



September 2023 Newsletter

Home & School School Council

They say "It takes a village to raise a child." and there is no better village than ours. The Kettle Creek Home & School and School Council are a group of parent & community volunteers that work together to create the connection between **home & school**. We plan fun events for families to get involved in as well as fundraising opportunities that support our classrooms, field trips and sometimes larger projects like our outdoor classroom/stage. We get together roughly once a month in the school's library, where we hear from our staff & student voice representatives, update each other on ongoing projects & brainstorm new ideas. Attending our meetings is easy thanks to our in-person and virtual option. We do our best to keep our meetings limited to an hour & have a few responsible students run free childcare in the gym. There are no crazy commitments or specific talents needed here. Our council is dedicated to keeping an open forum and working as a team.

Meeting Dates (Thursdays)

- September 21st
- October 26th
- November 30th
- January 25th
- February 29th
- March 28th
- April 25th
- May 30th
- June 27th

Meetings are held in the school's library, plus a virtual link will be sent out in the SchoolMessenger App.

A Peek at this years' Events & Fundraisers

- September - 28th Meet the Families BBQ 5-7pm
- October - 5th Teacher Appreciation Day, 26th Fall Fun Raffle
- November - School Wear Fundraiser
- February/March - Family Recipes Book Fundraiser
- April - 25th Spring Raffle, 26th Administrative Professionals Day
- May - 1st Principal's Day
- June - Year End Talent Show

Thank you to our donors & vendors



Hot Lunches kettlecreek.hotlunches.net

Hot lunch options and order details will be shared later this month. Ordering is online only and all proceeds support our students.

We aim to offer 2 hot lunches per month.

Reminders for Parents:

- ✓ Look for the October Hot Lunch Newsletter, to be emailed soon with more details.
- ✓ Hot lunch orders are placed every 2 months.
- ✓ Orders beyond the due date cannot be accepted.
- ✓ Unpaid orders are cancelled and you'll receive an email if payment didn't go through.
- ✓ If your child is sick or away on a hot lunch day, we are unable to issue a refund but we do make sure that the slices brighten another child's day.
- ✓ Online orders make this an efficient process on the volunteer & vendors end. Unfortunately, this also means that it is out of our control if the order deadline is missed.

We want to hear from YOU!



What kind of events do you want to happen at school? Do you have ideas for a project that would be fun for the students? All ideas are welcome! Email us or join in the monthly meeting either in person or virtually to get up to speed on what's happening in the school community, to get involved with current projects or suggest something new.

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Thank you so much for your time, it takes a village to run our school and we appreciate everyone who is able to contribute in any way.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ✓ Contacting companies/individuals for donations (farm fresh apples & Mackie's orangeade, picking up supplies or helping to set up napkins, condiments etc. for our Meet the Families BBQ, collecting yarn for our outdoor classroom/stage project, writing/ mailing thank you cards etc)
- ✓ Making treats for our Teacher Appreciation Day
- ✓ Helping to set up for one of our free raffles for the kids (arranging donations on tables, labelling items, drawing names & help hand out prizes at the end of the day)
- ✓ Proofreading (going through our school's Family Recipes Book for errors)
- ✓ Helping to manage or video our talent show contestants (usually during 2 lunch periods)
- ✓ Do you have a Costco membership? Can you do a grocery haul for the BBQ on September 27th?
- ✓ Ask your network! Anyone can contribute to the school. Know a person in a STEAM field/owner who can come in and chat with a class for 30 min about their career?

Next steps for you to take:

Get on the Volunteer Call List - You never know where your expertise might come in handy! No commitment required.

Join the Council - 1 hour meetings once a month. Plus, free childcare & a virtual option to join.

Share your suggestions with us!

Find virtual links to these items in our Newsletter via SchoolMessenger or on Facebook.
-OR- send us a quick email at:

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Looking for contributions to ongoing projects:

- ✓ We are currently looking for a good price (or free to a good home!) on cedar trees and colourful yarn to finish off our outdoor classroom.
- ✓ Design or production of info boards to teach ecology / about native species for the outdoor space.
- ✓ Wood workers! We would like to make outdoor games. Could you use a router and create "tic tac toe" and "checkers" on some stumps?

Apps to make the school year easier on you!



SchoolMessenger App:

This helps you to stay up to date on anything going on at the school (ie. messages from the Board, events, fundraisers etc.). This is also where you sign your kids in and out of school (ie. sick days, appointments etc.)



BusPlanner Delays App:

This app will alert you of any bus delays/cancellations.



Facebook:

Our Home & School has a Facebook Page where we post our Newsletters, current & upcoming events, celebrations etc.

Have a great school year!

