



# May 2022 Newsletter

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## Administrative Team Message

Thank goodness for the sunshine and spring weather! It is hard to believe that April has come and gone already but we sure have enjoyed getting outdoors and the beauty of spring.

April was EARTH MONTH at Kettle Creek P.S. and we did a great job celebrating this amazing planet we call home. Classes competed for the CARBON FOOTPRINT CHALLENGE and we had winners from each division! Our electronic recycling project was a huge success and we collected so much that the bins were overflowing! We are grateful to all our families for taking the time to reinforce those important life lessons.

Last month, parent volunteer, Hedi Tanfous came in and taught our students about Ramadan. Both staff and students were very appreciative and enjoyed this learning opportunity. We are also pleased that parent volunteer Paula Morrith will be offering another CREATE workshop for our students this month because all students who participated last month thoroughly enjoyed spending time expressing themselves through this creative outlet.

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 and are so appreciative of the ongoing support from the community and our Home and School volunteers. Our next meeting Home and School/ School Council meeting will take place on Wed. June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and efforts. We hope that you continue to enjoy the wonder of spring and stay healthy.

Cheers! Ms.W-C and Mr. Ritter

### Outdoor Play / Extra Clothes

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed to learn inside or outside as we know that learning outside is healthy for the mind, body and spirit (hat, mitts, coat and snow pants). As well, if it is possible, please send a change of clothing so that if your child gets wet playing outside, they are able to change into dry comfortable clothing. Thanks for your help!

### ONLINE BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to announce that we will have an ONLINE Book Fair from May 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. The link to make purchases can be found on our Facebook Page and our website.

### Masking

With the large numbers of staff and student illness at school, the TVDSB Trustee's passed a motion to encourage all members of the school community to continue wearing masks when indoors at school. Please consider having your child wear a mask. As well, if your child is ill, please do not send them to school. Your help keeping everyone healthy is very much appreciated.

### 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

Written by: Grade 8 student- Lincoln Smith

This is Barry the Birdman from the Grade 8 E.C.O. class! For Earth month I did a week long recorded daily bird talk on the announcements. Each day I featured one of our local and magnificent migratory birds. Port Stanley is lucky to be located right in the middle of several migratory bird pathways. To further show our support for all birds, we invited Ms. Robbins' Grade 5 class to join us in making birdhouses and bird boxes. On May 6<sup>th</sup> we will be walking to the berm with our bird houses to place them up, with the help of our community partners. To make our bird celebration even more festive, six experts on bird migration will be joining us on the berm around noon to share their knowledge! Maybe we will see you there! This is Barry the Birdman out!

### FREE Tutoring Available

We are pleased to let you know that we are able to offer free tutoring session for students before or after school hours. This tutoring will focus on direct and explicit small-group literacy and numeracy instruction related to specific literacy and numeracy skills. If you are interested in having your child included in a tutoring group, we would ask that you

email [m.mclellangranger@tvdsb.ca](mailto:m.mclellangranger@tvdsb.ca) and [a.macpherson@tvdsb.ca](mailto:a.macpherson@tvdsb.ca) to express your interest. One of our tutors, Ms. McLellan or Ms. Macpherson, will get in touch directly with you to discuss scheduling and other pertinent details. **All requests need to be submitted by 4 p.m. on FRIDAY MAY 6<sup>th</sup>.** THANKS!

### 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 virtual meeting on **June 1 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.

### Mark your Calendars

Wednesday, May 4

- Spirit Day – “May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you”

Friday, May 6

- Create Shop

Monday, May 9

- NO Before & After School care available

Thursday, May 12

- Gr. 4-8 Track and Field Day at PCI

May 16-20

- EQAO – Gr. 3 & 6

Friday, May 20

- Pizza Day

Monday, May 23

- Holiday – no school

Thursday, May 26

- Gr. 1's and ½ Field Trip to Clovermead

Friday, May 27

- Pizza Day
- Spirit Day – PJ Day

### Class Placement Meetings

Staff will be meeting this month to begin sorting out classroom placements for the coming school year. We believe you know your child best so if you have a specific request for next year, please **email your request to your classroom teacher** and cc: [e.wendelcaraher@tvdsb.ca](mailto:e.wendelcaraher@tvdsb.ca). All requests must be submitted in writing by **May 9<sup>th</sup>** so that information is available to us as the teams discuss the best placement options for your child.

Please be aware **THAT WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MEET EVERY REQUEST** but we certainly do our best to use all the information available to us. Along with parent input, staff use professional observations, academic needs of students and social and academic combinations of the groups as a whole to make very careful determinations around what class your child will be in next year. Depending on fluctuations in registrations, **a school reorganization is always a possibility right until October.** If that happens, we will do our best to honour previous placement requests but again, **cannot guarantee all requests.** Students will be informed what class they are in on the first day of school in September. Thanks for your help with this very challenging job. We appreciate it.

## Kettle Creek School Goals 2021/22



### **Our Learning Skill /Global Competency focus for this month:**

**COLLABORATION/INNOVATION**

When we COLLABORATE well with others, we become more CREATIVE and INNOVATIVE.

### 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

This is the time of year where we receive our staffing allotment and begin the school organization process for the 2022/2023 school year. It is still early in this process so please be advised that with all the new building going on in our area, it is very likely that changes may occur between now and September. The following is a list of our AMAZING team as it stands today:

K - Ms. Mahovlich & Ms. MacPherson

K - Ms. Howie & Ms. Lamb

Gr 1 - Ms. Latta

Gr ½ - TBA

Gr 2 - Ms. Johnson/ Ms. Smith

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. Magee, Ms. McQuaig, Ms. M-G

Library Learning Commons/Prep - Mr. Durston

K - Ms. Hayslip & Ms. Oegema

Gr 1 - Ms. Kelders

Gr 2 - Ms. Ambrose

Gr 3 - TBA

Gr 5 - Ms. Steele

Gr 7 - Mr. McCurdy

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

Learning Support Teacher - Mr. Jamieson/ Ms. Johnson

As you can see here, we have quite a few new classes added so we will be interviewing for some new positions here at the Creek. We know that whoever joins the team will LOVE being here and will enjoy working with all the wonderful members of this school community.

## Home Connections in Mathematics

### Math Trails!



Now that the warm weather is here, it is a great time to go for a walk or a bike ride and explore the environment around you. While exploring, stop at different spots and find the math along the way. Get outside and enjoy some physical activity, cooperate, and learn in a fun way that helps students see how math is everywhere around them. Try these activities to get you started!

#### Activities



Estimate how many hands tall a fence is. Now measure how many hands. Do you get a different number with kid hands and adult hands? Why are these numbers different?



Run and JUMP! Who jumped the farthest/shortest?



Look for shapes- how many different shapes can you find on your walk? Name them, talk about what makes a triangle a triangle, for example.



Make a collection of sticks from the yard. Order the sticks from shortest to longest. Can you find a stick that is half the size of another stick? How do you know it's half?



Can you find 6 different rectangles?  
How many sides does a stop sign have?  
What about a yield sign?



How many steps does it take to walk around the playground?



Find 5 rocks and line them up in order from lightest to heaviest.



Time how long it takes to run from lamp post to lamp post.

How many times can you go down the slide in 1 minute?

Math is all around us so get out and explore!