

Welcome back to all of our returning students and a special Captain's welcome to all of our new students and families to Kettle Creek Public School. We are looking forward to a fantastic 2023-24 school year! Over the summer there has been a lot going on at the school. Our custodial staff have worked very hard to get the school clean and shiny. A huge thank you for all of their work and care for our building. Our team has had an absolutely fantastic first week back with our students and the building is humming with energy because everyone is so excited to be learning together again. A few key dates to note are Meet the Teacher on September 28th (5-7 pm), Truth and Reconciliation Day (Orange Shirt Day) on September 29th and the Terry Fox Walk on October 5th. We look forward to seeing all of our students participating in many special days this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or contact the school. We are looking forward to working together with all our families. It's going to be a GREAT year of learning! Here's to a great start!



**Ms Holborn & Ms Johnson**

**Here is a look at our AMAZING Team of Educators for 2023/24**

FDK - Laura Mahovich/ Patti Simon  
 FDK - Justine Hayslip/ Jeanna Oegema  
 FDK - Alana Howie/ Sarah Lamb  
 Grade 1 - Michelle Latta  
 Grade 1 - Jenna Kelders  
 Grade 1/2 - Ryan Vansickle  
 Grade 2 - Angela Smith  
 Grade 2 - Tiffany Ambrose  
 Grade 2/3 - Ashley Brooks  
 Grade 3 - Andrea Richardson  
 Grade 3 - Janet Ewaskiw  
 Grade 3/4 - Mallory McEachen  
 Grade 4 - Karen Doupe  
 Grade 4/5 - Ambre Stein  
 Grade 5 - Katie Bellia-Trumpickas  
 Grade 6 - Jeff Christian  
 Grade 6 - Jeff Keays  
 Grade 7 - Kevin McCurdy  
 Grade 7 - Heather Green/ Brooke Goodhue

Grade 8 - Jayna Basson  
 Grade 8 - Jeff Anderson  
 LST - Drew Jamieson  
 Library/Gr 8 Math - David Durston  
 Empower - Angela Smith  
 CLST/Prep - Sherri Moyes  
 Prep - Adam Buczek, Lauren Davey  
 Music/Prep - Kevin Murray  
 Grade 2/Prep - Adam Buczek  
 French/Prep - Mitch Roy  
 Guidance Lead - Jayna Basson  
 EA - Sarah Williams  
 EA - Jen French  
 EA - Opal Male  
 EA (PM)- Brit MacCuaig  
 Elem.Admin. Secretary - Karyn Noble  
 Elem. School Assistant (PM) - Heather Ashby

**Coming Soon!**

- Sept.21- Home & School Meeting at 6:30
- Sept.27 - Boys and Girls Intermediate Soccer Tournament at 1Password Park
- Sept.28 - Meet The Families BBQ 5-7pm
- Sept.29 - Orange Shirt Day at School
- Oct. 5 - Terry Fox Day
- Oct. 6 - P.A. Day
- Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Day = No School!

**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](http://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.

**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.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as 'Orange Shirt Day' takes place on September 30.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

We will be observing Orange Shirt Day on Friday September 29th, to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

**NATIONAL DAY FOR  
TRUTH AND  
RECONCILIATION**  
#OrangeShirtDay



### 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](mailto: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.

#### **Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical / Health Conditions in Schools**

To ensure children with **potentially life-threatening medical conditions** remain safe while attending school, TVDSB requests Parents/Guardians update the necessary medical information on the Parent Portal so that an Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) for the student can be reviewed by the school's administration. Medical conditions considered potentially life-threatening may include:

1. Asthma
2. Anaphylaxis
3. Epilepsy
4. Type 1 Diabetes
5. Any other potentially life-threatening condition that could result in a medical incident\* (discuss with your school administrator)

Parents/Guardians can provide important information about their child's life-threatening or prevalent medical condition by logging into the TVDSB Parent Portal and clicking on the following tab: **Student Medical Information**. Once an Individual Plan of Care is submitted, the school administrator will then review the information. Parents/Guardians may be contacted for further information, if required.

Parents/Guardians who cannot access the Parent Portal on the Internet should contact the school office. Please note that Parents/Guardians are expected to be active participants in supporting the management of the student's prevalent medical condition(s) while the student is in school. **It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to inform the school of such conditions to ensure the student's safety at school.**

*\*A medical incident is a circumstance that requires an immediate response and monitoring, since the incident may progress to an emergency requiring contact with Emergency Medical Services – 911.*

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](mailto:kettlecreek@tvdsb.ca)