



## April 2024 NEWSLETTER

### Administrative Team Message

April is Earth Month here at Kettle Creek PS and we will be participating in many environmentally focused activities. Let us hope that the nice weather continues, and we can get outside to enjoy it. Stay tuned for our Eco class updates on their involvement with the 200 Years – 200 Trees project, they are doing AMAZING things!

With the arrival of 'warmer' weather we have noted 'ticks' attaching themselves to students. We do our best to ensure that students avoid areas that may be 'tick friendly', but we ask that you keep an eye out at home as well. For more information about ticks, please visit the Southwestern Public Health website.

Please make sure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes here at school. Our yard is quite muddy, and all students need clean shoes for inside. Please also include a change of clothes in your child's backpack to alleviate calls home. This includes students of all ages, not just kindergarten.

Happy Earth month!

Ms. Holborn & Ms. Johnson

## Attendance

Dear Parents and Students,

Our school staff are excited to welcome your child(ren) to school each day, filled with opportunities to learn and engage!

As we head into the final months of the school year, we want to make sure you know that getting into the habit of daily attendance is more important than ever.

Good attendance helps to:

- Build routines that help reduce stress.
- Make new friends or reconnect with their friends and teachers.
- Engage in learning.
- Gain access to fun activities and extracurriculars

Missing 10%, or more than two days a month, can impact a child's learning, social development and take them off track for developing attendance habits critical to success in school. Attending school every day means success for your child.

We are working to make our school environment a place where everyone can be safe, healthy, and learning. We will do our best to listen and partner with you so that our children have a successful year. Please contact your teacher or Principal with questions or concerns.

## Athletics Department

Mr. Keays is coaching our Badminton teams and they have had a strong start to their season. Each morning before school he is offering clinics on the fundamentals of the game.

Mr. Anderson, with the help of Mrs. Howie and Mr. Roy, is coaching wrestling. They have practices after school at PCI and will soon be attending a meet in London.

Track and Field will occur on site this year. Mr. Roy will be sending out more information soon.

Goooo Captains!!

## Gratitude

Thank you to our Home and School Council for the AMAZING donation of our Mindful tables on the yard. The students are enjoying them.

Thank you to the Port Stanley Optimists, the Port Stanley Kiwanis and Port Stanley Community Cupboard for their generous support.

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

## IMPORTANT DATES!

Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> – P.A. Day

Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Day and  
Colour House Event. Don't forget  
to wear your Colour!

Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> – Home &  
School Meeting @6:30 pm

Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Lunch

Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7  
Immunization

## Looking Ahead to High School Transition Days

Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> – East Elgin  
S.S.

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parkside  
Collegiate Institute

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Central Elgin  
Collegiate Institute

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Arthur Voaden  
S.S.

## 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. Look for this  
icon and download for free!



Contact the school office for assistance with any  
of our programs such as School CashOnline,  
Parent Portal or School Messenger at  
[kettlecreek@tvdsb.ca](mailto:kettlecreek@tvdsb.ca)

## POPCORN FRIDAYS CONTINUE!

Popcorn will be sold during second  
nutrition break every Friday

(or Thursday if Friday is a holiday).

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 Webinars

EQAO Webinars for Parents and Caregivers of Grade 3 and 6 Students

Parents and caregivers of Grade 3 and 6 students who are interested in learning more about this spring's EQAO Provincial assessments are invited to register for this free live webinar.

The sessions are 45 minutes in length and include a live question and answer period with EQAO staff.

The session will run on the following date and time:

- April 10, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Parents and caregivers can register their interest at this [Registration link](#).

These short sessions will allow families to learn about the primary and junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics students will complete this spring. Participants will also learn about Ontario's large-scale assessments' purpose and how it relates to the Ontario curriculum taught and assessed in classrooms in Thames Valley.

## Kettle Creek Home & School

Save the date!! We will be having a Kettle Creek Dance and Social



SAVE THE DATE!  
SPRING  
**DANCE  
& SOCIAL**  
FRIDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> | 6-8PM  
Location: Port Stanley Arena  
 ★ FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! ★

## Kettle Creek PS Cookbook

Orders for this year's cookbook will still be accepted until **Monday April 15th**. We will push our delivery date to ensure Recipe Books arrive in time for Mother's Day. We have several purchase options available:

- 1 copy for \$20
- 2 copies for \$36 (\$18/each)
- 4 copies for \$64 (\$16/each)
- A downloadable PDF version \$10

### Book

Orders: <https://forms.gle/2ZoJXuWidmh4aR3y9>