



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Administrative Team Message

Everyone is working hard and settling into routines. Students and staff continue to be quite busy, both in and out of the classroom. Our kindergarten friends visited Great Lakes Farms, our Grade 8s have been on two walking trips, Mr. McCurdy's class visited the Donnelly historical sites in Lucan, and the Grade 3s went to Jaffa. Our senior basketball teams are competing in regular season play and in various tournaments. Colour House kick off was lots of fun and the points are racking up!

Our Terry Fox walk raised almost 100% of our school goal of \$2000. Our A+ Fundraiser was a great success, raising close to \$3000 to support of school nutrition program. Thanks to all our families and community members who supported us. And for those who celebrate, we had a costume parade and an intermediate dance to wrap up an event filled month.

Ms Holborn & Ms Johnson

ATHLETICS

A big thank you to all of the coaches that help to provide our extra curricular sporting opportunities. Mrs. Basson, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Keys, Mr. Roy, Mr. Buczek and Mr. VanSickle have all been involved with supporting our Cross Country, Soccer and Basketball teams.

And a very special thank you to the Lale family for generously sponsoring the boys' and girls' team entry fees in the upcoming Emily Stowe tournament.

Extracurriculars

And off the 'field' our wonderful staff are providing other extra curricular opportunities. Mr. Christian organized our Terry Fox event, Mrs. Kelders and Mrs. Bellia-Trumickas are leading the Colour House activities, Mr. Durston is running video announcements and a "Space to Read", Mrs. Doupe has started a "Swiftie" Club, and Mr. Jamieson and Mr. McCurdy will be starting a chess club. So many great things happening at Kettle Creek PS.

Kettle Creek P.S. IS NUT SAFE

Due to students with allergies, we are 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.

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

Medical Information

If your child has medical concern such as allergies, asthma or other medical conditions, please go online to fill out the Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) information through the parent portal. Please contact Mrs. Noble in the office if you are unsure of where to find this form.

REMINDERS/CELL PHONE POLICY

We have had some situations with 'toy trading' at school. Please note that the school will not be responsible for lost, missing or 'traded' toys.

Also, there appears to be a hot market for trading "jibbitz" (the croc 'charms') - please talk to your child about keeping their own belongings and not trading items at school.

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, the school Facebook Page 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!

November 6 – Due Date for Photo Orders!

November 10 - Hot Lunch

November 10 - Progress reports Go Home

November 10 - Remembrance Day Assemblies

November 16 - A+ Fundraiser pick up

November 16 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (after school)

November 17 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (no school)

November 24 - Hot Lunch

November 30 - Home and School Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Progress reports will go home on Friday November 10th. If you would like to meet with your child(ren)’s teacher(s), please complete the interview request form that will be in the report envelope. We will make every effort to accommodate requested times. There will be some opportunities to meet after school on Thursday, November 16th and also during the day on Friday, November 17th. Available times will be clearly indicated on the form.

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. Within their house colour designation, students participate in special events, assemblies, and other cross grade activities throughout the year. Each colour house is made up of students from grades kindergarten to grade eight and provides opportunities for positive interaction among the grade levels. By mixing the students from across the grade levels in a house, it provides opportunities for students to meet peers with whom they may not otherwise interact. It also allows our older students to build skills related to citizenship, responsibility, and mentorship. All staff members are also part of the house colour teams. 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. All staff can award points to any student, both in class and on the yard. The winning house each month earns a reward and celebrate together.