



November 2022 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

October was jam packed with fun and excitement in the Creek! Highlights of the month included PHOTO DAY which honestly-is absolutely adorable with students all spiffy and sweet! Students enjoyed our visit from the Hydro 1 team and their generous gifts of Spruce trees that they gave each student. Our visit from Gurdeep, the Siek Bangra dancer was fantastic with his message of joy and positivity filling our hearts. The end of the month was wrapped up with our Halloween/ORANGE AND BLACK day parade and our Student Voice team made sure that everyone had a "SPOOKTACULAR" day.

We are also grateful to our Home and School who organized our FALL FUN RAFFLE for our students last month. Many ballots were handed out to recognize students who were showing kindness, improvement, positive attitude, taking risks and other wonderful acts. Thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle and our organizers from the Home and School for making that happen.

November is here and with that, we will focus our efforts to explicitly teach our students the importance of being Peacemakers in our families, school and the world. We will gather as a school for our Remembrance Day Service on the 11th at 10 a.m. for K-4 students and 10:30-11:00 for our Grade 5-8 students. We are thankful for the families who reinforce this important message at home and the staff and students who willingly share their talents with us in this capacity.

This month parents will have the opportunity to work with their children to set academic goals for learning and growth. The Progress Reports will be coming home on Nov 11th and we encourage you to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements with them. It has been a challenging few years so recognizing how amazing the work these students have done despite these challenges is super important! We also invite caregivers and parents to sign up for our Parent-Teacher conference opportunity which will be happening on Nov 18th. Teachers will have more information available about available times and sign up procedures soon.

It is an absolute pleasure to work with such an amazing community and we would like to thank you for your positive and ongoing support! These efforts really make a huge impact and help us make Kettle Creek P.S. a great place to learn. On behalf of our staff and students, we wish you and your family a month filled with a deep sense of peace as well as gratitude for all the men and women who have fought and continue to keep peace in this great country of ours and throughout the world.

Gratefully yours!

Ms.W-C and Mr. Ritter

Christmas Care Drive

We are so thankful that our Grade 5 students are taking on the leadership role of organizing our annual Christmas Care Drive. This year we will be accepting non-perishable food items and toys for ages 0 to 11. In addition, we will also be collecting new or gently used winter clothing such as coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots to donate to local organizations. Each year, Christmas Care distributes toys and food to over 1400 different individuals and families in our area. We will be accepting all donations from Nov. 7 until Dec. 1. Let's go Captains and help those in need!

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.



Student Voice

Our Grade 8 students continue to provide great leadership for our Spirit Days. Last month they planned a Halloween Dance for our Intermediate students and the Halloween parade. This month we will have Funky Hat day on the last Friday of this month with our Student Voice team choosing the best hat. Thank you to our wonderful students for their time and effort making our school community a fun place to learn.

Student Voice Spirit Days 2022-2023

Month/Date	Spirit Day
Sept 23 rd - Sept 30 th	Red and White/Terry Fox ORANGE SHIRT DAY
Oct 31 st	FUN Costume OR Orange and Black Day (NO scary masks or weapons)
Nov 25 th	Funky Hat Day (Best Hat Recognition)
Dec 19 th - Dec 20 th - Dec 21 st - Dec 22 nd - Dec 23 rd -	-Red and Green Day -Tacky Sweater Day -Festive Sock Day -Festive Head Wear Day -Door Decorating/clean up day
Jan 27 th	-Jersey Day
Feb 14 th - Feb 23 rd - Feb 25 th	-RED WHITE AND PINK DAY -PINK SHIRT/ANTIBULLYING DAY -Funky Sock Day
Mar 10 th - Mar 31 st	-Green Day - Crazy Hair Day
Apr 28 th	-Same Day
May 4 th May 26 th	May the 4 th -BE WITH YOU DAY -Band T-Shirt Day
Jun 23 th	-Perk Day

Drop off and Pick up

Thank you for your cooperation by allowing your child to ride the bus to school or saying goodbye to your child AT THE ARENA parking lot. It speaks volumes when you allow your child to be independent and take safe risks because you are saying, "I trust you." and "You are capable." Hovering and fearful parenting tells children that they should be fearful and that they are not capable. We know that when your child is struggling, it is really hard. Mama and Papa Bears do not like that! No one wants to see their child struggle but please remember that without struggle, there is no growth. When we as humans struggle, we learn, we grow, we become more confident and empathetic. Please help us as we work to help children to grow, gain confidence and become courageous and independent people. That my friends, is really what it's all about.

Individual Plans of Care (IPOC)

If your child has medical concern such as allergies, asthma or other medical conditions, please go to your parent portal, click on your child's name and then click on medical condition. That will take you to the Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) form

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 **NOVEMBER** is:

SELF REGULATION

Green Tip of the Month:

Turn off the lights when you leave a room and don't use lights if it's daylight and you don't need them.

