



January 2020 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

It's the end of the year and what a year we've had! Looking back, we have so much to celebrate and I believe that we are the most fortunate people in the world because we get to be at Kettle Creek P.S. among these wonderful students and families! It is a tremendous honour and privilege!

December was a whirlwind with the HUGE success of our Grade 8 Grad On line Auction starting the month in style. We were able to raise close to \$6000 to help cover the trip expense for our Grade 8 families and are so grateful to our parent volunteers who continue to work tirelessly to provide great opportunities for our students. We are also extremely thankful to our community sponsors who donated so generously toward this cause.

December was also an opportunity for our school community to contribute to needs beyond our own. We collected cans for the Christmas Care at the Legion and the ME to WE Rafiki bracelet sales created awareness of challenges facing families in Kenya. Our Green Team members started a POP TAB RECYCLING program to help a little boy named Connor and launched our WASTE-LESS WEDNESDAY campaign. Green team members also spent time in each classroom reviewing environmentally friendly options for the holidays so that our students' families can enjoy the holidays without adding to the landfill. Our Holiday Concerts demonstrated how our students were able to share their gifts and talents to make our community and world a better place and we were completely thrilled to see all the friends and families who came out to watch. Thank you for taking the time to support our efforts. We were so proud of each and every student who made our evening so wonderful.

2020 will be exciting because we will be moving the back half of the school into their newly renovated classrooms and the front half of the school into the new Library and portable holding zones. This may be a little chaotic but we know it will be worthwhile when we are done with all the upgrades. Our Grade 8 Grad committee is also busy organizing the next event which will be a PAINT NITE at DeBackere farms on January 14th. More information and registration information can be found on our Facebook page or our website.

As always, it is an absolute pleasure to work with such amazing families at Kettle Creek and we would like to thank you for your positive and ongoing support! We hope that 2020 is filled with great health, much laughter and peace.

Ms.W-C, Mr. Ritter and Mrs. Sutherland

Volunteers

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

Kettle Creek P.S. IS NUT SAFE

Due to students with allergies, KCPS is nut safe. 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. As 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.



JK Registration

It is time to register students who are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September, 2020. Our registration will take place on January 28, 29 and 30 from 9:45-3:45. If you are unable to attend during this time please contact Mrs. Sutherland at the school (519-782-3983) to set up an appointment. To be eligible for registration in JK, children must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2020. Parents are asked to bring proof of age (birth certificate or registration, passport) and proof of residence to the registration. Be sure to spread the word regarding registration

PLANNING AROUND SCHOOL HOURS

In an effort to minimize classroom disruptions and ensure that curriculum can be covered appropriately, we are asking parents to consider booking appointments after school or during our nutrition breaks whenever possible. We recognize that this isn't always possible however, doing so will help us to minimize disruption during the learning time. If you do need to pick your child up at the end of the school day, please call Mrs. Sutherland at the school by 3:20 p.m. so that we can make sure they don't get on the bus. Our school day begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 3:45 p.m. Our 2 nutrition breaks are from 10:55-11:45 a.m. and 1:45-2:25 p.m. each day. Thank you for considering this request.

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 earn a PLATINUM SCHOOL certification level. This month our team members focused on launching our POP TAB RECYCLING program as well as our LITTERLESS LUNCH campaign. Green team members also spent time in each classroom reviewing environmentally friendly options for the holidays so that our students' families can enjoy the holidays without adding to the landfill.

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.

INK JET CARTRIDGES-We are recycling cartridges. Please send to school if you have any.

Our learning skill focus for JANUARY is:

ORGANIZATION to help us COMMUNICATE

School Goals

Academic Goal - FLEX YOUR NUMBERS

We are working on improving number flexibility through the use of number lines and skip counting.

School Culture Goal – WALK THE TALK

We continue to use mindfulness to help us focus on the needs of others in our class, school, community and world.

Sports Updates

Our Volleyball season ended and we have already started the Intermediate Basketball season. Thanks to our coaches Mr. Roy and Mr. Anderson for all the extra time they are giving up to provide this opportunity for our students. We really appreciate you!

The Sounds of Music

Thank you to the members of the GLEE CLUB, GUITAR ENSEMBLE, PRIMARY DIVISION STAFF AND STUDENTS, Kindergarten staff and students, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Durston, Mr. Anderson, Ms. Brooks and Mr. Murray who did an amazing job getting us into the holiday spirit at our concerts this month. We had a fantastic turn out from the members of our community and appreciate all the efforts of staff and students to share their talents with us.

