



June 2023 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

I cannot believe that it is already June and we are winding down this school year. May was a busy month with many exciting events happening including our Track and Field meet and the start of our year-end trip adventures. Thanks to Mr. Roy and our Junior-Intermediate staff who worked hard to make our Track Meet at Parkside such a huge success! Thanks also to all the parents who came to cheer and pick students up at the end of the day. Your support is so helpful and appreciated!

Last month we started our EQAO testing for the Grade 3 and we will be continuing the process with our Grade 6 students this month. We are proud of all our students and know that they will do their best to demonstrate their learning.

We are also really proud of the outstanding work that our Home and School volunteers did organizing our OUTDOOR CLASSROOM. It looks fantastic so far. As well, these volunteers generously help subsidize our bussing cost for our year end field trips. Considering how the price of everything is increasing so much, we are thankful to have most of this cost covered so that all our students can participate.

Our next meeting Home and School/ School Council meeting will take place on Thursday June 22nd at 6:30 p.m. virtually or in person with free childcare provided. If you would rather join virtually, we will send the link out during the week of June 20th. The meetings are only a hour and the team does a dynamite job bringing in great ideas to make our school a wonderful place to learn. We hope you will consider joining us. ALL WELCOME!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our efforts here at the school. We hope that you continue to enjoy the rest of this spring and stay healthy.

Ms.W-C and Ms. Johnson

SAVE THE DATE

Grade 8 Graduation has been planned for Monday June 26th at 6:30 p.m. A huge thank you to everyone for your time organizing this event. Our Grade 8s will also be participating in a High School Transition day which will take place on June 7th at the various high schools in our area. We know it will be a wonderful day for these students to see their new school and learn about High school.

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.



School Organization 2023/2024

The following is a list of our AMAZING team as it stands today:

K-Ms. Mahovlich & Ms. Simon
K-Ms. Hayslip & Ms. Oegema
K-Ms. Howie & Ms. Lamb
Gr 1 - Ms. Latta
Gr 1 - Ms. Kelders
Gr 1-2 - TBA (LTO)
Gr 2 - Ms. Smith
Gr 2 - Ms. Ambrose
Gr 2/3 - TBA
Gr 3 - Ms. Richardson
Gr 3 - Ms. Ewaskiw
Gr ¾ - Ms. McEachen
Gr 4 - Ms. Doupe
Gr 4/5 - Ms. Robbins (Mat leave)
Gr 5 - Ms. B-T
Gr 6 - Mr. Christian
Gr 6 - Mr. Keays
Gr 7 - Ms. Green
Gr 7 - Mr. McCurdy
Gr 8 - E.C.O. Class-Ms. Basson
Gr 8 - E.C.O. Class-Mr. Anderson
Music - Mr. Murray
Learning Support Teacher - Mr. Jamieson/Ms. Johnson/Ms. Moyes
French/Phys - Ed Teacher-Mr. Roy
EA - Ms. Williams/Ms. McCuaig/Ms. Jackson/Ms. Magee
Prep - Ms. Moyes, TBA (Ms. Steele, Mat leave)
Library Learning Commons/Prep - Mr. Durston
Secretaries - 1.0 -TBA / 0.5 - Ms. Noble
Vice Principal - Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Principal - Ms. Connie Holborn

Staffing changes

We are sad to bid farewell to **Ms. Rooke** who will be moving to Southridge in Tillsongburg so she can be closer to home and Mrs. Botzang who also will be moving closer to home in her new position at Southridge. Ms. Steele and Ms. Robbins will both be on maternity leave this next school year.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that **Mrs. Sutherland** is moving to the wonderful world of retirement. We know that she will be very happy and has earned this opportunity but we know it will be sad for us because we will miss her dearly. Mrs. Sutherland has had a profound impact on our Kettle Creek school and Port Stanley school communities over the past 30 years. We wish her great health and joy as she begins this fabulous chapter in her life.

I (**Ms. WC**) am also pleased to be moving into retirement at the end of June. What a gift it has been working in a job I absolutely adore with amazing children, staff and families. The greatest gift I can ever think of has been the growth and learning with these beautiful humans that I have had the good fortune to work with. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank this school community for your kindness, patience with me and support of my efforts. I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you out and about in the community.

Connie Holborn has been named as the new Principal at Kettle Creek P.S. She is an absolutely AMAZING educator, and I could not be more thrilled to leave this school community in such capable hands. I had the opportunity to work with her as a fellow teacher at John Wise P.S and LOVED every minute of it! She is an asset to any school team, and I know that you will adore her as much as I do!