Want to VOLUNTEER?

We are looking for MANY volunteers and invite you to complete your Criminal Background check. Forms for those can be found on our website. Once those are complete, call us at the school, tell us what you would like to do and we will make it happen! Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Literacy Interventions at Kettle Creek P.S.

We are pleased to let you know that our team has spent much of September and October gathering data to assess what the learning needs in the area of Literacy are. We have noticed that generally speaking, some students are not at the reading levels that they typically had been prior to the pandemic. With that in mind, our team has organized a variety of interventions for students to close these gaps. At this time, we are very proud to report to you that we currently have 123 students in Grades 1-6 who are receiving extra programming to improve their reading skills. In 6-8 weeks, our team will reassess and collect follow up data to ensure that our interventions are effective. Thanks for all the support you give to us. We know that working together, we will reach our goal.

Mark your Calendars

Tuesday, November 1

- Gr. 5 – Steele Virtual Science Trip

Wednesday, November 2

- Gr. 7 Immunization Day
- Take Your Kid to Work Day

Friday, November 4

- Hot Food orders due

Tuesday, October 8

- Student Photo orders due to College Studios

Wednesday, October 9

- OT Universal Services Day

Friday, November 11

- Remembrance Day service (K-4 at 10 a.m / Gr. 5-8 at 10:30 a.m.)
- Report Cards go home
- Pizza Day

Tuesday, November 15

- A+ Fundraiser Pick Up – 4-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 17

- School Council / Home & School Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (in-person or virtual)

Friday, November 18

- PD Day – no school
- Parent Teacher Interviews (more info. regarding scheduling an appt. will come home in your child's report card envelope)

Friday, November 25

- Pizza Day
- Spirit Day – Funky Hat Day

Learning Commons

This month the library will be featuring stories and activities about peace and kindness towards others. Every student will receive materials for Remembrance Day to help reflect on the importance of peace for our world. We are excited to dive deeper into kindness this month by sharing stories of ways to be kind to others, and we are looking forward to an exciting kindness art project with our wonderful parent volunteer Paula Morrill.

Home and School / School Council 2022/23

School Council

Co-Chair: Tara Lenaghan

Co-Chair: Jessica Kooger

Home & School:

Co-Chair: Beth Pfeffer

Co-Chair: Sara Hennessy

Secretary: Meagan Guest

Treasurer: Kelly Ward

Our meetings moving forward will be limited to 1 hour (6:30-7:30). Child care is available and you can attend in person at the school or attend virtually using the link sent to your email the week of the meeting.

The 2022-2023 meeting dates are as follows:

Thurs. Nov 17th-6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Jan 19th-6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thurs Mar 23rd-6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thurs May 18th-6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thurs June 22nd-6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please consider pitching in and joining us for 1 or more meetings. We know that many hands make light work!

Hot Lunches

Pizza hot lunch days continue for November and December. Proceeds go toward our students and special projects (ie; outdoor classrooms).

We will offer pizza from Domino's in St Thomas on **Friday, Nov. 11th, Friday, Nov. 25th** and **Friday, Dec. 9th. Orders are due Friday, Nov. 4th.**

All orders must be submitted through our [online hot lunch ordering system](#). If there are any concerns with credit card payment or ordering, please reach out to the Hot Lunch Team at kettlecreekhomeandschool@gmail.com rather than contacting the school.

*For returning families of KCPS, please note that all accounts were deactivated and need to be created for 2022/23.

Due to ordering timelines, we are unable to provide refunds for student absences.



SWPH School Health Newsletter

Cold and flu season is upon us! While COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities, this time of year is a good reminder that hand washing, utilizing cough and sneeze etiquette, masking, and vaccinations are all important tools in our toolbox to stay well against a variety of illnesses. The School and child care screening tool (<https://www.ontario.ca/school-screening/>) can still be utilized daily to gauge the appropriateness of a child or adult being at school. New resources to support hand hygiene curriculum for students is available on our website here: <https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/partners-and-professionals/curriculum-support.aspx#Hand-Hygiene> , with additional information about infection prevention here <https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/my-health/preventing-infection.aspx>. Current trends, resources and other information pertaining to COVID-19 can be found here <https://www.swpublichealth.ca/en/my-health/covid-19-novel-coronavirus.aspx>.

Please remember: If you are sick with respiratory symptoms, or similar such as runny nose, congestion or sore throat, including with a diagnosis of COVID-19, stay home until you are without a fever and symptoms have been improving for 24 hours, and 48 hours if symptoms including nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are present. If you have COVID-19, you are required to wear your mask for 10 days from symptom onset. Remember that this information is subject to change. The best way to understand if you are eligible to enter or return to school is to complete the school and childcare screening tool online. This can be done daily as it has been in the past for all members of the school community.