skills and teamwork on the court. They are having fun and rounding out the season with a few tournaments.

Mrs. Kelders, Mr. Roy and the girls' team are working hard developing skills and teamwork on the court. They are also having a good time and doing a great job representing Kettle Creek.

Goood Captains!!

IMPORTANT DATES!

Thursday February 6 – Home & School Meeting @6:30 pm

Friday February 7 – Report Cards Go Home
Friday February 7 – Pizza Lunch

Monday February 10 – 100th Day of School
Wednesday February 12 – Carnivale for Gr.2-8

Friday February 14 – Red, White & Pink Day

Monday February 17 – Family Day (no school)

Friday February 21 – Pizza Lunch and PJ Day

Tuesday February 25 – Grade 8 Grad Photos

Wednesday February 26 – Pink Shirt/Anti Bullying Day

Friday February 28 – Pizza Lunch

Student Information & Attendance

Do you have the School Messenger App for reporting absences? You should get it! It's free for iPhone and Android and makes reporting absences and receiving emails from the school SO much easier! No messing around with listening to number options on a phone. Here is the logo you are looking for in the app store...



Gratitude

Thank you to our local community organizations that helped to subsidize the cost of our 'Welcome Back' lunch and a loud 'shout out' to the volunteers who helped serve and clean up.

Did you know that the Community Cupboard, Optimist Club of Port Stanley and the Kettle Creek Swans regularly contribute to our school Snack Program?

The spirit of kindness and giving is alive and well in the Kettle Creek PS community!!

POPCORN THURSDAYS!!

Switching to Thursdays

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

Join us for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Register:

https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5puRqI8uQJyplaHgBYoBMw

Kettle Creek P.S. IS NUT FREE

Due to students with allergies, we are nut free. 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 in 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.

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

February 24th – March 6th



Hearing from students, parents/caregivers, and staff is important for developing plans to help make school communities safer and more welcoming.

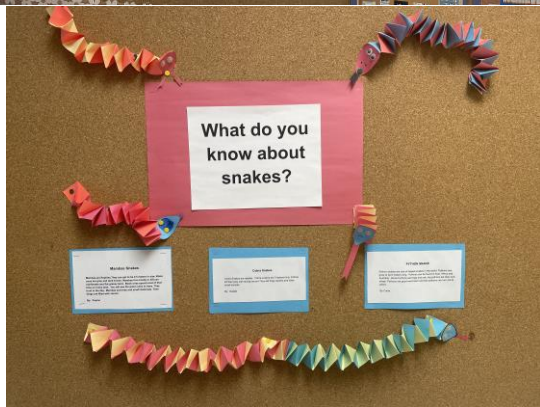
This year all TVDSB students in Grades 5-12, parents/caregivers with children attending TVDSB schools, and TVDSB staff are invited to complete the School Climate Surveys.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 are also asked questions about themselves (e.g., gender, race, religion/creed) to help understand if aspects of students' identities relate to their views about and experiences at school.

These surveys ask questions about experiences and feelings related to school life, such as safety, connection and belonging, and the school environment.

More information will be sent through School Messenger in the coming weeks.

Kettle Creek P.S. Photo Gallery



Come See What We've Been Up To!

