



April 2023 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

March has been another great month in the waters of Kettle Creek P.S. Our students had the opportunity to celebrate the Arts with trips to the Grand Theatre and Port Stanley Festival theatre. We are grateful to all our parent volunteers who took time to come with us on those worthwhile excursions.

April is our Earth Month and we will celebrate with many activities including a community Wildlife presentation for all students. The format is a little speaking and then exploration of displays that will be available all over the gym. We are really excited about it and are pleased because it was a student who suggested that we bring this to our school. As well, we are excited because our Primary students will have the opportunity to participate in POTTERY DAY this month. We hope that will be a wonderful, new experience and enjoyable experience for all participants.

We hope that all of our families are able to reconnect with the beauty of nature this month. Thank you again for your ongoing amazingness. We count it a tremendous privilege to work with such wonderful people each day!

Ms.W-C and Ms. Johnson

LOST AND FOUND

Just a reminder to follow the link that we send via Messenger and claim the item(s) that look familiar to you so that we can send those home with your child. Please do **NOT call the school** to claim your items. **Follow the prompts on the link** provided to claim your child's belongings.

FAMILY LEARNING NIGHT

Our Family Learning Night for students in **Grade 1-4** is happening **April 4th-5-7 p.m.** We will have fun games that you can learn and play with your children to support their learning in Math and Literacy. We hope you can join us!

Kettle Creek P.S. IS NUT SAFE

Due to students with allergies, Kettle Creek P.S. 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.



APRIL-EARTH MONTH

Earth Month is here again! We are so excited to announce that we will be having a wide range of activities to celebrate and reinforce the IMPORTANT messages about taking care of our amazing planet!

ECO CLASS LEADERS

This month, we will have the Grade 8 ECO class do weekly activities with our classes in the area of stewardship. We are grateful for the leadership of these students.

BOOK SWAP

We are also pleased to announce that Ms. Koolen, our Noon Hour Supervisor, has volunteered to organize our annual BOOK SWAP event. Please send in previously enjoyed children's books April 3rd-6th

April 11th-12th, classes will enjoy "book shopping"

April 13th, absent to shop for their books too.

April 14th, B-DAY. BONUS BEHAVIOUR BUCKS can be earned by students and will be used to pick extra books.

Thank you so much for supporting this event! We appreciate it.

Green Tip of the Month:

Spend at least ½ hour outside each day and think about 1 thing in nature that you are grateful for.

Rail City All City Clean Up Earth Day 2023

Saturday, April 22, 2023
Elgin County Railway Museum
1-5 p.m.

Let's see if we can fill a train car with trash and make the beautiful spots around the city shine!
Garbage bags and gloves will be available.

Library/Learning Commons with Mr. Durston

This month, the Learning Commons will focus on sharing stories and activities about the environment. In addition, we are so lucky this month to be partnering with the Port Stanley branch of the Elgin County Library for the OLA's Forest of Reading program. The Public Library has invited guest readers from our community to come to Kettle Creek to read the Blue Spruce books to many of our Kindergarten and Primary classes.

LEARNING SKILLS & GLOBAL COMPETENCIES

In order to support academic growth, we will be continuing to explicitly teach the 6 learning skills as outlined on the Provincial Report card . We will coordinate on a school wide level, the focused skill of the month. This will provide common language and consistency across the school and allow all staff to provide teachable moments throughout the school day with all the students. The monthly focus pages can be found in the front of each child's planner so if you would like to coordinate your home focus with ours, that would be fantastic.

Our learning skill focus for APRIL is:

Our Learning Skill focus for this month:
Be RESPONSIBLE and take care of your things.

It is EARTH MONTH at Kettle Creek and our
GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH IS:

Try to spend at least half an hour outside today and think about one thing in nature that you are thankful for.

SPRING RAFFLE

Our Spring Raffle was a great way to welcome the new season this year! We had many generous donations and all students enjoyed the chance to bid on the prizes. Thank you for generously sending in those lovely prizes! As well, we would also like to thank our volunteers who organized and spent the entire day helping us with the raffle. We really appreciate everyone's contribution to making these special events for our children so much fun!

