



February 2023 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

2023 has arrived at Kettle Creek P.S. we are enjoying the best of this Canadian winter with fantastic indoor and outdoor learning opportunities for everyone. Our interschool Basketball season is fully underway with both the boys and girls doing a great job representing our school. As well, we have been able to add some fun intramural activities for various classes/cohorts during the recess break times which is always fun.

This month, your child's Term 1 reports will come home and we hope that you take this opportunity to celebrate their success and work with them to set goals for Term 2 growth. We look forward to February Spirit Days and Kindergarten registration which continues until Feb 3rd. Our parent volunteers have also been busy this month and we would like to thank all the members of the HOME and SCHOOL and the SCHOOL COUNCIL for their time and effort organizing Hot Lunch Days and our LOVE YOUR CULTURE event which will take place this month.

As always, it is an absolute pleasure to work with such amazing families at Kettle Creek as well as the members of this community. Thank you for your positive and ongoing support-we really do appreciate it!

Ms.W-C and Ms. Johnson

Kindergarten Registration

Registration will be open from
January 23 – February 10, 2023
Child must be turning 4 by December 31, 2023.

Parents are to register online at the TVDSB website. (click on Parents tab, Kindergarten Program, online pre-registration). Once we receive your online registration we will request through an email – proof of address and proof of birth date. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sutherland at 519-782-3983.

Community Support

Thank you to the Optimist Club of Port Stanley for their donation of \$1000 to help purchase 3 Chromebooks for our students. We would also like to thank the Kettle Creek Swans for their \$200 donation to purchase some hockey helmets for students to use while skating at the arena.

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.



GREEN TEAM

Our ECO CLASS Leaders have been continuing to work very hard to get our GREEN TEAM programs running smoothly. All our recycling programs have been launched including our composting program. All of these steps will help us in our quest to maintain our PLATINUM ECO SCHOOL certification level.

This month our members continue our **WASTELESS WEDNESDAY campaign** and we are working very hard to ensure that all students make an effort to reduce the waste they create everyday but especially on Wednesdays.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

MILK BAGS-We are recycling Milk Bags and are weaving them into mats.

POP TABS- We are recycling pop tabs to support a student who needs a new wheelchair.

EYE GLASSES- We are working with the Lions Club to collect used eye glasses. They recycle them and give them to folks who cannot purchase new glasses.

Green Tip of the Month:

Save electricity by turning off lights during the daytime, unless you really need them.

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found bin is overflowing with a LARGE number of coats, boots, shoes, hats, mitts etc. In an effort to ensure that families are not wasting their money replacing their children's lost items, we will be posting a weekly link with pictures of the items in the Lost and Found. Please follow the link that we send on Messenger and claim the item(s) that look familiar to you so that we can send those home with your child. Please do **NOT call the school** to claim your items. **Follow the prompts on the link** provided to claim your child's belongings. Weekly updates will be made to the site and items that are not claimed by the end of the month will be donated to someone in need. We also encourage families to review the important skills of responsibility and organization by reminding and teaching children how to take care of their belongings.

Sports Updates

Sr. Boys and Girls Basketball teams are continuing to play games throughout February. Thank you to Mr. Buczek who has organized intramural Flag Football.

Lego Club

We are pleased to have our Lego club continue this month. Thanks to Ms. BT, Mr. Vansickle and Ms. McEachen for volunteering their time to host this extra-curricular activity for our students. We really appreciate their time doing that.

Student Lates and Early Pick Ups

The beginning and end of the instructional school day (9:15 – 3:45) is always a hectic time in the office and classrooms. In the morning, we are taking attendance and getting students prepared for learning with many classrooms beginning lessons right at 9:15 a.m.. At the end of the day we are preparing for busing and classroom teachers are finishing up important conversations that need to happen with students. It's an important time for classroom teachers to share next steps for the following day, pass on important information and learn to organize their thoughts and belongings. As adults, we may think the first and last 15 minutes of the day are not important, but, this time helps foster independence and organization skills and limit interruptions during instruction time.

