



November 2019 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

It has been a great month with a wide variety of activities happening at Kettle Creek. Our students welcomed the Central Elgin Volunteer Firefighters to our school during Fire Prevention week and they appreciated the tasty apples we had for our GREAT BIG CRUNCH event. Our Cross Country team members participated in our Regional meet and our Volleyball season started out well. We are really enjoying the newly renovated classrooms, Gym and Music room spaces and are excited about the unveiling of the Library Learning Commons which will happen at the beginning of this month. The highlight of the month for me was the SCARE FEST which was organized by the students in our ME TO WE club. This event was incredible and these students raised \$1300 and many cans for the local food bank. Thank you to all of these students and parent volunteers who made this event such a success and also to all the families who came out to support this worthwhile cause.

Our Junior students attended Peacemaker Training sessions last month and they will contribute to our Remembrance Day Service which will take place on November 11th at 12 noon. We would like to invite all members of our community to this gathering where we will remember the sacrifices made for us and our responsibility to ensure that we are peacemakers wherever we are.

Our Home and School and School Council parent volunteers worked extremely hard to organize our first golf tournament and they were pleased to receive donations toward the fundraising efforts from the Lions, Optimists and many other generous community contributors. Unfortunately, due to the lack of response from our Kettle Creek families, we have had to cancel our tournament. We invite all our parents and guardians to our next meeting which will take place on Nov 4th at 6:30 p.m. so that we can discuss our next steps for this fundraising plan.

Our renovations are moving along well and we will be moving to Phase 2 which will include the upgrades of all the hallways, bathrooms and classrooms that are located at the back of the school. This means that Mr. Anderson's Grade 8 class will relocate to the Portable #2 on Nov 4th and Mr. Bennett's Grade 5/6, Mrs. Falk's Gr 6/7 and Mrs. Goncalves Gr 7 class will all relocate to the new LLC space on Nov 6th. It is unbelievable how large the space is and although it's not perfect, it will be worth it when we move back into our upgraded classroom spaces.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students and families. It is an absolute pleasure to work with the wonderful people in this community and we would like to thank you for your positive and ongoing support!

Ms.W-C, Mr. Ritter and Mrs. Sutherland

Volunteers

We would like to extend another invitation to all members of the community who are looking for volunteer opportunities to give our Learning Support Teacher a call. It takes a village to raise a child and we appreciate our village that pitches in to help us meet the wide variety of learning needs of students here at Kettle Creek.

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**

Safe Arrival of Students

Thank you to all parents and guardians who always check in at the office in order to get a message to their children, or pick them up early. According to the Thames Valley District Board of Education, **all adults entering the school must come through the front doors and check in at the office.** This policy ensures that strangers do not enter unnoticed and that halls are not congested in case of an emergency. The sign in/out list for volunteers/visitors/students is located in the main office. Volunteers are asked to wear a visitor badge.

A+ Snack Program Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our A+ Snack Program Fundraiser. We were able to raise \$1400 to help support our snack program. Parents are asked to pick up their orders on Monday, November 4, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Thank you for your support!

Green Team

Our ECO CLASS Leaders have been working very hard to get our GREEN TEAM organized. All our recycling programs have been launched and we are moving forward with all the initiatives previously started at our school last year. All of these steps will help us in our quest to maintain our PLATINUM ECO SCHOOL certification level.

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.



LEGO CLUB

Our LEGO club for students in our Primary Division will start this month. This group meets every Tuesday and we are grateful to our volunteers- Ms. MacPherson and Mrs. Doupe for providing this valuable opportunity for our students.

STAY CONNECTED to KETTLE CREEK P.S on your PHONE

1. Download the SCHOOL MESSENGER app to your phone. Follow the instructions from this link: <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/school-messenger-step-by-step-guide.aspx>
2. Log in using the email that you have provided to the school.
3. Follow the prompts on the app.
4. CHECK THE APP FREQUENTLY for school updates such as bus delays, pizza days, newsletters and everything else previously communicated through our school REMIND.

We will also communicate regularly through our school website and our school Facebook page.

SCHOOL GOALS AND INTENTIONS

Math Goal - FLEX YOUR NUMBERS

We are working on improving number flexibility through the understanding of Parts/Whole relationships.

Literacy Goal – OPEN RESPONSE

We are working on improving written responses.

School Culture Intention – I AM

We continue to use mindfulness to help us understand our relationship to ourselves, each other and our purpose in this world.

