



June 2021 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

Thank goodness for the sunshine and spring weather! It has been so nice during this shut down to be able to enjoy the outdoors and fresh air - that is for sure. We had a good month despite the fact that we were not able to be together for in person learning.

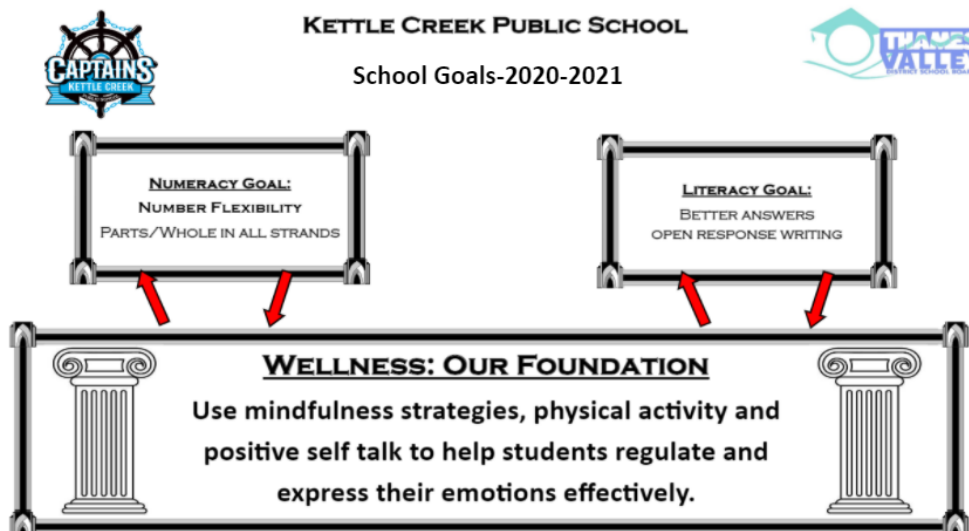
Our 30 day fitness challenge was hosted by our Home and School and we hope that your family took the opportunity to get active and have some fun with that. As well, many of our classes enjoyed virtual field trips to places such as Uncle Tom's cabin and Epcot while other classes enjoyed virtual dance workshops and mystery teacher swaps. Although we would all rather be here in person, we can see that this time on line is a great opportunity to practise the life skills of perseverance and self-regulation as we all try hard to keep positive and engaged in our virtual classrooms right to the end. We are so thankful to our staff for trying to come up with unique and fun ideas for their students on line and we encourage all students to hang in there and keep taking the opportunities to learn and grow.

Our Home and School volunteers amaze us as they continue to provide events that will allow families to have some fun during these challenging times. Their efforts are very much appreciated by everyone! This month, they are hosting a Talent Show and we encourage as many students as possible to take this opportunity to share their talents. What a great way to wrap up the school year! Details about when that will be broadcast will be coming soon.

Our last meeting for our Home and School/ School Council meeting will take place on Wednesday June 9th at 6:30 and the link for that will be posted on our Website, Facebook page and sent to your email. The meetings are only an hour and the team does a dynamite job bringing in great ideas to make our school a wonderful place to learn. We hope you will consider joining us. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you for your ongoing support and efforts. You are very much appreciated as partners in learning process. We are almost there and remain optimistic that we can persevere to the end of this craziness and we are looking forward with hope to enjoying a wonderful summer soon.

Ms.W-C and Mr. Ritter



GREEN TEAM

We continue with 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.

OUR GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH IS:

Walk or ride a bike to where you are going instead of driving everywhere.

ECO CLASS UPDATE

This month, two members of the E.C.O. class, along with Mrs. Basson, were invited to present at the Elgin-Middlesex Annual General Meeting for the Green Party. Evan and Robert shared about their experiences being in the class, including our work with the berm, experiential visits to local farms, our maple syrup operation, and our local community partnerships. We were introduced as "special guests" and seem to have left a fabulous impression on them! The federal party leader Annamie Paul was present and was very pleased to know that young people were working hard to do their part for our planet. Thanks for representing KCPS boys! On another note, the garden is planted! Mr. and Mrs. Basson spent the long weekend preparing and planting the garden. Many thanks to Ms. Moyes' boys who will be helping to water the garden in these very important early days while the plants establish themselves. Speaking of Ms. Moyse, her class wanted to contribute to our garden and do something to help our bees. Without the bees, our garden would not produce any veggies! Ms. Moyse placed an attractive bee watering station in the corner of the garden that will help attract the bees so they can pollinate our flowers, while at the same time keeping them hydrated. Thank you Ms. Moyes' class!

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 ours, that would be fantastic.

Our Learning Skill/Global Competency focus for June is:

CRITICAL THINKING / RESPONSIBILITY

It is important to **CRITICALLY THINK** about what your **RESPONSIBILITIES** to yourself, others and this world are.