It would be helpful for the educators, office and most importantly, the students, for them to get to school on time (9:15) and for them to stick around until 3:45 for vital learning and information. Thank you for your cooperation.

LEARNING SKILLS & GLOBAL COMPETENCIES

In order to support academic growth, we will be continuing to explicitly teach the 6 learning skills as outlined on the Provincial Report card. We will coordinate on a school wide level, the focused skill of the month. This will provide common language and consistency across the school and allow all staff to provide teachable moments throughout the school day with all the students. The monthly focus pages can be found in the front of each child's planner so if you would like to coordinate your home focus with our's, that would be fantastic.

Our learning skill focus for **FEBRUARY** is: **Taking INITIATIVE is an important part of learning.**

Want to VOLUNTEER?

We are always looking for more volunteers to support our efforts at Kettle Creek. If you are interested in helping out, please give us a call at the school so we can get you set up. THANKS!

Mark your Calendars

Thursday, February 2

- Area Review Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m. virtually

Friday, February 3

- Pizza Party for Spirit Winners – Bus #7

Tuesday, February 7

- Grade 8 course selections completed

Friday, February 10

- Pizza Day
- Last Day of Kindergarten Registration

Tuesday, February 14

- Spirit Day – Red, White and Pink Day

Thursday, February 16

- Term 1 reports sent home

Monday, February 20

- Family Day – no school

Thursday, February 23

- Pink Day – Antibullying awareness

Friday, February 24

- Spirit Day – Funky Sock Day
- Pizza Day

Tuesday, February 28

- Primary (Gr. 1-4) Learning Night – 5-7 p.m. (more information to follow)
- LOVE YOUR CULTURE release party 7:30 p.m. via Messenger

SPIRIT WINNERS

Our TERM 1 SPIRIT BUS RACE was sooooo close but the winning bus was BUS #7. These folks demonstrated excellent behaviour (bonus points awarded) and highest participation for SPIRIT DAYS! Congratulations to all students and especially those on BUS #7. Term 2 SPIRIT BUS RACE is on! Let's have fun and show some great behaviour and spirit!

School Climate Survey

School climate exists in every school. It is like the personality of a school. Creating and sustaining a healthy school climate benefits all members of our school community. We want to hear your thoughts and experiences about the school climate at our school. This year, you will be invited to complete an online survey. If you have any children from Grades 5-12, they will also be invited to participate. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.

Indoor Shoes / Extra Clothes

Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather - boots, hats, gloves and coats. **All students must have indoor shoes.** This will help with keeping the floors clean and free from causing slips and falls. It is also extremely important for students to wear clean footwear during gym classes. If you need support with this request, let us know. If possible, please send an extra pair of pants and socks to keep in your child's school bag, as our yard gets very wet and muddy at times. Thank you for your support and ensuring the safety of your child.

Home and School / School Council

The Home and School along with the School Council members continue to work tirelessly to support our efforts at Kettle Creek. They organize our hot lunch and many other events to support our school community. Our next virtual **or in person meeting** will take place on March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. FREE child care is available if you would like to attend in person and we do our very best to keep meeting to an hour(ish). ALL WELCOME!

Hot Lunch Days

A reminder that Hot Lunch days in February are Friday, Feb 10th and Friday, Feb 24th. Online ordering is closed.

Ordering for the months of March and April will open February 15th (and close February 23rd).

Upcoming hot lunch days are Friday, Mar 3, Friday, Mar 24, Friday, Apr 14 and Friday, Apr 28th.

Primary Learning Night

When: Tuesday, February 28th 5-7pm

Who: All families with primary children (Grades 1-4) that attend Kettle Creek Public School

Where: Kettle Creek Public School (within Primary classrooms)

What: The staff at Kettle Creek Public school are hosting a fun learning night for families who want to learn some new strategies and games for their primary aged children. Families will visit classrooms that are set up with different mini lessons, activities, or games that incorporate either Language or Math concepts. Each family will be sent home with a learning package full of all the activities from that evening to try at home.

