



January 2023 Newsletter

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Vice Principal: Ms. Johnson

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Administrative Team Message

December was a whirlwind with many fun activities as part of our holiday celebrations. We were really pleased to have our HOLIDAY concert in person and we had a tremendous response from our community with many joining us in person and others enjoying the concert virtually in the comfort of their own homes. A special thanks to our staff and students for generously sharing their time and talents with us and our entire school community for supporting the efforts of our students.

Our Home and School and School Council continue to work hard to support opportunities for our students to learn and grow. We are so grateful to all of these volunteers to give tirelessly to help us support student learning. Our next meeting will take place in person (at the school) or VIRTUALLY on 19th at 6:30 p.m. and we would like to extend an invitation to ALL members of our community. The link to access this meeting will be sent through the school email or can be found on our Facebook page or Website. EVERYONE is welcome and we hope you will consider joining us. Many hands make light work.

January is an exciting month for our Grade 8 students who will be attending high school open houses and choosing their courses for Grade 9. More details about that will be coming soon. As well, we have our ongoing Green Team initiatives happening and our extra curricular activities for our students will continue. Once again, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support! The positive energy and feedback that provide really makes a huge impact and helps us make Kettle Creek P.S. a great place to learn. On behalf of our staff and students, cheers to a healthy and happy 2023!

Ms.W-C and Ms. Johnson

Kindergarten Registration for the 2023/24 School Year

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.

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.



Sports Updates

Last month we were able to introduce Basketball clinics for students. We are grateful for our teachers, Mr. Roy, Mr. Keays and Mr. Anderson who are supporting this effort by volunteering their time during recess

Lego Club

We are pleased to have our Lego club start up again. 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.

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:

Turn off the lights when you leave a room and don't use lights if it's daylight and you don't need them.

Staffing Updates

Mr. Ritter has retired and Ms. Johnson has taken on his role as our new Vice Principal. We also welcome aboard, Mr. Buczek who will be supporting students in a prep position.

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 **JANUARY** is:

ORGANIZATION

School Improvement Goals

Numeracy Goal: FLEX YOUR NUMBERS
Using Parts/Whole to Improve Number Flexibility and Fluency

Literacy Goal: BETTER ANSWERS
Improving written responses to open response questions.

School Culture Intention:
Using Mindfulness, Positive Self Talk and Physical Movement to help express emotions appropriately.

Mark your Calendars

Monday, January 9

- Classes Resume

Thursday, January 12

- Grade4's skating at Arena

Friday, January 13

- Primary Winter Carnival

Tuesday, January 17

- CECI Open House – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18

- AVSS Open House – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 19

- School Council / Home & School Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Gr. 5's trip to Museum London
- Gr. 4's skating
- PCI Open House – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 20

- PD Day – no school

Thursday, January 26

- Gr. 4's skating

Friday, January 27

- Spirit Day – Jersey Day
- Hot Lunch Day

Hot Lunch Days for January/February

Hot lunch days continue for 2023! Please place online orders for **January** and **February** beginning Jan. 13th. Orders must be placed by **Jan. 20th**. Hot lunch will be offered Friday, Jan. 27th, Friday, Feb. 10th and Friday, Feb 24th. More information will be sent out through messenger this week.

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. Our next meeting will take place in person or virtually on January 19th at 6:30 p.m. and we would like to invite EVERYONE to join us. We have FREE childcare available if you wish to come to our meeting in person. You can also stay in touch with our Home and School/School Council activities by joining us on Facebook.

The 2022-2023 meeting dates are as follows:

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!

Secondary School Visits

High School Guidance staff came in December to talk to the grade 8 students regarding their choices for secondary school. Parents are encouraged to spend some time discussing the various options offered at the secondary level. We hope you will have a chance to visit the Open Houses.

Students need to select a secondary school they wish to attend in September. Students will complete their course selections on MYBlueprint at school.

Secondary Open House & Information Nights
(all beginning at 7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 17 – Central Elgin SS.

Wednesday, January 18 – Arthur Voaden S.S.

Thursday, January 19 – Parkside CI