Sports Updates

Thanks to our volunteer coaches, Mr. Roy and Mrs. Ambrose who are busy coaching our Intermediate Volleyball teams. As well, tryouts for the Junior Volleyball teams are almost done and we would like to thank those coaches, Mrs. Howie and Mr. Bennett for their time volunteering to do this job. We are so thankful for the willingness of all these volunteers to provide the extra opportunities for our students. We also appreciate all the parent volunteers to meet us at the parent pick up point to drive us to the games. Your time and willingness to help us out with that is very much appreciated.

The Sounds of Music

Thank you to the members of the GLEE CLUB and Mr. Murray who are working hard to prepare songs of Peace for our Remembrance Day service and our Holiday Celebration. We really hope you are able to join us for this important gathering which will take place on Monday November 11th at 12:00 p.m.

Mark your Calendars

Sunday, November 3

- Daylight Savings Time Starts – turn clocks BACK 1 hour

Monday, November 4

- Home and School/School Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (all welcome)
- A+ Fundraiser Pick Up – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, November 8

- Report Cards go home
- Pizza Day

Monday, November 11

- Remembrance Day Service – 12:00 p.m. – All welcome.

Tuesday, November 12

- Dental Screening

Thursday, November 14

- Spirit Day – PJ Day
- Parent Teacher Interviews (4-6 p.m.)
- Pizza Day

Friday, November 15

- PA Day – no school
- Parent Teacher Interviews

November 20-21

- Scholastic Book Fair – more info to follow
- Pizza Day

Thursday, November 21

- Family Night at the Book Fair – 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27

- Hot Food Day – Pita Pit

Friday, November 29

- Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day
- Pizza Day

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

Our Home and School and School Council members continue to work tirelessly to support our efforts at Kettle Creek. Along with the Meet the Family Night, they organize the hot lunch and milk program.

Meeting

Our School Council and Home and School work extremely hard to provide fun and exciting events to make our school community a better place. If you would consider helping this amazing group of volunteers, we would love to have you join us.

***Our meeting will take place on:
Mon. Nov 4th at 6:30 p.m.***

PLANNING AROUND SCHOOL HOURS

In an effort to minimize classroom disruptions and ensure that curriculum can be covered appropriately, we are asking parents to consider booking appointments after school or during our nutrition breaks whenever possible. We recognize that this isn't always possible, however doing so will help us to minimize disruption during the learning time. If you do need to pick your child up at the end of the school day, please call Mrs. Sutherland at the school by 3:20 p.m. so that we can make sure they don't get on the bus. Our school day begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 3:45 p.m. Our 2 nutrition breaks are from 10:55-11:45 a.m. and 1:45-2:25 p.m. each day. Thank you for considering this request.

Home Connections in Mathematics

Student Generated Algorithms

For most of us as adults, learning to add, subtract, multiply, and divide involved learning standard methods and algorithms. Many adults are proficient in these procedures but many are not and still struggle to be able to justify how to be certain that the resulting solutions made sense.

As students learn to understand operations situations and develop ways of solving operations, they move from counting to reasoning to mastery. The development of number sense involves learning reasoning strategies to make sense of calculations. For example, a reasoning strategy for handling $32 - 9$ could include a method called compensation, where we subtract too much and put back the extra that we took.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

$32 - 9$ is the same as $32 - 10 + 1$

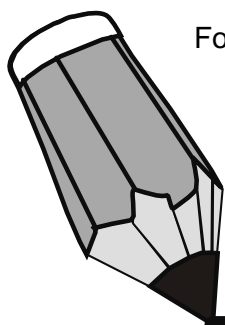
The student using this strategy is comfortable adding and subtracting by 10 and knows that 9 is just one less than 10; this knowledge makes it easier to access a more complex calculation.

So, while many of us invested considerable time and effort working with standard methods, student-generated or 'invented' methods act as bridges toward mastery and are instrumental to developing number sense.

Students who generate their own strategies:

1. **Make fewer errors;**
2. **Require less re-teaching;**
3. **Develop number sense;**
4. **Foster stronger mental computation and estimation skills;**
5. **Often calculate more efficiently than those using standard algorithms; and**
6. **Feel more confident about their own abilities.**

So, encourage sense-making as your child attempts calculations, the methods they use and continue to refine will support their development as successful mathematicians!



For more information and reading please check out the following resource at the link below.

[Learning Mathematics Vs Following Rules](#)

Remember, have fun!

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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: _____