



NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Administrative Team Message

Everyone continues to work hard at settling into school and classroom routines. Students and staff remain very busy, both in and out of the classroom. Our grade 3 classes visited Jaffa this past month, Mrs. Doupe and Mrs. Robbins took their classes to the movies to see *The Wild Robot* after reading the book in class and Mrs. Basson's class enjoyed a great learning experience at the Trout Farm. Mrs. Kelder's class was able to participate in the Carolinian Forest Festival and everyone had a great time. Both boy's and girl's basketball teams have been running this past month with our girl's basketball team winning the Emily Carr Thunderbird Classic. Cross Country was a hit, and our students did a great job representing Kettle Creek. During Cross Country our grade 7 boy's team won the Team Championship, and we had a grade 8 boys Valley gold medalist. Way to go Kettle Creek!

A big shout out to all who supported our Terry Fox run on the 15th, we couldn't have done it without your help and generosity. Our Terry Fox Walk raised 100% of our school goal of \$1500 by raising a whopping \$1550.

Our A+ Fundraiser was a great success, raising just over \$2000 to support our school nutrition program. Thanks to all our families and community members who supported us.

We took time this month to celebrate our bus drivers and ECEs for their dedication and tireless work for our students. We are appreciative!!

Ms. Holborn & Mrs. Ivins

ATHLETICS

A big thank you to all the coaches that help provide our extra curricular sporting opportunities. Mrs. Robbins, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Keays, Mr. Roy and Mrs. Basson have all been involved with supporting our Cross Country, Basketball and Soccer teams.

Congratulations to Nash O and Emersyn K for their accomplishments at the Valley Finals in Cross Country. They placed 1st and 7th - WAY TO GO!!

Extracurriculars

And off the 'field' our wonderful staff are providing other extra curricular opportunities. Mr. Christian organized our Terry Fox event, Mrs. Kelders and Mrs. Steele are leading the Colour House activities, Mrs. Steele has started up an art club and Mrs. McEachen and Mrs. Ambrose are working with our student leaders on Student Voice.

Great things continue to happen at Kettle Creek PS.

Kettle Creek P.S. IS NUT SAFE

Due to students with allergies, we are 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.

Student Information & Attendance

Please ensure that you have signed up for School Cash Online, School Messenger and are able to access your Parent Portal.

Have you moved? New cell number? Landline is gone? Safe contacts to pick up your student have changed? Ensure your Student Information is up to date!

Contact the school office for assistance with these programs at kettlecreek@tvdsb.ca

REMINDERS/CELL PHONE POLICY

It is school policy that these devices are not used during school hours unless supervised by school staff. **We also request that you do not text your child.** If you need to contact them, please call the school office and speak with office staff. They will be more than happy to pass on your message or page your child down to the office to speak with you on the school phone. Limiting the use of electronic devices ensures the safety of all students and prevents distractions from their schoolwork.

Kettle Creek Home and School

Please find the latest newsletter on the Home and School Facebook page, the school Facebook Page and on our website under "Parents" and "Home and School".

We are always looking for extra helping hands, so if anyone is interested in being part of this great organization, we can be contacted at kettlecreekhomeschool@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES!

- November 1– Due Date for Photo Orders
- November 1 - Colour House Assembly/Activity
- November 1 – Pizza Lunch
- November 7 - Home and School Council Meeting @
6:30 PM in the school library
- November 8 - Progress reports Go Home
- November 8 – Pizza Lunch
- November 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 14 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (after school)
- November 15 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (no school)
- November 18 - A+ Fundraiser pick up (PM)
- November 19 – AVSS High School Open House 7-8:30 PM
- November 22 – Dress Like a Teacher Day – Spirit Day
- November 22 - Pizza Lunch
- November 25 – Photo Retakes
- November 28 – PCI High School Open House 6-8 PM
- November 29 – PJ Day – Spirit Day

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Progress reports will go home on Friday November 8th. If you would like to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s), please follow the instructions that will be provided in the report card envelope. We will make every effort to accommodate requested times. There will be some opportunities to meet after school on Thursday, November 14th and during the day on Friday, November 15th.

Colour Houses

We continue to use our colour house system designed to help our school community, build citizenship, and give students a sense of belonging and ownership. Each student is assigned to a house colour, identified by one of six colors: Red, Yellow, Purple, Orange, Green or Blue. Within their house colour designation, students participate in special events, assemblies, and other cross grade activities throughout the year. The house color system is meant to get all students and staff involved in school activities and build school community and a sense of belonging. Students earn points for their house by participating in school activities and demonstrating positive behaviours. The winning house each month earns a reward and celebrate together.

With Gratitude

Many thanks to all our wonderful community partners that have contributed their time, effort, expertise and monetary donations to help support various initiatives within our school community.

The **Port Stanley Optimists, Kettle Creek Swans, Port Stanley Lioness**

Luyks Siemens Helder LLP for their support of the girl's basketball team

Ed P, Brian P, Nancy M, Al S, and Sandra E for their support in replacing two trees on our school yard.

Laemers Excavating for helping to provide materials to support various projects around the school.

Port Stanley Lions Club & The Port Stanley Lioness invite you to the...

26th Annual Dickens' Day Night Parade

Friday November 29th at 7pm

(Foodland, Bridge St, Over bridge, William St to Beach Parking)

Port Stanley Leos will collect letters to Santa!

Canned goods for Port Stanley & Area Community Cupboard collected by Central Elgin Fire Rescue!

To enter a float or for more information, contact Joe Konecny (226) 658-0152

Popcorn \$2 per Bag

Popcorn is sold each Friday at second break. There are 5 flavours: Butter & Salt, Salt & Vinegar, Sweet & Salty, Dill Pickle, and White Cheddar.

All the proceeds from our popcorn sales go to support our Athletics' Department.

So far this year, popcorn sales have provided bussing for our Pinafore Park Cross Country Meet, tournament fees for 3 basketball tournaments, and some new badminton equipment. Thank you for your support!