



March 2023 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

February was a busy month at the Creek and despite the crazy weather days, we enjoyed many fun activities this month. Our Grade 3's completed their CCAT testing and we were very pleased to have our LOVE YOUR CULTURE video released. The contributions were absolutely wonderful and we are so happy to have had many families and cultures represented in the presentation. Thank you to all for taking the time to share with us and for supporting our community in this format. A special thanks to Sara Henessey for all her time putting together the final edit. We could not do this without her technical expertise!

This month, we will be continuing on with our Spirit Days including GREEN DAY and CRAZY HAIR DAY at the end of the month. We are also looking forward to welcoming a motivational speaker named Quincy Mack who will share with our students the attributes of being ALL STAR humans. As well, our Grades 2-6 students have the opportunity to walk over to the Port Stanley Festival Theatre to watch a student production of ANNIE. After a long winter, we are looking forward to some spring inspiration and a change of scenery.

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

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.

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 team members will continue to meet and we will be looking how to support animals who are endangered or facing extinction. We appreciate our executive members who are providing fantastic leadership for these club members.

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:

Avoid using plastic water bottles whenever you can.

The Kiwanis Club of Port Stanley

The Kiwanis Club of Port Stanley is excited to announce that we are bringing the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Port Stanley. Through the Imagination Library, children in the village can receive a free book every month until their 5th birthday. Families must live in the N5L postal code area to register and are asked to register one child per family. Registration forms are available at the Port Stanley Library.

Library/Learning Commons with Mr. Durston

The Learning Commons will be sharing stories about physical diversity throughout the month of March. Mrs. B-T and I are also excited to share a school wide program to promote the love of reading in March called Reading Millionaires. Students will be tracking how much time they spend reading each day to help the school reach the goal of reading 100,000 minutes in March. There will be prizes and challenges throughout the month to help us reach our goal. Thank you in advance to all the families helping to keep track of those minutes!

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 **MARCH** is:

INDEPENDENT WORK:

Learning how to work Independently is a very important school and life skill.

BE AN ALL STAR PRESENTATION

The 2023 BE AN ALL-STAR Assembly is coming to Kettle Creek on March 23rd.

Canada's most experienced Indigenous school presenter Q-Mack has been hired to perform 5000 school assemblies engaging 3 million students to date. He was in Utah this month performing for NBA All-Star Weekend, has worked with countless All-Stars from LeBron James to Steph Curry, and is ready to work with our students next!

Here's the new YouTube preview reel for your review: https://youtu.be/75lQaRVm_NY

NBA caliber entertainment blended with a motivating message about becoming an "All-Star Student" by developing winning character traits. Equipped with 25 years of professional experience, Q-Mack will encourage students to stand up against bullying, to be inclusive, and spells out the word "ALL-STAR" using key attributes:

A...Attitude
L...Leadership
L...Love
S...Self control
T...Teamwork
A...Accountability
R...Respect

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

March 1 & 2

- CCAT testing (grade 3's)

Thursday, March 2

- Gr. 8 – CECI Musical

Friday, March 3

- Pizza Day

Monday, March 6

- Jaffa Trip (Kelders/Latta)

Wednesday, March 8

- Jaffa Trip (Ambrose/Botzang)
- Pizza Day (rescheduled from Feb. 24)

Friday, March 10

- Spirit Day – Green Day

March 13-17

- March Break – no school

Wednesday, March 22

- Ramadan begins
- Gr. 7 & 8 – Grand Theatre Trip

Thursday, March 23

- Home & School/School Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Quincy Mack ALL STAR Presentation

Friday, March 24

- Pizza Day
- Gr. 2-6 Trip to Port Stanley Festival Theatre to see Annie

Thursday, March 30

- Gr. 8 Grad Photos
- Spring Raffle

Friday, March 31

- Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day

Spring Raffle

The Spring Raffle will take place on Thursday, March 30th. Students will place ballots in the basket for the items they hope to win. Winners will be drawn at the end of the day. We are asking parents to donate prize items such as craft baskets, sports items, board games, treats, etc. Parents that wish to send in donations are asked to send them in between March 27 -29. If you are donating baked goods, please send them in on the morning of the 30th.

FAMILY LEARNING NIGHT

Sadly, we were not able to proceed with the FAMILY LEARNING NIGHT event due to inclement weather. We have rescheduled the event for Tuesday April 4th from 5-7 p.m. We hope that there will be no snow (LOL!) and you will be able to join us then. Thanks to our Grade 1-4 teaching staff for all the time getting this wonderful event ready for our community.

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!

Families that ordered pizza Feb. 24th

Due to the school closure last Friday, February 24th, we have rescheduled the pizza day to **Wednesday, March 8th** during the first lunch break.

If your child will be away March 8th, please email the Kettle Creek Home and School Association by Thursday, March 2nd at kettlecreekhomeandschool@gmail.com with your child's name and teacher.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact kettlecreekhomeandschool@gmail.com.

STAAR

Thanks to our volunteers who are representing Kettle Creek families in the St Thomas Area Review process. Our first meeting was well attended and committee members shared the board's proposed plans. Our last meeting will be an opportunity for community members to share ideas and make proposals for inclusion in the committee's report. Our tentative date for the last meeting is Wed March 22nd from 6:30-7:00 p.m. We will send out confirmation emails with the link early next week. THANKS!

