



March 2020 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

February was a great month as we wrapped up our Kindergarten registration, carried on with Spirit Days, enjoyed a concert with the UKES OF HAZZARD, danced our hearts out at the Valentines Dance and moved the back half of our school into their newly renovated spaces. Our construction continues on with the next part of our school being upgraded. The great news is that at this point, we are well on schedule to being all done in September. We can hardly wait!

Our parent volunteers have also been busy this month and we would like to thank all the members of our GRAD COMMITTEE for their time and effort planning our upcoming FAMILY SKATE and DINNER. This skating extravaganza will take place on March 6th at 3-5 followed by a spaghetti dinner upstairs at the arena and it is sure to be a fantastic time to get together for some exercise, family fun and food. We are also thrilled to announce a MACKIE'S EVENT which will take place on March 31st and invite all members of the community to join us for lunch or dinner at Mackies that day. The Lale family have generously offered to donate a percentage of the sales on March 31st to our Grad Trip fundraising efforts and for that we are extremely grateful. We really hope you can come to this as well.

Ms. Basson and Mr. Anderson's classes have been diligently working on their Entrepreneurial Fair and they have enjoyed hearing from various entrepreneurs from throughout the community who willingly came to share their business experiences with them. We are so grateful to our volunteers who offer up their time and talents to make our learning experiences better for our students.

We are looking forward to our KETTLE CREEK BOOK SWAP which will take place March 9-12th. If you have any gently used children's books that you are willing to donate, please bring them to the school on **Monday, March 9th**. We appreciate all books however, we would be really pleased to have books or magazines for Grade 7 and 8 students because they are often the most difficult reading materials to find. Thanks for considering us in your spring cleaning. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Koolen who once again is organizing this wonderful and environmentally friendly event for our students.

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, Mr. Ritter and Mrs. Sutherland

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.

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

Volunteers

As many of our volunteers go south for the winter, we have some gaps in student programming and would be most grateful to find volunteers to fill in on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. If you, or anyone you know have 45 min-1 hour on 1, 2 or all of those days, please call our Learning Support Teacher at the school. We would be thrilled to provide some extra support for students on those days.

THANKS!

Kindergarten Registration

The TVDSB Kindergarten registration window for the 2020 school year is completed. However, if you, or anyone you know has not had a chance to register yet, we always welcome ongoing registrations at the school anytime between 10-3 p.m. To streamline the process and make it more efficient, you can register on line, print your form and then bring verification documentation (birth certificate and proof of address) to the school to complete the process. It is most helpful for staffing purposes if we can get as many registrations completed as possible by the end of March so that we can submit accurate numbers and avoid reorganization in the fall. Thanks for your help spreading the word about that throughout the community.

Green Team

Our ECO CLASS Leaders have been continuing to work very hard to keep 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.

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.

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

BOOK SWAP

The 2nd Annual Kettle Creek P.S. BOOK SWAP will take place during the week of March 9th-12th. Students are encouraged to bring 2 books they are finished with on March 9th and 10th. On March 11th and 12th, all classes will go "shopping" to the Book Swap and will be invited to take 2 or more new books home to read for the March Break. We also welcome donations from the community so if you have any gently used children's books you would like to donate, please bring them to the school on March 9th. We are especially in need of books or magazines for students in Grades 7 and 8. Thank you for considering us in your spring cleaning this year.

The Sounds of Music

We are starting to plan for the Spring Thing and Mr. Murray is enjoying the sounds of ukes, guitars and recorders in music class. The UKS OF HAZZARD performed for our students and we would appreciate all members of the community who were able to join us for this event.

Our learning skill focus for MARCH is:

**INDEPENDENT WORK to help us
CRITICALLY THINK**

School Goals

Academic MATH Goal - FLEX YOUR NUMBERS

We are working on improving number flexibility through the use of PARTS/WHOLE.

Academic LITERACY Goal-OPEN RESPONSE

We are working on improving our open response writing.

School Culture INTENTION – WELLNESS

We continue to use mindfulness to help us create an optimistic and positive outlook about ourselves and others

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.

Labour Updates

Due to the current labour action by the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO), Vice-Principals (Mr. Ritter) with a teaching role in the classroom may be required for supervision duties during the school day to ensure student safety.

If this becomes necessary, the Vice-Principal's classroom role will be filled by an Occasional Teacher. Please be assured that the Vice-Principal will be available to support the transition to an Occasional Teacher.

Thames Valley acknowledges this inconvenience and is making every effort to minimize the impact on student learning while remaining focused on student safety.

ME to WE

The Me to We Club will be focusing on the Ronald McDonald house as their next charity of choice and we are looking forward to sharing more about this worthwhile cause and how we will support them as information becomes available. Stay tuned -more information to come.

Thank you!!

Thank you to Ryan Morgan for building us a new Gaga Ball pit. Thanks to the Home and School for paying for the materials. The staff and students really appreciate it.

Mark your Calendars

Thursday, March 5

- Pizza Day

Friday, March 6

- PD Day – no school
- Fundraiser – Skate and Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, March 13

- Pizza Day

March 16-20

- March Break – no school

Wednesday, March 25

- Hot Lunch Day

Friday, March 27

- Pizza Day

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

- Mackie's Night – Gr. 8 Trip Fundraiser

Nutrition Month – Cook, Share, Enjoy!

March is Nutrition Month! This year's theme is 'More than Food'. Did you know that how you eat is just as important as what you eat?

Eat with Others: Enjoying foods with family, friends, neighbours or co-workers is a great way to connect and add enjoyment to meals. It's also a great opportunity to share our favourite foods and cultural dishes.

