



December 2022 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

It is hard to believe that we are near the end of the year and our holidays are quickly approaching. November was a busy month with a beautiful Remembrance Day Service, Progress Reports going home, interschool volleyball competitions, Guitar Ensemble trips, reading interventions continuing and our Primary singers submitting their CBC challenge song. As well, our Grade 5 classes collected items for our the area food banks and we are really proud of those student for providing such great leadership for this initiative.

We are grateful the generosity of our school community and the work of our Home and School volunteers who put together our online auction. We were able to raise close to \$2500.00! Thank you for the many ways you continue to support our efforts here at the school. It is very much appreciated!

We are very excited to let you know that we will be having an **in person WINTER HOLIDAY STUDENT SHOWCASE** on Wednesday Dec 14th at 12:30 p.m. for Kindergarten and Ms. B-T/Mr. V's classes. Our Grade 1-3's will have their **in person performance on Thursday Dec 15th at 12:30 p.m.** and we will also have BOTH performances shared virtually through Messenger on Thursday Dec 15th at 6:30 p.m. if you are unable to attend the daytime shows.

The final highlight that we are thrilled to announce is the return of our HOLIDAY DINNER which will take place on Dec 12th for every student in the building. Thanks to Mrs. Sutherland, the generous donation from STEELWAY and our volunteer team for organizing this luncheon.

On behalf of our staff and students, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year.

Ms.W-C and Mr. Ritter

SAD/HAPPY News

We are so sad to announce that after 36 years in education, our fearless leader, Mr. Rick Ritter, is entering the wonderful world of retirement in January. We are so excited for him as he moves into this well-deserved chapter in his life however, we recognize that will be a huge loss to our school community. Best wishes for GREAT health and wonderful new adventures in retirement Mr. Ritter! YOU WILL BE MISSED-that is for certain!

Kettle Creek P.S. IS NUT SAFE

Due to students with allergies, Kettle Creek P.S. is 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.



Staffing

We are pleased to welcome to the role of Vice Principal, Ms. Jennifer Johnson. Jen has been a Kettle Creek staff member for the past number of years serving as a Grade 2 teacher and most recently in the LST role. She is excited about this new opportunity and we are grateful to her for her willingness to fill the big shoes Mr. Ritter is leaving behind.

Holiday Food Drive

On behalf of Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Steele's Grade 5's, we would like to give a big THANK YOU to everyone at KCPS for their generosity to our food drive. We exceeded our goal of donating 550 items. We are overwhelmed by the kindness and thoughtfulness of our school community in supporting those in need. Non-perishable food items and toys will be picked up and donated to St. Thomas and Port Stanley Caring Cupboard on December 1st. We also have an abundance of winter clothing that has been donated to the YWCA. WAY TO GO CAPTAINS!!



WINTER HOLIDAY SHOWCASE

We will be doing live concerts on the 14th and 15th during the day but in the event that you can't make it, don't despair. Grab your popcorn, your family and friends and gather around the computer because we will send BOTH concerts out virtually for all to see. The link to watch both shows will be sent out through your Messenger email at **6:25 on Thursday December 15th**.

We are so proud of each student and hope you share the link with friends and family so that the efforts of our amazing children can be celebrated. Thanks to Mr. Murray, Ms. Moyes, Ms. Ginther and Mr. Durston for all their time organizing this for our school community.

HOLIDAY LUNCH DETAILS

We are excited that once again we can organize our annual Holiday lunch for all students and staff. Students will eat together in their individual classrooms. The lunch will be catered by Kathy's Catering, all lunches will come individually wrapped for each student. There will be a Gluten Free option as well. (if you want your child to receive a Gluten Free meal, please contact Mrs. Sutherland) This will take place on Monday, December 12 at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch will consist of Turkey, stuffing, mash potatoes, gravy, hot vegetable and dinner roll. We need to get a more accurate idea of numbers for the dinner. **If you know that your child will be away on Monday, December 12 or if you do not want your child to receive a lunch, please contact Mrs. Sutherland** in the office at 519-782-3983 or at kettlecreek@tvdsb.ca **by Tuesday, December 6.**

