



December 2024 NEWSLETTER

Administrative Team Message

While we are never sure what our weather is going to do, even in December, we continue to remind students to dress for the weather, especially with temperatures becoming consistently colder. We encourage hats, mittens, scarves and winter boots be brought to school and utilized outside to ensure everyone stays warm during recess.

Another sure sign of colder weather and the changing of seasons is the increase in students who become sick. 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.

This past month we had some fantastic activities happening around the school. Ms. Basson's class had a '200 Trees' grand opening on the Berm. Our grade 2-8 classes attended the play "A Christmas Carol" right here at the Port Stanley Festival Theatre. Thank you to Home and School for supporting us in this field trip and thank you to all who helped.

Our Remembrance Day ceremony was put on by Mr. Murray and encapsulated what it means to remember our veterans and the sacrifices they made for us.

Our boy's basketball team performed admirably this season, and they did a great job representing Kettle Creek. Way to go team! Congratulations to the girl's basketball team for a great season and for winning the Southwest Elgin Basketball Championships. Volleyball has begun and we will continue to cheer for our teams throughout December. Various high school open houses and presentations occurred this month, which is very exciting for our grade 8 students.



Wishing you and yours a peaceful holiday season.

Ms. Holborn & Mrs. Ivins

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our basketball teams on a great season. Mr. Keays and the boys' team worked hard this season developing their skills and teamwork on the court.

Mr. Roy, Mr. Anderson and the girls' team had a stellar season this year and we are very proud of their championship win. They are competing in the Valley finals this week!



Boys volleyball is supported by Mr. Keays and girls volleyball is supported by Mr. Roy and Mrs. Kelders.

Extracurriculars

And off the 'field' our wonderful staff are providing other extra curricular opportunities. Mrs. Kelders and Mrs. Steele continue leading the Colour House activities and providing fun and entertaining activities for all. Mrs. Doupe has a "Swiftie" Club, which is a huge success with our students. Mrs. Steele continues to run our art club and Mrs. McEachen and Mrs. Ambrose continue to support our student voice.

Our Grade 8 students competed in the annual Legion Literary Competition. Congrats to Brody, Brady, Briar and Wesley!



IMPORTANT DATES!

December 3 – Central Elgin High School Open House

December 6 – Pizza Lunch

December 6 – Colour House Assembly

December 11 – High School Information Night

December 13 – Pizza Lunch

December 13 – PCI Band Performance

December 16 - Classroom Door Decorating

December 17 – Red and Green Day

December 18 – Holiday Hat Day

December 18/19 – Colour House Rotations

December 19 – PJ Day

December 20 – Door voting day

December 20 – Last day of school before Winter Break

Gratitude

Thank you to the Kiwanis Club for their generous donation of classroom supplies. These items are already in classes and being used by our students.

Thank you to the Optimist Club for their generous support of our school snack program.

Thank you to our Home & School for helping to subsidize the cost of the theatre trip.

Bus Cancellation Procedures

The process for picking up your student at the end of the school day and moving forward for any bus cancellation/inclement weather day will be as follows.

1. Please enter the parking lot at the north entrance closest to Warren St.

2. You will be asked for your student's name(s) and to continue to line up along the front of the school. There will be 2 lines of cars created
3. We will call your student(s) out to your vehicle. Once they are safely with you, please exit out the south entrance
4. Please keep moving your vehicle forward until your student comes to you so that we may keep the traffic moving. Please be mindful of students coming out to the cars
5. Parking in the arena is not advised as it tends to become blocked due to the number of parent vehicles
6. Dismissal will start at 3:15pm. Please plan to arrive from dismissal time until end of day at 3:45pm

Field Trip Forms/Payments

We have had an increasing number of students missing payment deadlines and not returning field trip forms in time. This creates additional (and unnecessary) work for our staff to make new arrangements. Moving forward, if students do not pay or have not returned their forms, they may be unable to go on their trip. We will continue to provide lots of notice and reminders of upcoming deadlines. Please continue to check your child(ren)'s planners and your email for important information.

Holiday Concert Information

Our Winter Concerts will be held on Wednesday, December 11th in the school gym. The Kindergarten Concert will begin at 10am. The Primary Concert for Grades 1-3, including Mrs. McEachen's class will begin at 12:00. Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of the concert.

Guests are invited to bring a non-perishable food donation for our local Community Cupboard. Parking is limited. Please enter through the front doors of the school.

Please be mindful there is limited seating in order to meet fire code regulations. Thank you for your understanding.

