



June 2022 Newsletter

Kettle Creek Public School

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Administrative Team Message

I cannot believe that it is already June and we are winding down this school year. Considering that we haven't been able to stay in person through the spring for the past 2 years, we have enjoyed every minute that we have been able to spend in person, together as a school community.

May was a busy month with many exciting events happening including our Track and Field meet and the start of our year-end trip adventures. Thanks to Mr. Roy and our Junior-Intermediate staff who worked hard to make our Track Meet at Parkside such a huge success! Thanks also to all the parents who came to cheer and pick students up at the end of the Track and Field day. Your support is so helpful and appreciated!

Last month we completed our EQAO testing for the Grade 3 and Grade 6 students and although it was a new experience doing it all on line, our students did a great job and persevered putting forth a great effort. Congratulations to all of our participating students and staff!

We are really proud of the outstanding work that our Home and School volunteers did organizing our BOX CARD FUNDRAISER. We had a great response from the community and are so appreciative of the ongoing support from our Home and School volunteers. The money raised from this and other fundraisers has helped cover many of our school expenses including paying for the bussing for our year end field trips. Considering the cost of everything is increasing, we are so grateful that this cost was covered so that all of our students could participate.

Our next meeting Home and School/ School Council meeting will take place on this Thursday June 2nd at 6:30 p.m. 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 WELCOME!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our efforts here at the school. We hope that you continue to enjoy the rest of this spring and stay healthy.

Cheers!

Ms.W-C and Mr. Ritter

Library Learning Commons

In the Library Learning Commons, we will be celebrating Indigenous History Month by sharing a variety of stories from our library collection. Also, notices for overdue books will be going home shortly, so please have a look for those books. If you cannot find the missing books, please send a note to school so we can update our collection. Thank you for all your help.

Tutoring Update

We are pleased that our tutoring sessions have begun under the guidance of Ms. Robbins, Ms. M-G and Ms. McPherson. The response from our community was overwhelming and we are very sorry that we didn't have enough staff to meet the demand. We are hoping that if we get the funding, we will be able to offer something in the summer or fall for those students that we weren't able to be included this time around. Thanks so much for your interest. Stay tuned.

Our GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH IS:

Spend at least half an hour playing outside today.

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.

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

ECO CLASS UPDATE

May has been a busy month here in the E.C.O. class. We are excited to get our outdoor garden up and running. We started the seeds indoors in early spring, mostly from seeds from last year's garden. We also received seeds from the Tomatosphere project. As citizen scientists, we are recording and reporting on the germination rates of two different packages of seeds. One of the packages has been to space and back and the other has not, but we do not know which is which! Our research will help scientists develop ideas about growing food in space. In other news, we are working on a documentary to promote awareness about wetlands in our area. As part of our research, we participated in some environmental sessions at Fanshawe Conservation Area, met with local naturalists on the berm, and visited the rehabilitated and naturalized Port Stanley sewage lagoons. And lastly, we continue to monitor the development plans for the berm. Keep an eye out for our conservation art pieces painted on the berm! The pieces will be auctioned, with proceeds going towards greening materials for the berm.

Volunteer Appreciation

We would like to give a special thank you to the following people for volunteering here at Kettle Creek PS.

Mrs. Snowsell – Strong Start Reading Program
Mrs. Hughson – Strong Start Reading Program
Mrs. Debackere – Strong Start Reading Program
Mrs. Zehr – tending to the school gardens
Ms. Morritt – hosted Create workshops for students

Thank you also to all the parents who assisted with supervision on the various field trip. We could not so these trips without the help of parents.

Mark your Calendars

Thursday, June 2

- Regional Track & Field Meet at Parkside
- Home and School / School Council Virtual Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Last Hot Lunch Day

Monday, June 6

- Gr. 2, 2/3, 3 Trip to Clovermead

Tuesday, June 7

- Earth Month Winner Pizza Party (Johnson, Robbins, Anderson, Howie)

Wednesday, June 8

- Intermediate Girls Baseball Tournament

Thursday, June 9

- Intermediate Boys Baseball Tournament

Friday, June 10

- Spirit Day – Perk Day (each class will pick their perk)

Tuesday, June 14

- Safety Day for Primary Students (K-3)
- Gr. 4-6/7 Trip to Palasad

Wednesday, June 15

- Kindergarten Orientation – 10-10:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 16

- Year End Celebration (5-7 pm) – more info to follow

Thursday, June 23

- Gr. 8 Trip to Niagara Falls

Friday, June 24

- Spirit Day – PJ Day

Tuesday, June 28

- Gr. 8 Graduation – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29

- Last day of 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 Thursday June 2nd 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.

Kettle Creek School Goals 2021/22



Our Learning Skill /Global Competency focus for this month:

CRITICAL THINKING helps us understand our RESPONSIBILITIES
at school, home and in the world

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.

