



November 2021 Newsletter

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Administrative Team Message

October was a wonderful month at Kettle Creek with many meaningful learning opportunities for our students. We are in a good routine and coming up with creative ways to continue learning and collaborating in our classrooms. We enjoyed our ORANGE AND BLACK day and our Student Voice team organized a really fun dress up event that made the day "SPOOKTACULAR".

We are so pleased to let you know that we had our first School Council & Home and School meeting virtually. It was a productive meeting and there are already some balls in motion for this school year. Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us. If you weren't able to attend this time, we invite you to our next VIRTUAL meeting on Wednesday November 24th at 6:30 p.m. More information and link will be coming soon through school email.

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. Although we will not be able to gather as a school for our Remembrance Day Service as we have in the past, we will still be joining as a collective to do a virtual service simultaneously in our classrooms. 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 5th 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!

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.

Cheers!

Ms.W-C and Mr. Ritter

ATHLETICS

We are thrilled to report that our Intermediate students are participating in an interschool volleyball league this month. We are thankful to our coaches for taking the time to coach and are confident that our students will enjoy the opportunity to play together and develop some skills for the game.

MUSIC

Our Kettle Creek P.S. Primary singers will be entering the CBC MUSIC CHALLENGE this month and we are really excited because if the CBC judges choose us, we will receive an amazing cash prize. The song that our Primary students will sing for the competition is called One Drum and it is written by a Dene singer named Leela Gilday. Thanks Ms. Moyes and Mr. Murray for your time and effort preparing our students for this fun event. Best wishes!

Love and Literacy November

This month our school will be sharing books exploring and celebrating the beautiful variety of cultures in our country and around the world. Sharing stories from around the world is a wonderful way to love and learn about ourselves and others. We will also be having a virtual Scholastic Book Fair beginning this month on November 22nd-December 6th. On these dates, you can access the fair at the link: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5164627>



School Council/Home and School UPDATE

Our Home and School Association and School Council will have their next VIRTUAL meeting on Nov 24th at 6:30 p.m. and we would like to invite everyone to join us. We will send a link to your email and we invite ALL members of our school community, REMOTE and IN PERSON families, to join us.

You can also stay in touch with our Home and School/School Council School activities by checking out our School Website, or our Kettle Creek Facebook page.

FLIP GIVE-HOME AND SCHOOL/SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING PLAN

This season, fundraising for Kettle Creek Home & School Association is going to be so much easier with FlipGive, a free team funding app! We earn cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws. No more going door-to-door selling chocolate bars - it's completely virtual and contactless.

Join our team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you

shop: <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=F5XNWW>

Or enter this code: **F5XNWW**

Any questions, just ask!

Kettle Creek Home & School

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Mark your Calendars

Tuesday, November 2

- Sr. Boys and Girls Volleyball season begins
- Green Team Cohort Meetings (2nd break)

Thursday, November 4

- CBC Music Challenge video recording (primary students)

Friday, November 5

- Progress Reports go home

Wednesday, November 10

- Caribou Math Contest

Thursday, November 11

- Home and School Auction donations due
- Remembrance Day service - virtual

Friday, November 12

- PD Day – no school

Tuesday, November 16

- Grade 4 CCAT Testing
- Grade 8 Grad Photos
- Green Team Cohort Meeting (2nd break)

Wednesday, November 17

- Grade 4 CCAT Testing

Friday, November 19

- Spirit Day – Jersey Day
- Grade 5 Virtual Tour – Legislative Assembly

Wednesday, November 24

- Home & School / School Council virtual meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 26

- Spirit Day – PJ Day
- Home & School Online Auction begins

Sunday, November 28

- Home & School Online Auction closes (7pm)

Outdoor Play

We are really happy about the amount of time our students have been spending outside and although the weather is getting cooler, we would like to continue this healthy habit. 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. 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!

Home Connections in Mathematics

November 2021 – Fact Fluency

“Children should learn their number facts. However, they would benefit from learning their facts by using an increasingly sophisticated sense of strategies rather than by jumping directly to memorization.”

(Lawson, 2016)

Knowing Your Facts: Just One of the “Basics”

What do you think of when you hear, “getting back to the basics” in mathematics? Well, the basics can mean anything from counting, to computation, to problem solving. But *basic facts* refers to the set of single digit number facts for addition and multiplication, and their related subtraction and division facts. For example, $7 + 8$, $15 - 7$, 5×6 , $30 \div 6$, are all basic facts. One of the fundamental skills that children need to have in mathematics is to master their basic facts. *Mastering math facts* involves understanding and recalling math facts using a variety of strategies.

How Should Children Master Math Facts?

Most children will learn math facts gradually over a number of years. During this time, they should be encouraged to use what they already know to help them solve for facts they don't know yet. For example, to solve for 6×8 , they may use the known fact $5 \times 8 = 40$ and add one more group of 8 to get 48. Over time, this reasoning will help children master facts and eventually become more fluent.

The goal is not **memorization** of facts, but **automaticity** which is the quick and effortless recall of math facts.

Asking your child to memorize without opportunities to reason and visualize is not an effective way to commit facts to memory.

Games to Master Math Facts

Games are fun to play over and over again, and therefore are an excellent way to provide repeated practise for students to learn their facts. When your child is not able to immediately recall a fact, encourage them to use what they do know to help them solve it rather than simply telling them the answer.

TRY THESE GAMES:

Go Fish for 10!

You need: 2 players
One deck of cards (Aces, Queens and 2 to 10)
Queen = 0 Ace = 1



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hgbL08XkDg>

Lay the deck of cards face down on the table. Each player selects three cards from the deck. The goal is to make pairs that add to 10. The first player looks for a pair in their hand, and if they find a pair, they lay that down for a point and pick up two more cards from the pile. If they don't find a pair, they ask their partner for what they need to make a ten pair. If the partner has the card, they pass it over. If they don't have the card, they say “Go Fish!” and the first player draws a card from the pile. Switch turns. Play

Addition Challenge

One deck of cards (A to 10)
Players split a deck of cards and flip over the top two cards at the same time. They add their own cards and the person with the largest sum takes all the cards. Person with the most cards at the end of the game wins.
This game can also be played to practice subtraction and multiplication.

Financial Literacy

Penny, Nickel, Dime: In this game you will roll a dice 7 times. For every roll, you take that many pennies, nickels, dimes.
Whoever gets closest to \$1 without going over wins the game.

Please use the chart below to record your findings.
Students can utilize mental math strategies and financial literacy skills in order to improve fact fluency.

Dimes	Nickels	Pennies

Game on!

