



December 2021 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, our Primary singers submitting their CBC challenge song, the Junior and Intermediate Caribou Math team competitions, Grade 4 intramural fun, Green Team meeting, and C-CAT testing for our Grade 4 students.

This month our school will be sharing books exploring and celebrating the beautiful variety of cultures in our country and around the world. Sharing stories from around the world is a wonderful way to love and learn about ourselves and others. We are also really excited to let you know that we will be having a virtual WINTER HOLIDAY STUDENT SHOWCASE on Thursday Dec 16th at 6:30 p.m. and staff are busy preparing students for that. Along with that, we will be collecting items for our Port Stanley food bank and are really proud of the students in Mr. Keays' and Mr. Christian's class who are providing leadership for this initiative. The final highlight that we are thrilled to announce is the return of our HOLIDAY DINNER which will take place on Dec 15th for every student in the building. Thanks to Mrs. Sutherland and our volunteer team for organizing this.

As always, we are so grateful for the amazing support of our community. On behalf of our staff and students, we wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season and a healthy and happy New Year.

Cheers!

Ms.W-C and Mr. Ritter

Canned Food Drive

Kettle Creek P.S. will be holding a canned food drive to collect much needed items for the local food bank.

Collection runs from December 6 – 14, 2021

Items that are in particular need include snacks and juice boxes, canned meat, oatmeal, peanut butter, but any donation will aid those in our community who are less fortunate.

Thanks for helping to support all families in our community during this holiday season.



Scholastic Book Fair

We will be having a virtual Scholastic Book Fair beginning this month on November 22nd-December 6th. On these dates, you can access the fair at the link below:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5164627>



Thank you to Mr. Durston for organizing this and thank you for supporting our efforts to promote Literacy at our school.

Winter Holiday Student Showcase

Grab your popcorn, your family and friends and gather around the computer for our virtual WINTER HOLIDAY SHOWCASE. Please check your messenger email on Thursday Dec 16th at 6:25 p.m. because the link will be sent to all of our families at that time. We are so proud of each student and hope you share the link so that everyone can celebrate the efforts of our amazing children. Thanks to Mr. Murray, Ms. Moyes and Mr. Durston for all their time organizing this for our community.

COVID Screening

The Ministry has asked us to send home COVID SCREENING stickers so that parents can begin daily screening on Dec 6th until the break. We have not received our stickers as of yet but as soon as we get those and the information needed to go along with those, we will send them home. It will be especially important to be diligent about the daily screening tool when we return from the holidays so that we can avoid shutdowns. Thank you for your ongoing diligence keeping sick children home and ensuring that we are all safe at our school.

Holiday Lunch

We are excited that once again we can organize our annual holiday lunch for all students and staff. Due to covid protocols, we will not be able to gather in the gym, but 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. This will take place on Dec 15th at noon.

Lunch will consist of: Turkey, stuffing, gravy and cranberries, Mashed potatoes, 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 Wednesday, December 15 or if you do not want your child to receive one of the lunch plates, please contact Mrs. Sutherland in the office – 519-782-3983 or at kettlecreek@tvdsb.ca. Thank you.

Mark your Calendars

December 6-14

- Canned Food Drive

Monday, December 6

- COVID screening begins

Wednesday, December 8

- Grade 8 High School information session – in class

Monday, December 13

- Ugly Sweater Day

Tuesday, December 14

- Red and Green Day

Wednesday, December 15

- Festive Hat Day
- Holiday Lunch – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 16

- Festive Sock Day
- Winter Holiday Student Showcase – virtual release at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 17

- Festive PJ Day
- Door decorating contest judging

December 18-January 2

- Holidays

Monday, January 3, 2022

- Return to school

Outdoor Play / Extra Clothes

Even though the weather is getting cooler, we would like to continue the healthy habit of going outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed to learn inside or outside as we know that learning outside is healthy for the mind, body and spirit. As well, if it is possible please send a change of clothing so that if your child gets wet playing outside, they are able to change into dry comfortable clothing. Thanks for your help.

Home & School Fundraising Auction

Thank you to the Home and School members and everyone who participating and/or donated items for the auction. We raised approximately \$3500 to assist us with our outdoor classroom. A special thank you to Mackie's for the \$200.00 donation.