Library/Learning Commons with Mr. Durston

Our school equity focus for the month of June is Pride. The Learning Commons will be sharing stories of equality as they relate to people who identify as 2SLGBTQI+. We look forward to celebrating the diversity of our school and community this month.

ECO CLASS UPDATE

Our Grade 8 E.C.O. class is proud to share the news of a new Carolinian tree grove right in our very own schoolyard! Thanks to the generosity of our community partners, we have planted 12 native tree species. The trees need to be watered daily until they are established. Our eco Kindergarten buddies in Mrs. Howie's class have been playing an important role in helping us with the watering. Our hope is that by the time this cohort of kindergarten buddies graduates from Kettle Creek Public School our trees will be well on their way to being tall and majestic. We also hope that all the students of Kettle Creek Public School will grow a love and appreciation of nature in our own backyard. We are also pleased to announce that we have completed our certification process for this year and that we have once again, qualified for a PLATINUM standing. Stay tuned for the award confirmation which will be coming soon.



Green Tip of the Month:

Turn off lights and electronics when you are not using them.

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 JUNE is:

RESPONSIBILITY

It is our responsibility to take care of the earth, ourselves and each other.

NEW KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY

Our new Kindergartens will join us for their orientation session on June 14th at 10 a.m.

EQAO

It is that time of the year and our Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in the EQAO assessment as follows:

May 29th-Grade 3

May 30th -Grade 3

May 31st-Grade 3

June 1st -Grade 3

June 13th-14th-Make up days Grade 3

June 5th Grade 6

June 7th Grade 6

June 8th Grade 6

June 9th - 14th -Make up day Grade 6

EARTH DAY EVERYDAY

Our Grade 5-8 students have been invited to walk over to the arena next door for an EARTH DAY EVERYDAY workshop which will be hosted by our partners at the Central Elgin municipality. We are very grateful for the invite and know that this will be great learning for our students.

End of Year Trips

We have many year-end trips and are excited about these learning opportunities. If you are facing financial challenges paying for these trips, please let your child's teacher know ASAP. We would be pleased to help cover costs so that no student misses these opportunities.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2023

As per board policy, we will have students meet their new classroom community and teacher on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6th and will provide transition days for those students who require that support during the week of Aug 28th. Please note that there is a PD day on Tuesday September 5th so students will begin school at 9:15 on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6th, 2024.

Immunization/suspension updates

Letters requesting immunization record updates have been provided to all families. The suspensions will be enforced on June 1st.

Track and Field

Congratulations to all our students in Grades 4-8 who participated at our Regional Track Meet. We had a fantastic day and are so proud of each and every student especially those who qualified for the Thames Valley Finals on June 6th. Well done Captains!

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. Our next meeting will take place virtually on Thursday June 22nd at 6:30 p.m. and we would like to invite EVERYONE to join us. We also post updates about Home & School/School Council activities on our school website and Facebook pages.

Hot Lunch Days

Our last Hot Lunch for June:

- Friday, June 9 - Pizza

Online ordering is closed.

Mark your Calendars

Friday, June 2

- PD Day
- Talent Show submissions due

Monday, June 5

- Mrs. Richardson/Mrs McEachen classes to Jaffa

Tuesday, June 6

- TVDSB Track & Field Finals

Wednesday, June 7

- High School Transition Day (PCI/AVSS/CECI)

Friday, June 9

- Gr. 4 students to Circle R Ranch
- Last Pizza Day

Tuesday, June 13

- Gr. 3's trip to Backus Page
- Gr. 1 and SK/1 Trip to Storybook Gardens

Wednesday, June 14

- New Kindergarten Orientation – 10-10:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 15

- Family Year End Celebration

Friday, June 16

- Peer Power session (grade 3 /4 and 4)

Monday, June 19

- Earth Day Program at Arena – Gr. 5,6,7,8

Tuesday, June 20

- Peer Power session (grade 3 /4 and 4)

Wednesday, June 21

- Gr. 5 & 6 students trip to Sport Western
- Gr. 2 students trip to Storybook Gardens

Friday, June 23

- Mrs. Hayslip, Mrs. Mahovlich, Mrs. Howie's class trip to Clovermead
- Gr. 8 trip to Niagara Falls
- Talent Show release @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 26

- Gr. 8 Graduation – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27

- Gr. 7 trip to Canada's Wonderland
- Report Cards go home

Wednesday, June 28 - EID

Thursday, June 29

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, June 30

- PD Day – no school

