



OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Administrative Team Message

We have had a very busy start to our year. September was full of great learning opportunities, sporting events, special days and field trips. Students visited the marshes, they went on walking trips throughout the village. Our senior soccer teams both competed well. Our Boys' team lost a very close game in the semi-finals and our Girl's team won Gold! Congratulations to both teams for a great tournament. Cross country runners are practising for two upcoming meets and our basketball teams have started up as well. We had our Colour House kick off assembly and we can't wait to see which house earned the most points this month. Our Meet the Family BBQ is later this week, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone. Shout out to our Home and School Council for organizing this incredible event. October promises to be another busy month at school with many events and activities planned. We hope you enjoy the lovely weather.

Ms. Holborn & Mrs. Ivins

ATHLETICS

A big thank you to all the coaches that help to provide our extra curricular sporting opportunities. Mrs. Basson, Mr. Keays, Mr. Roy, and Mrs. Robbins have all been involved with supporting our Cross Country, Soccer and Basketball teams.

Extracurriculars

And off the 'field' our wonderful staff are providing other extra curricular opportunities. Mr. Christian is organizing our Terry Fox event, Mrs. Kelders and Mrs. Steele are leading the Colour House activities, and Mrs. Doupe will be continuing with our "Swiftie" Club. Mrs. Steele has started an Art Club and Mrs. McEachen is working with our student leaders to develop student voice and spirit days.

So many great things happening at Kettle Creek PS.

Kettle Creek P.S. IS NUT FREE

Due to students with allergies, we are nut free. 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 in 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.

Volunteers Wanted

Our school is looking for volunteers!

We are in need of volunteers to help provide literacy and numeracy supports. This may include reading with individuals or small groups of students and/or practising foundational math and language skills. If you are able to help out in any way, and would like to learn more about this opportunity, please reach out to Mr. Jamieson (d.jamieson@tvdsb.ca) for more information.

We are also looking for support with our Student Snack Program. Please reach out to Ms. Holborn (c.holborn@tvdsb.ca) if you can spare a bit of time to help out.

Student Information & Attendance

Please ensure that you have signed up for School Cash Online, School Messenger and are able to access your Parent Portal. Field trips will be paid on School Cash so make sure you are ready to go!

Have you moved? New cell number? Landline is gone? Safe contacts to pick up your student have changed? Ensure your Student Information is up to date!

Contact the school office for assistance with these programs at kettlecreek@tvdsb.ca

Medical Information

If your child has medical concern such as allergies, asthma or other medical conditions, please go online to fill out the Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) information through the parent portal. Please contact Mrs. Noble in the office if you are unsure of where to find this form.

REMINDERS/CELL PHONE POLICY

It is school policy that these devices are not used during school hours unless supervised by school staff. We also request that you do not text your child. If you need to contact them, please call the school office and speak with office staff. They will be more than happy to pass on your message or page your child down to the office to speak with you on the school phone. Limiting the use of electronic devices ensures the safety of all students and prevents distractions from their schoolwork.

Kettle Creek Home and School

Please find the latest newsletter on the Home and School Facebook page, the school Facebook Page and on our website under “Parents” and “Home and School”.

We are always looking for extra helping hands, so if anyone is interested in being part of this great organization, we can be contacted at kettlecreekhomeandschool@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES!

October 3 – Welcome Back BBQ 5 - 7:30 PM
October 4 – Pizza Lunch
October 9 – Cross Country Meet – Aylmer
October 10 – School Photo Day
October 11 – PD Day (no school)
October 14 – Thanksgiving Monday (no school)
October 15 – Terry Fox Event
October 16 – Cross Country Meet – Pinafore
October 18 – Pizza Lunch
October 21 – Bus Safety Presentations
October 22 – Cross Country – Valley Finals
October 31 – Halloween

Colour Houses

Our house colour system is designed to help our school community, build citizenship, and give students a sense of belonging and ownership. Each student is assigned to a house colour, identified by one of six colors: Red, Yellow, Purple, Orange, Green or Blue. Within their house colour designation, students participate in special events, assemblies, and other cross grade activities throughout the year. Each colour house is made up of students from grades kindergarten to grade eight and provides opportunities for positive interaction among the grade levels. By mixing the students from across the grade levels in a house, it provides opportunities for students to meet peers with whom they may not otherwise interact. It also allows our older students to build skills related to citizenship, responsibility, and mentorship. All staff members are also part of the house colour teams. The house color system is meant to get all students and staff involved in school activities and build school community and a sense of belonging. Students earn points for their house by participating in school activities and demonstrating positive behaviours. All staff can award points to any student, both in class and on the yard. The winning house each month earns a reward and celebrate together.

Drop off and Pick Up

If your child is not taking a school bus to school, please drop them off between 9-9:15 AT THE ARENA parking lot. Our "Kiss and Ride" program will include bright pylons and staff in yellow vests directing you to pull up. Staff will proceed to welcome and direct your child to the back playground area using their designated pathways. (Junior/Intermediate students will use the arena walkway and Kindergarten and Primary students will use the front sidewalk.) If you are picking your child up at the end of the day, please write a note in your child's planner, or use the school attendance system, so the teacher can remind your child at the end of the day. Please try your best to organize the pickup plans in the morning and avoid calling the school unless it is a last minute change of plan/emergency. All NON-BUS students will walk to the pickup area by the arena parking lot to meet their parent/guardians.

Please DO NOT bring pets onto school grounds.

HOUSEKEEPING

Cold and Flu Season has come on strong to Kettle Creek. Please remind your student(s) about thorough hand washing and stay home if you are sick. We do appreciate donations of Kleenex for your classroom if you wish.

Please ensure that your student's clothes are labelled. Our Lost and Found is starting to fill up and we would love to return articles of clothing directly to their owner.

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With Great Lakes Farms &
Briwood Market

Get your order in for top quality, locally grown apples, produce, and fresh baked mini apple crisps from now until Oct 17th to support our school's Student Nutrition program!

All sales are made through School CashOnline. Late orders will not be taken by the program so mark it on your calendar!

50% OF ALL SALES GOES TOWARD
OUR NUTRITION PROGRAM