



We have had a very busy start to our year. September was full of great learning opportunities, sporting events, special days and field trips. Students visited an agricultural fair, the marshes, the Pinery and Jaffa. Our senior soccer teams both competed well, with very close match ups. Congratulations to both teams on taking silver in the tournament. Cross country runners were able to compete in an invitational meet at Pinafore, and many of our runners did very well - great work! Our Meet the Family BBQ was an amazing success. It was wonderful to see so many families out to visit the school and then spend time with some of our great community partners afterwards. A huge shout out to our Home and School Council for organizing this incredible event. October promises to be another busy month at school with many events and activities planned. Please take time with your family over this long weekend to express gratitude and appreciation.

Ms Holborn & Ms Johnson

Important Dates:

Oct. 5
Terry Fox Day
Teacher Appreciation Day

Oct. 6 - P.A. Day

Oct. 9
Thanksgiving Day -
No School!

Oct 10 - School Bus
Safety Presentations

Oct 12 - Picture Day

Oct 13 - Pizza Lunch

Oct 17 - ECE
Appreciation Day

Oct 18 - Bus Driver
Appreciation Day

Oct 24 - Great Big
Crunch

Oct 27 - Pizza Lunch

Oct 31 - Costumes or
Black/Orange and
Gr. 7 Immunizations

Volunteers Wanted

Our school is looking for volunteers!

We are in need of volunteers to help provide literacy and numeracy supports. This may include reading with individuals or small groups of students and/or practising foundational math and language skills.

If you are able to help out in any way, and would like to learn more about this opportunity, please reach out to Mr. Jamieson (d.jamieson@tvdsb.ca) for more information.

We are also looking for support with our Student Snack Program. Please reach out to Ms. Holborn (c.holborn@tvdsb.ca) if you can spare a bit of time to help out.

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 and Attendance It is very important that all parents/guardians log into their parent portal to check the annual verification forms for the 2023-24 school year (photo permissions, etc.). Please complete these permissions as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

Reminders

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.



Our school was selected to participate in the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's annual Adopt a School fundraiser! Every dollar raised in-store at Coles Elgin Centre and online between October 10 - 31, 2023 will go DIRECTLY to our school to help fill our shelves with new and diverse books!

Kettle Creek Public School is a vibrant community. In an effort to engage students, we are hoping to purchase books that will be enticing for our reluctant readers. As well, we would like to improve the content of our collection by purchasing books that specifically speak to Indigenous culture and help us understand the importance of diversity and acceptance of our differences. Thank you so much for supporting our school and for helping to inspire a love of reading in our students! An online donation link will be shared on the 10th.

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 kettlecreekhomeschool@gmail.com

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 school work.

Drop off and Pick up If your child is not taking a school bus to school, please drop them off between 9-9:15 AT THE ARENA parking lot. Our "Kiss and Ride" program will include bright pylons and staff in yellow vests directing you to pull up. Staff will proceed to welcome and direct your child to the back playground area using their designated pathways. (Junior/Intermediate students will use the arena walkway and Kindergarten and Primary students will use the front sidewalk.) If you are picking your child up at the end of the day, please write a note in your child's planner, or use the school attendance system, so the teacher can remind your child at the end of the day. Please try your best to organize the pick up plans in the morning and avoid calling the school unless it is a last minute change of plan/emergency. All NON-BUS students will walk to the pick up area by the arena parking lot to meet their parent/guardians.

Please DO NOT bring pets onto school grounds.

Please ensure that you have signed up for School Cash Online 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