



DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Administrative Team Message

Brrr...as we adjust to our colder 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.

Another sure sign of the change in season is the increase in the number of students who are 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.

Early pick ups and late drop offs cannot always be avoided. Please be mindful of the procedures set in place to ensure student safety. Late arrival students must report to the office to be 'signed in'. If your child is being picked up early, we ask that you arrive a few minutes early to avoid being late for appointments. Demits should be done prior to 3:15 – this will avoid the busy end of day routines and potential bussing conflicts. Doors to the school will remain locked so please ring the silver buzzer on the brick wall when you arrive, and we will be happy to help!

If you have planned for your child to go with another student or a different change in plans, please send a note with your student or call the office. Without a note, our default will be to follow their regular routine. December will be a busy month, filled with lots of fun activities. We look forward to the opportunities to have you visit and enjoy them with us.

Wishing you and yours a peaceful holiday season.

Ms Holborn & Ms Johnson

ATHLETICS

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

Mr. Roy, Mr. Anderson and the girls' team will be competing in the Valley finals on December 7th. Good luck girls!!

Goooo Captains!!

Holiday Concert Thursday December 14

10:00 am - Kindergarten Concert

12:00 pm - Primary Concert

Both performances include the Grade 4 Choir and Intermediate Guitar Ensemble

Due to limited seating and parking concerns, we ask that only parent/caregivers attend (a maximum of 4).

If you are unable to attend, we will be recording the performances and will share the recordings the following day.

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

CELL PHONE POLICY

It is school policy that these devices are not used during school hours unless supervised by school staff. We also request that you do not text your child. If you need to contact them, please call the school office and speak with office staff. They will be more than happy to pass on your message or page your child down to the office to speak with you on the school phone. Limiting the use of electronic devices ensures the safety of all students and prevents distractions from their schoolwork.

Kettle Creek Home and School

Please find the latest newsletter on the Home and School Facebook page, delivered to your email each month, and on our website under "Parents" and "Home and School".

We are always looking for extra helping hands, so if anyone is interested in being part of this great organization, we can be contacted at kettlecreekhomeandschool@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES!

December 1 – Hot Lunch – Freshii
December 5 – Picture Retakes
December 8 – Colour House Reward
December 14 – Holiday Concert
December 15 – Holiday Feast (first break)
December 15 – Hot Lunch – pizza (second break)
December 18 – Colour House Activity
December 18 – Door Decorating Begins
December 19 – Red and Green Day
December 20 – Holiday Hat Day
December 21 – PJ Day
December 22 – Last Day of Classes
January 8 – First Day of Classes in 2024

Indigo Love of Reading

Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in our Indigo Love of Reading collaboration with Coles Books at the Elgin Centre. *This event raised \$1880 for our school library!!* Mr. Durston will be busy shopping for new materials for put on our shelves in the new year. AMAZING!!

Colour Houses

We have introduced a house colour system designed to help our school community, build citizenship, and give students a sense of belonging and ownership. Each student is assigned to a house colour, identified by one of six colors: Red, Yellow, Purple, Orange, Green or Blue. The house color system is meant to get all students and staff involved in school activities and build school community and a sense of belonging. Students earn points for their house by participating in school activities and demonstrating positive behaviours. The winning house each month earns a reward and celebrate together. Red House celebrated their October win with hot chocolate in the LLC. December's winners will be making miniature cookie houses!

Gratitude

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

Thank you to our local Legions Veterans and Colour Guard, for their participation in our Remembrance Day assemblies, providing with our students with Poppies and of course, for their service.

Thank you to the Optimist Club and the Port Stanley Community Cupboard for their generous support of our school snack program.

POPCORN FRIDAYS ARE COMING!

Popcorn will be sold during the nutrition break every Friday starting next week, December 8th.

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