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 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.

Mark your Calendars

Monday, January 6

- Classes resume

Tuesday, January 7

- PCI Open House – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8

- AVSS Open House – 7:00 p.m.
- East Elgin S.S. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 9

- CECI Open House – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 10

- Pizza Day

Monday, January 13

- Home & School, School Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14

- Paint Night Fundraiser – Gr. 8 Trip Fundraiser

Thursday, January 16

Friday, January 17

- Pizza Day
- Spirit Day – Crazy Sock Day
- Gr. 8 Course Selections Due

Thursday, January 23

- Pizza Day
- Green Team Trip to Jaffa

Friday, January 24

- PA Day – no school

January 28-30

- JK Registration – 9:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29

- Hot Food Day – Lasanga

Friday, January 31

- Pizza Day

Secondary School Open Houses

- PCI – January 7 – 7:00 p.m.
- AVSS – January 8 – 7:00 p.m.
- CECI – January 9 – 7:00 p.m.

Kettle Creek P.S. School Council and Home and School Corner

Our Home and School and School Council members continue to work tirelessly to support our efforts at Kettle Creek. Along with the hot lunch, pizza and milk program, they contribute tirelessly to make our school a great place to learn.

Our meeting will take place on:

Mon. January 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

We would like to invite everyone to join us.

Grade 8 Grad Trip Fundraiser Updates

The Grade 8 Grad Trip Fundraiser committee has set a goal of covering the trip expense for every student. So far, they have been successful and covered the 1st and 2nd payments required from all families and have covered a significant portion of the cost to families. This month, they will be hosting a PAINT NITE at DeBackere Farm on Jan 14th. You can register on line at: Click [Paint Night](#) to register!

Secondary School Visits

Guidance staff from Central Elgin, Arthur Voaden and Parkside 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 had a chance to visit the Open Houses last week.

Students need to select a secondary school they wish to attend in September. Students will complete their course selections on MYBlueprint at school. Their selections will be printed off and sent home for parents to see. Parents are to correct contact information, sign and return to the school by Thursday, January 16. We will then forward the forms to the students' selected Secondary Schools

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

Tuesday, January 7 – Parkside C.I.

Wednesday, January 8 – Arthur Voaden S.S.

Wednesday, January 8 – East Elgin S.S. (6:00 p.m.)

Thursday, January 9 – Central Elgin C.I.

Upcoming Presentation

Later this winter, we will be having a presentation from Port Stanley Community Policing. Detective Kovacs from the Ontario Provincial Police will be here to speak to our older students about the dangers of human trafficking. Statistics show that the vast majority of the victims of human trafficking come from vulnerable and ignored students from small rural communities such as our own. This presentation will be geared to older students in order to help them steer through these troubled times.

ME TO WE

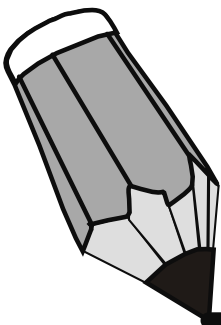
Last month our club members organized the sale Rafiki bracelets to support women in Kenya. We raise close to \$700.00 toward this cause and we continue to be inspired and amazed at how compassionate and caring our students are. What a beautiful community!

Morning Drop-Off and End of Day Dismissal

We continue to refine our procedures at Kettle Creek in order to keep students safe during these important parts of the school day. Parents are asked to not drive into the school parking lot at any time between 8:55 to 9:20 each morning during the bus drop off. Young children are unpredictable and can run out between the buses at any time. For the safety of all of our children, please continue to drop off students at the arena parking lot where staff are waiting to send your children across the sidewalk to the playground. **Please remind grandparents or others about our procedures when they need to drop off students. Thank you!**

Christmas Lunch / Snack Program

Our students were also fortunate to receive a complimentary Turkey Dinner this month through the generous donations to our Snack Program. We were thrilled to have many community volunteers help serve this beautiful feast. Thanks to Kathy's Catering for the delicious meal.



From our Family to Yours

Happy Holidays! Our special greetings to you can be found at:
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=qM2xQ1ig8CI>

In support of our Eco-School program, newsletters are posted "on-line." If you wish to have a paper copy sent home every month, please let the office know by returning the form below to the school. . Thank you!

Child(ren) Names: _____

- Please send home a paper copy of the monthly newsletter

Parent's Signature: _____