



January 2024 NEWSLETTER

Administrative Team Message

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning students. We hope that everyone had a peaceful and relaxing holiday break. We are eager to get back to learning.

January is an exciting month for our Grade 8 students who will be attending high school open houses and choosing their courses for Grade 9. More details about that will be shared with our Grade 8 families.

Please make sure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes here at school. Our yard is quite muddy and they need clean shoes for inside and in gym class. As we adjust to the winter weather, please ensure that your student is dressed appropriately for the day. Hats, mittens, scarves, boots, etc. are all encouraged for all grades. Recess time can seem very long if you're 'underdressed' and chilly. Also, due to the muddy nature of our yard, if your child is prone to 'falling' please send an extra set of clothes to school – we have had many instances of muddy clothes and requests for calls home.

We are still experiencing a number of illnesses and sick children. 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.

On behalf of our staff and students, cheers to a healthy and happy 2024!

Ms. Holborn & Ms. Johnson

ATHLETICS

Good luck to our volleyball teams on having a great season. Mr. Keays, Mr. Buczek and the boys' team are working hard developing skills and teamwork on the court. Our only home game for the boys is Wednesday January 17th @ 4:00 pm in our gym.

Mr. Roy, Mrs. Kelders and the girls' team are working hard developing skills and teamwork on the court. The girls have 2 home games scheduled – one on Tuesday January 16th and the other on Tuesday January 30th.

Student spectators must have an adult with them and will be sent home if they do not.

Goooo Captains!!

Grade 8 – High School Open Houses

Information nights include a special presentation about the high school, its programs and the registration process. Both parents and their teenage children can also tour the school and ask the principal and teachers more about programs and other opportunities.

Due to unpredictable winter weather, we recommend checking school web sites for cancellations or updates.

All open houses run from 7-9 pm

Tuesday January 16 – PCI

Wednesday January 17 – CECI

Thursday January 18 – AVSS

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

IMPORTANT DATES!

Friday January 12 – Sport Day (spirit day)

Monday January 15 – Kindergarten

Registration Opens Online at www.tvdsb.ca

Tuesday January 16 – PCI Open House

Wednesday January 17 – CECI Open House

Thursday January 18 – AVSS Open House

Friday January 19 – PA Day (no school)

Thursday January 25 – Home and School Meeting

Friday January 26 – PJ Day (spirit day)

Monday January 29 – Dental Screening

Tuesday January 30 – Dental Screening

Wednesday January 31 – Dental Screening

Dental Screening

Dental screening helps identify children with dental problems who may need attention from a dentist. A Registered Dental Hygienist from SWPHU will look at the student's teeth using a light and a mirror. Full safety measures will be followed. The following grades will be included this year: **students in JK, SK, Grade 2 and Grade 7 (with additional grades possible) as well as any additional student by parent request.**

More information will be sent next week in an Oral Health Announcement.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for September 2024

Thames Valley District School Board is excited to welcome children to Kindergarten in September 2024. Throughout each day in Kindergarten, your child will be involved in spontaneous play as well as more structured play-based learning both indoors and outside. Kindergarten Educator teams provide children with a safe learning environment that meets each child's individual needs and interests. **Registration will take place from Monday, January 15, 2024, to Friday, February 2, 2024.** To be eligible for registration for the Kindergarten program, children must be four years of age by December 31, 2024. To register for Kindergarten, please complete the on-line pre-registration form found on TVDSB'S main webpage (www.tvdsb.ca) under "Parents" and then under "Kindergarten Program". Complete the on-line registration for the Kindergarten program at the designated home English school for the 2024-2025 school year. If you do not have access to technology, please contact the school to complete the paper registration form at the school. We are also excited to share that TVDSB will be hosting a virtual Kindergarten information night for Kindergarten families on January 29, 2024. Stay tuned for further details.

Please contact Mrs. Noble in the school office with any questions.

Gratitude

Thank you to the Kettle Creek Swans and our Home and School Council for their generous donations towards our Holiday Luncheon. It was wonderful to sit together and share a meal.

Thank you to Port Stanley Community Cupboard for working with our school community to help facilitate support of the larger community with our canned food drive.

Thank you to Bruce Smith, one of our Trustees, for organizing 'Avalon's Tree' – a locally based collection of donations of gifts for children in our community.

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

POPCORN FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

Popcorn will be sold during the nutrition break every Friday

(or Thursday if Friday is a holiday).

A Toonie (\$2) will get you a bag! Delicious Butter & Salt, Dill Pickle, White Cheddar, Plain or Sweet & Salty flavours are available.

Proceeds go directly to our Athletics Department