Cook More Often: Cooking together as a family is a great way to connect and teach kids this important life skill. Plus - kids who are involved in cooking are more likely to eat the food they prepared! Young children can be involved in washing produce, finding ingredients and adding items to dishes while pre-teens can make their own lunch, and learn to use the stove to make basic recipes.

Enjoy the flavours: Sometimes we eat in a rush or with a distraction that prevents us from truly enjoying the food we are eating. Slowing down and savouring the aromas, textures and flavours of each bite can make meals more satisfying.

Dietitians are passionate about the potential of food to enhance lives and improve health. We will work with you to embrace food, understand it and to enjoy it while considering your overall objectives, needs and challenges. We look beyond fads and gimmicks to deliver reliable, life-changing advice.



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

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, milk program and many other events to support our school community.

Our meeting will take place on:

Mon. March 30, 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 Montreal trip expense for every student in the graduating class. So far, they have been very successful and they have covered all payments required thus far. This month we look forward to our Family Skate/Spaghetti Dinner event which is happening on Friday March 6th from 3-6 p.m. at the Port Stanley Arena. We are also pleased to announce a MACKIE'S NIGHT on Tuesday March 31st. A portion of all sales that day will go toward our Grade 8 trip and we thank the Lale family for their generosity sponsoring this event.

Coming Soon:

DODGEBALL EXTRAVAGANZA- Gr 7 & 8 students and parent teams (4-6 p.m. on April 22nd)

DODGEBALL EXTRAVAGANZA-Gr 5 & 6 students (4-6 p.m. on April 23rd)

For only \$10, students will be placed on a team, play in the tournament and receive two slices of pizza and a pop. There will be additional snacks for purchase.

Forms will be emailed to families on March 30th & all e-transfers and forms must be submitted by April 15th.

OPP Detective to Speak to our Grade 6 to 8 Students

On **Wednesday, April 8th**, 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 grade 6 to 8 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. **All parents are invited to a special presentation about the topic at 6:30 pm that evening.**

Home Connections in Mathematics

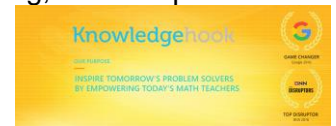
Technology and Online Tools and Programs

Our Ontario Curriculum, Mathematics (2005) states that “students will select and use a variety of concrete, visual, and electronic learning tools and appropriate computational strategies to investigate mathematical ideas and to solve problems.”

Technology, used effectively, can dramatically affect student learning. Technology tools can help math learners visualize and make connections and can help motivate students and give them powerful ways of reinforcing or gaining insight into math concepts. It can be a challenge for parents, teachers and administrators to keep up with the continually evolving field of educational technology and ways new technologies can be used.

We are so fortunate in Thames Valley that our students have access to various math software programs to assist them in developing their math skills and understanding, and to be able to apply their learning to various math problems. The majority of our math programs allow students to access the programs at home using their login information. You may have seen your child online using Knowledgehook Learning, for example.

Knowledgehook uses engaging assessment tools to allow students to explore, develop, and review key learning in Grades 3 to 10.

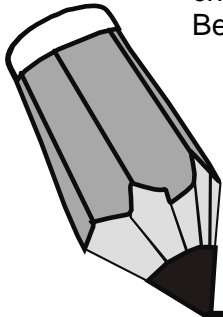


Dreambox Learning is a student-centred, adaptive software program with a strong focus on number sense, numeration and algebra. Dreambox is unique as it is an intuitive program that has the ability to differentiate for student strengths and needs with adaptive lessons to close gaps and offer challenges.

Mathletics is also another popular math program our students and teachers enjoy using. Mathletics offers learning units that span from K to Grade 12 across all strands of mathematics. Through their work in Mathletics, students receive rewards for completing lessons, units, and solving problems.

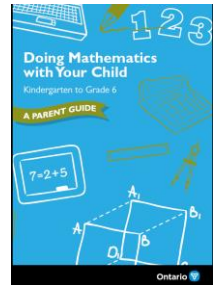
We know that the internet is a wellspring of information and resources. The resources mentioned here are of high quality and connect directly to our Ontario Mathematics curriculum.

We use programs that truly supports healthy and productive mathematics learning. There are a variety of other free online math tools that parents can access so that their children can practice important math skills and concepts in an engaging way. Be sure to check out the games on www.mathies.ca



If you would like to read more about mathematics learning be sure to check out, **'Doing Mathematics with Your Child: Kindergarten to Grade 6'**. A PDF copy available in several languages can be accessed at this link:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNum.html>



Enjoy and have fun exploring and learning mathematics! 😊

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: _____



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Grade 8 Fundraising – Skating & Spaghetti

The Grade 8 Fundraising team is planning a skating and spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Anyone in the school and community is welcome to attend.

Date March 6, 2020 (PD Day)
Time Skating 3 – 5 pm, Dinner available from 4 – 6 pm upstairs
Location Port Stanley Arena
Cost \$10/person or \$30/family (skating & spaghetti)
 \$7/person spaghetti only

In order to have an idea of numbers, **please RSVP by March 3** with the number of people expected from your family. Use the form attached, or the email provided below. Payments should be made by etransfer only. Cash payments are available at the door only.

There will be tickets available at the door, while supplies last, but if you can order and pay in advance, it would be appreciated. Please pay by etransfer to kcpsgrade8@gmail.com. The password should be “school”.

If there are any questions, please contact Kelly or Alison at kcpsgrade8@gmail.com

We appreciate your support!

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Please return this portion to the school or email to kcpsgrade8@gmail.com

Name: _____

of people in family expected: _____

Type of payment: Etransfer (please write email address) _____

Cash – I will pay at the door when I arrive