Drop off and Pick up

Thank you for your cooperation by allowing your child to ride the bus to school or saying goodbye to your child AT THE ARENA parking lot. It speaks volumes when you allow your child to be independent and take safe risks because you are saying, "I trust you." and "You are capable." Hovering and fearful parenting tells children that they should be fearful and that they are not capable. We know that when your child is struggling, it is really hard. Mama and Papa Bears do not like that! No one wants to see their child struggle but please remember that without struggle, there is no growth. When we as humans struggle, we learn, we grow, we become more confident and empathetic. Please help us as we work to help children to grow, gain confidence and become courageous and independent people. That my friends, is really what it's all about.

Student Voice Spirit Days 2022-2023

Month/Date	Spirit Day
Sept 23 rd -	Red and White/Terry Fox
Sept 30 th -	ORANGE SHIRT DAY
Oct 31 st	FUN Costume OR Orange and Black Day (NO scary masks or weapons)
Nov 25 th -	Funky Hat Day (Best Hat Recognition)
Dec 19 th -	-Red and Green Day
Dec 20 th -	-Tacky Sweater Day
Dec 21 st -	-Festive Sock Day
Dec 22 nd -	-Festive Head Wear Day
Dec 23 rd -	-Door Decorating/clean up day
Jan 27 th -	-Jersey Day
Feb 14 th -	-RED WHITE AND PINK DAY
Feb 23 rd -	-PINK SHIRT/ANTIBULLYING DAY
Feb 25 th -	-Funky Sock Day
Mar 10 th -	-Green Day
Mar 31 st -	- Crazy Hair Day
Apr 28 th -	-Same Day
May 4 th	May the 4 th -BE WITH YOU DAY
May 26 th	-Band T-Shirt Day
Jun 23 th	-Perk Day

Learning Commons / Kindness

November's art project about kindness was an amazing success. Thank you to Paula Morrith for bringing this idea to life, and thank you to each student in the school who made a card of kindness for the installation.

This month, the library will be focusing on stories that show the diversity of cultures in our world and in our school. December is a perfect month to learn about the different celebrations and traditions people enjoy from a variety of religions and cultural heritages.



Hot Lunches

First Hot Lunch for the new year will be Friday, January 27. Ordering details will get emailed out the first week back in January.

Free Public Skating Announcement

Thank you to the Port Stanley Firefighters Association for sponsoring public skating in Port Stanley for the first week of January. Your generosity to our community is very much appreciated!

Where: Port Stanley Arena
When: Monday, January 2 – Thursday, January 5, 2023
Time: 2:30 – 4:00 each day
Cost: Free!

Mark your Calendars

Friday, December 9

- Pizza Day

Monday, December 12

- Holiday Lunch for students

Wednesday, December 14

- Winter Holiday Showcase in person – 12:30 p.m. (Kindergartens, Ms. BT, Mr. V's classes)

Thursday, December 15

- Winter Holiday Showcase in person – 12:30 p.m. (Gr. 1-3 students)
- Both Winter Holiday Showcase Concerts sent virtually through Messenger at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 19

- Spirit Day – Red & Green Day

Tuesday, December 20

- Spirit Day – Ugly Sweater Day
- Gr. 5 Robbins – skating at Arena

Wednesday, December 21

- Spirit Day – Festive Sock Day

Thursday, December 22

- Spirit Day – Festive Headwear Day
- Gr. 8 Field Trip – Art Gallery/Bowling

Friday, December 23

- Spirit Day – Door Decorating Day

Monday, January 9

- Classes resume after Holiday Break

Home and School / School Council 2022/23

The 2022-2023 meeting dates are as follows:

Thurs. Jan 19th-6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thurs Mar 23rd-6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thurs May 18th-6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thurs June 22nd-6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please consider pitching in and joining us for 1 or more meetings. We know that many hands make light work!