School Organization 2022/2032

We are pleased to welcome aboard Ms. Richardson and Ms. Botzang who will be joining our team in the fall as our Grade 3 teacher and our Grade 1-2 teacher. Ms. Richardson comes to us from Tecumseh P.S. in London and Ms. Botzang comes to us from Summer's Corners P.S. Both teachers were the successful applicants in our hiring process and their wide range of skills and experience make them a natural fit for our team. We know they will love working with your children and we ask that you join us in welcoming them aboard the Kettle Creek Captains' ship!

The AMAZING crew as it stands today:

K - Ms. Mahovlich & Ms. MacPherson

K - Ms. Howie & Ms. Lamb

Gr 1 - Ms. Latta

Gr ½ - Ms. Botzang

Gr 2 - Ms. Smith (.2 Language, .8 to be hired)

Gr 3 -Ms. McEachen

Gr ¾ - Ms. Ewaskiw

Gr 4 - Ms. Doupe

Gr 5 - Ms. Robbins

Gr 6 - Mr. Christian

Gr 6 - Mr. Keays

Gr 7 - TBA (Ms. Rooke on leave)

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

Music - Mr. Murray/Ms. Moyes

French/Phys-Ed Teacher - Mr. Roy

EA - Ms. Williams, Ms. Jackson, Ms. McQuaig, Ms. David (LTO)

Library Learning Commons/Prep - Mr. Durston

K - Ms. Hayslip & Ms. Oegema

SK/1 – Ms B-T

Gr 1 - Ms. Kelders

Gr 2 - Ms. Ambrose

Gr 3 – Ms. Richardson

Gr 5 - Ms. Steele

Gr 7 - Mr. McCurdy

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

Learning Support Teacher - Mr. Jamieson/ Ms. Johnson

Track and Field

Congratulations to all of our students in Grades 4-8 who participated at our Track Meet last month. We had a fantastic day and are so proud of each and every student. We received a call from Parkside the next day indicating that our students left the track area spotless and this respectfulness reflected well on all of us. We would like to congratulate those students who qualified for the Regional Track Meet which will take place on June 2nd at Parkside. If you are going to watch your child, the following requests have been made from the team at Parkside:

1. There is **no** parking on Parkside or John Wise property. If spectators are coming, please park off site. Areas you could use include: Sunset Drive in front of the school, up Parkside Drive (be aware of the signage), Pinafore Park (there are some paths that come out along the west end of Lake Margaret beside the school property), or you could call the curling club to ask permission to park there.
2. There is no inside access to the school. Please walk around the outside of the building. There will be Port-a-potties provided in the track area.
3. **If you have a student attending at PCI, they cannot be demitted to watch the T&F without you being present with them. Demitted high school students need to leave school property unless they are being directly supervised by their parent.**
4. Parkside buses drop off high school students between 7:50 and 8:20 in the morning and pick students up between 2:15 and 3:00 pm **The bus lanes around the school need to be kept clear.**

THANK YOU so much for your attention to these details.

Looking ahead to Summer...

In alignment with our School Goals of using Mindfulness to support self regulation, we would like to draw your attention to the following summer camp option:



Kaleidoscope Kids Yoga Mini- Camps

Where: Kaleidoscope Yoga Studio
194 Main Street, Port Stanley
When: Wednesdays in July
Time: 10 am to 12 noon
Suitable for: Children 5 to 7 yrs old
Investment: \$30 per child per camp

Plant the seeds of yoga and mindfulness this summer with Kaleidoscope Kids Yoga Mini-Camps in Port Stanley! Our children's yoga classes are overflowing with giggly, bouncy fun and brimming over with:

**Yoga Postures *Kid Friendly Meditation *Music * Literature *Mindfulness * Yoga-fied Games
*Creative Expression * Body Awareness *Puppetry *Breath Awareness *Imaginative Movement
*Self-Regulation *Balance * Community *Crafts *Connection *Focus *Flexibility and *MORE 😊*

We offer a safe, welcoming space that honors individual gifts vs competition

Kids Yoga Mini-Camp Offering #1: Weds, July 6thPeace, Pompoms and Parachutes!!

Kids Yoga Mini-Camp Offering #2: Weds, July 13thTeddy Bear Yoga Picnic Party!!

Kids Yoga Mini-Camp Offering #3: Weds, July 20th Jungle Yoga Jamboree!!

Kids Yoga Mini-Camp Offering #4: Weds, July 27th Beaches and Bubbles Yoga Blast!!

Reserve your child's space or connect for more info at www.kaleidoscopeyogastudio.ca

(Please note that in order for each camp to run, a minimum of 5 children is kindly required.)

Age appropriate and developmentally appropriate yoga curriculum designed from the humble perspective of my B.Ed. degree, E.C.E. certification and many years of teaching children.

In Gratitude,
Natalie Shoemaker, RYT 200 hrs

As well, Jade Rogers at **Timbernook** will be providing small group sessions over the summer to help students with anxiety, social emotional regulation and social skills. If this is of interest or need, please give Jade a call at 519-362-7337.