NEW KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY

Spread the word!! Our new Kindergarten orientation has been scheduled for June 14th at 10 –10:30 a.m. We look forward to welcoming our newest little Captains to the creek!

ST THOMAS AREA REVIEW

The last STAAR meeting took place with the view to collect input from community members regarding the proposed boundary changes. With the feedback provided by families, the committee will make the following recommendations to the school board:

1. All new families moving into the current holding zone area should register and attend Mitchell Hepburn P.S.
2. Families who live in the holding zone and are currently attending Kettle Creek P.S. should have the option of completing their Elementary programming at Kettle Creek P.S.
3. If families choose not to continue at Kettle Creek P.S., their home school will be Mitchell Hepburn.
4. Siblings of those students who are currently enrolled Kettle Creek should be eligible to attend Kettle Creek P.S. under this legacy agreement.
5. Current holding zone families who choose to continue at Kettle Creek P.S. should be provided with bussing/transportation.

This report will be submitted to the school board in April and it is expected that information regarding a final decision from the board of trustees will be available in June.

Welcome Back and Goodbye

A warm welcome back to staff Kathleen Rooke and Angela Smith who are returning from leave on April 3rd. Sadly, we can't keep all our staff so we have to say a fond farewell to Casey McFadyen and Rachel Ginther who have worked tirelessly filling in for these folks while they were on leave. We are grateful for all their work and wish them well in their future endeavours.

SAVE THE DATE

Grade 8 Graduation has been planned for Monday June 26th at 6:30 p.m. and we already have a team of parent volunteers organizing to make it a memorable event for our students and families. A huge thank you to those folks for pitching in and making our school a better place.

SPORT CORNER

Our Intermediate Basketball season is completed and we now have Badminton, Junior Basketball, Wrestling, and Intramural Flag Football opportunities for our students to play and enjoy.

Please save the date-Our School Track and Field Day is scheduled for May 10th and the regional date is May 23rd. Unfortunately, due to construction and lack of parking at parking, we cannot invite spectators this year. We will have bussing for students both to and from the event and will do our best to take photos. As well, please do NOT send high school siblings to watch events as this becomes a very difficult situation for staff to supervise and ensure safety. Thanks for your help with that.

Want to VOLUNTEER?

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

READING MILLIONAIRES

The Reading Millionaires challenge in March was a wonderful success. Students tracked their minutes reading and beat the school target of 100,000 minutes. So far, our school had already read 130,000 minutes! FANTASTIC NEWS!

Mark your Calendars

Monday, April 3

- Welcome back staff Ms. Rooke and Ms. Smith

April 3-7

- Book Swap—students bring in gently used books

Tuesday, April 4

- Primary Learning Night – 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

- Millionaire Movie Day

Thursday, April 6

- Gr. 8 – Anderson class walking trip

Friday, April 7

- Good Friday – no school

Monday, April 10

- Easter Monday – no school

April 11-13

- “Book Shopping” days for students

Wednesday, April 12

- Grade 3-8 ECO presentation

Friday, April 14

- Pizza Day
- Gr. 8 – Anderson class walking trip

Thursday, April 20

- Gr. 1 – Pottery Day

Friday, April 21

- Gr. 8 – Anderson class walking trip

April 22 – EARTH DAY

Wednesday, April 26

- Earth Month Assembly
- Hot Lunch Day - Freshii

Home and School / School Council

The Home and School along with the School Council members continue to work tirelessly to support our efforts at Kettle Creek. They organize our hot lunch and many other events to support our school community.

Our next virtual **or in person meeting** will take place on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. FREE child care is available if you would like to attend in person and we do our very best to keep meeting to an hour(ish). ALL WELCOME!

Hot Lunch Days

A reminder that Hot Lunch days in April are:

- Friday, April 14th - Pizza
- Friday, April 28th - Freshii

Online ordering is closed.

Indoor Shoes / Extra Clothes

Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather. **All students must have indoor shoes.** This will help with keeping the floors clean and free from causing slips and falls. It is also extremely important for students to wear clean footwear during gym classes. If you need support with this request, let us know. If possible, please send an extra pair of pants and socks to keep in your child's school bag, as our yard gets very wet and muddy at times. Thank you for your support and ensuring the safety of your child.