Donations

Thank you to the Optimist club for their generous donation (\$6150) toward technology for our Library Learning Commons. We are so grateful to our community for outstanding support given to us. These enhancements make a powerful impact on our ability to support student achievement!



Mark your Calendars

Wednesday, June 9

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

Thursday, June 10

- Beach Day – Spirit Day

Friday, June 11

- PA Day – no school

Sunday, June 20

- Father's Day

Tuesday, June 21

- National Indigenous People Day

Friday, June 25

- PJ Day – Spirit Day
- Grade 8 Graduation – video sent out virtually for all grade 8 families at 1:00

Monday, June 28

- Last day of school

Tuesday, June 29

- PD Day – no school

Home and School and School Council Corner

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 virtually on June 9th at 6:30 p.m. and we would like to invite EVERYONE to join us. We also post updates about Home & School/School Council activities on our school website and Facebook pages.

Our cookbook orders have been delivered and there are still a few left. If you didn't get one and would still like one, please contact us at the school and we will set one aside for you. E-transfers of \$15 can be sent to:

kettlecreekhomeschool@gmail.com

School Organization 2021/2022

The following is a list of our AMAZING team for the 2021/2022 school year. Please note that with all the new enrollment we are getting and full remote options, things may still change before September. Here is our list as it stands today:

K-Ms. Mahovich & Ms. MacPherson

K-Ms. Hayslip & Ms. Oegema

K-Ms. Howie & Ms. Topping

Gr 1-Ms. Moyes + TBA

Gr 1- Ms. Kelders

Gr 1-2-**Ms. Latte**

Gr 2-Ms. Johnson

Gr 2/3- **Ms. McEachen**

Gr 3-Ms. Smith

Gr 4-Ms. Doupe

Gr 4-Ms. Ewaskiw

Gr 5-Ms. Robbins

Gr 5-Ms. Steele

Gr 6-**Mr. Christian**

Gr 6/7- **Mr. Keays**

Gr 7-Ms. Rooke

Gr 7/8-Mr. Anderson

Gr 8-E.C.O. Class-Ms. Basson

Gr 8-E.C.O. Class-Mr. McCurdy

Music-Mr. Murray

Learning Support Teacher- Mr. Jamieson

French/Phys-Ed Teacher-Mr. Roy

EA-Ms. Williams + TBA

Prep- Ms. Ambrose, **Ms. Falk**

Library Learning Commons/Prep-Mr. Durston

We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Latte, Ms. McEachen, Ms. Falk, Mr. Christian and Mr. Keays to the dream team. We know that they will be fantastic additions to our school community and look forward to collaborating with them aboard the Kettle Creek Captains ship!

Talent Show

Kettle Creek Home and School is organizing a KCPS Talent Show. All submissions must be entered by Thursday, June 10. The Talent Show will be sent out via messenger on June 17 at 6:30 p.m.



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Mathematizing the Beach

So much of a student's success in math is based on their ability to develop personal benchmarks and use those benchmarks to estimate measurement in school and the world around them. A personal benchmark is a physical reference for a unit of measure. For example, the width of your pinky finger is about a centimetre. It must be gained through experience! Once students have a sense of personal benchmarks, they can use these benchmarks to estimate. Parents can help students develop these benchmarks within everyday contexts by asking questions like: Do I have enough sugar to make cookies? Will this wrapping paper cover the box? Will my car fit into the parking space?

Let's illustrate how you might help your child develop personal benchmarks using the example of a trip to the beach.

How long do you think it will take us to get to the beach?

What increments of time are key for kids? Do they have a sense of a minute, 15 minutes, half an hour or an hour? We take it for granted that children have this sense. Car rides are a great opportunity for children to get a better sense of time.



What do you think is the temperature today?



If children know that water freezes at 0 degrees Celsius and it boils at 100 degrees Celsius, can they estimate the temperature on a "hot" day? Did you know that

"burning hot" sand can be 50 degrees Celsius?

How much water will this container hold? How much does it weigh?

A really important benchmark connection is that a litre of water has a mass of one kilogram.

Once a child has made this connection there are many opportunities to explore them at the beach. For example:

- How many litres of water will fill your pail?
- What is the mass of the pail?
- Can you find something with a mass of one kilogram?



How long is a kilometre?



The beach provides an ideal opportunity to develop a personal benchmark for a kilometre. You could use an app on your phone to keep track of distance. Pick a visual marker as a start point, walk a

kilometre, and then look back! We did it!

So, the next time you are planning on heading to the beach - use the opportunity to help your child build personal benchmarks.

On rainy days, try some of the activities at the link below:

<http://www.estimated180.com/>